

# St. Andrew Parish School

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*“St. Andrew Parish School is where faith and knowledge meet.  
We are called to Teach, Reflect, and Live the Gospel”.*

Parent Newsletter – February 27, 2017

Good Morning St. Andrews Parish/School Families,

Most of us who have grown up in the Midwest have expressed about the weather: *“Just wait a minute, it will change”*. Yes, last week was marvelous feeling the Spring temps on the skin, being outside, and getting much needed doses of Vitamin D. Hopefully “Old Man Winter” will slowly fade into the much later sunset which is scheduled for a couple of weeks away (3/12 & 3/21). Here’s the latest and greatest of events happening at the School:

## **Recent Events / Gratitudes**

I’d like to extend sincere gratitude and appreciations to Ms. Pearce in Kindergarten, any and all Staff, New/Veteran Parents, and perspective “Lil” future Spartans to be who participated in the Kindergarten Open House that took place last Wednesday. This opportunity for Parents to share and Students to discover the wonderful place to learn and grow here at St. Andrews is.

There is a “Kindergarten Pre-Screening Day” scheduled for Friday, March 10th for our prospective new students. Current Kindergartners will have no school that day.

If you missed Kindergarten open house or know someone who maybe interested, please have them contact: Ms. Pearce (Kindergarten Teacher) at: [spearce@standrewsparishschool.com](mailto:spearce@standrewsparishschool.com) or call our Main Office at: 262-728-6211. Thanks.

I'd like to again thank the hard work of the St. Andrew's Teaching Staff for their participation, hard work, and commitment to learning Best Practice in Assessment and Evaluation these last 2 weeks. These foundations in accurately, authentically measuring what a Student actually knows measured in growth learning Skills versus Memory or Behavior is current Best Practice and will pay the students dividends in their learning of new skills and when they leave St. Andrews.

Within the ideologies of Content-Skills based a.k.a.: Standards Based Grading, skills are separated by target goals and standards. These standards are measured by areas such as: Advanced (Beyond Grade Level), Proficient (At Grade Level), Basic (At Grade Level but need some supports), and Minimal (No Skill Acquisition, need multiple supports). We design our lessons to enrich, remediate, and differentiate our students; no longer is the mantra "one size fits all".

We also separate behavior from skill acquisition. Behavior can be something that influences grades, but isn't the factor that determines whether actual learning took place. Weighting grades for learning helps this. Formatives: (classwork, homework, quizzes, observation, group/cooperative circles) are examples of the "practice" for learning. These practices are "weighted" at a much lower percentage than a Summative (The Big Test). Formative Learning is ongoing, fluid, forward, backwards, sideways. This is the time we teach, reteach, teach, practice, quiz, reteach, practice, etc. Think of this time as the "practice time in basketball": I'm practicing my dribbling, passing, shooting, running, offense, and defense so I can be successful for the Big Game. MAPS Testing is a form of Formative Learning; ongoing measure of growth and practice to help me build better skills.

Summative Learning is the measure of those skills that match that specific learning standard. Summatives are used to measure growth and skill acquired or not acquired. Summatives are not a "one and done" by design. As we learn, the continuum for learning defines learning not as a straight path, but maybe as an "etch a-sketch" gone crazy; it's all directions, not just linear. Summative Learning by design should be weighted more as it is the measure of the skills acquired towards the standards.

As Best Practice in Assessment and Evaluation continue to evolve, we must too. In education and learning, we experiment, we take chances. We learn what works, what doesn't, make modifications, and make it better. Simply relying on a John Dewey system of education does not meet the rigor and needs for today's students and in education; it hinders it.

In your Middle School Algebra Math Class now and all 8th Grade Content Classes for the 4th Quarter, your Teacher is/will be experimenting like a student would be and learning Standards Based Grading and Evaluation too. We are separating Formatives from Summatives. K-4 Students will see these changes during the 4th Quarter. We will be

learning about Homework Best Practices, Homework Club after School, and what Skill Support at home should like. To get a better “picture” of what this means for you, your student, and St. Andrews, I will be explaining in greater detail during our “Town Hall Meeting” on Wednesday, March 15th at 6:30p.

I'd like to commend the many long hours that Miss Chamber (2nd Grade Teacher), Mrs. Raykovich (3rd Grade Teacher) and Mrs. Marisela Lemus (Religious Education Coordinator) have put into designing, re-designing, and planning the 1st Communion Celebrations for our Students and Families.

If you haven't do so by now, please make sure you have communicated with Miss Chambers or Mrs. Lemus in regards to your “preferred Mass Times” so they can be scheduled and confirmed as soon as possible. If you have any questions about the Mass Service itself, please reach out to Father Bill in the Rectory at: 262-728-5922. Thank you.

### **Parish Communication**

There was a Parish Membership Registration Form that was sent home in the Student's Home Envelope last Thursday. Please fill it out accordingly and return to the School so we can forward to the Rectory Office. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Shelley Koch. Thank you.

This coming Wednesday, 3/1, the 5th Grade is scheduled to host the Student Mass at 8:45a. This Mass marks the celebration of Ash Wednesday. We hope to see you there.

2017 Parish Summer Festival planning is underway. If you have any questions on how one can help, or what is needed, please reach out to Shelley Koch in the Parish Office. Thank you all who help make this a spectacular event!!

## **School Communication**

### **Primary News (K-2)**

Ms. Pearce on behalf of St. Andrew would like to thank all of the parents, family members, and prospective students to the Kindergarten Open House that took place last Wednesday, February 22. We would also like to thank many of the Student Volunteers who helped babysit others so Parents could attend. Thank you Mrs. Amici, Mrs. Schneider, Mrs. Morales, Mrs. Raykovich, and many others who helped make this event possible.

If you haven't turned in your 1st Communion Mass Requests yet, Miss Chambers in 2nd Grade is asking that all Student/Family 1st Communion Schedule Requests can either be emailed or sent in to her or Mrs. Lemus as soon as possible. Any questions, please email at: [kchambers@standrewsparishschool.com](mailto:kchambers@standrewsparishschool.com)

### **Middle School News (5-8)**

We kindly remind parents that our 5th Graders will be hosting Mass on Ash Wednesday, 3/1, at 8:45a. We hope to see you there.

Homework Club supports Middle School Students from Tuesday-Thursday, 3:30p-4p. This a great way to get some more individualized attention when one needs help with skill development. If you have any questions, please contact your Student's Teacher or please call Main Office. Thank you.

The 8th Grade Students will be hosting a Fundraiser on Sunday, March 5th starting at 10a at the Waterfront Restaurant. Many of the proceeds raised from this event will help our Students and Families raise monies for their DC Field Trip. Any questions, please contact Mrs. Deb Amici at: [damici@standrewsparishschool.com](mailto:damici@standrewsparishschool.com). Thank you.

We will be hosting a **"Middle School Spring Fling" Dance for 5th-8th Graders** on **Friday, March 10th from 6p-8p**. This event is being sponsored by our 8th Grade Student Council and is actually a fundraiser for the American Lymphoma/Leukemia Society. There will be a live DJ and Dancing in the Gym. There will be concessions and food served in the cafeteria. A flyer will be coming home in this week's Student Folder. Thank you Miss Compall and Student Council for your hard work.

*"Greetings from University of Wisconsin - Whitewater! It's that time of year to think about summer camps!*

*You are invited to visit our website for information regarding the 2017 CyberGirlz camp. CyberGirlz for 6th, 7th and 8th grade girls will be held July 18-19, 2017. Camp will run from 8 a.m. – 4 p.m.*

*Registration is open now. If your daughter or someone you know will be entering 6th, 7th or 8th grade beginning fall 2017, follow this link to learn more and register: <http://uww.edu/techcamps/cybergirlz> (Copy and paste this link into a new browser if you can't click on it). We do anticipate filling the camp early, so please register as soon as possible.*

*Beginning this year, CyberGirlz will require a registration fee of \$15, due to rising camp costs and upgraded technology. The registration fee includes all camp materials, a camp t-shirt, daily lunch and snacks, and giveaways. We also have some exciting new activities included in our camp that we think the girls will love! Scholarships are available to campers with financial need.*

*If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at [262-472-1322](tel:262-472-1322) or email at [techcamps@uww.edu](mailto:techcamps@uww.edu). We hope to see you on campus this summer."*

*Sincerely,  
The CyberGirlz Camp Staff*

5th Grade will be hosting a Debate in Mrs. Smith's class on Wednesday, March 1st at 2:15p in the School Cafeteria. The students have been working extra hard on the processes, research, syllogisms, and preparation to debate. A letter reminder will be attached to this letter. Any questions, please contact Mrs. Smith at: [ksmith@standrewsparishschool.com](mailto:ksmith@standrewsparishschool.com).

### **Special Area Content (Art, Music, Phy-Ed, Spanish)**

Ms. Marsicano had sent home recent 2nd Semester Art Club Schedule. If you have any questions, please email Ms. Marsicano at: [marsicano@standrewsparsihschool.com](mailto:marsicano@standrewsparsihschool.com). Thank you.

### **School Committee News**

With recent timelines and terms of serving are ever changing, we currently have a vacancy need on the School Committee. This specific person was the liaison to the Athletics Committee. If you are interested, please contact Ed Clair (Committee Chair) and/or Chip Robers (Vice Chair) if you have any questions.

We will be having a School Committee meeting this Thursday, 3/2 at 7p in the Teacher's Work Room. If you have any concerns or want something discussed, please forward it to Ed Clair, Chip Robers, or myself for Committee discussion. Thank you.

### **Parent School Association (PSA) News**

#### **1. St. Andrew Annual Fund:**

I want thank Hollie Lefel with her efforts for trying to get 100% participation with all classes for the St. Andrew's Annual Fund. Let's continue to show our students, our families, and our Parish that we are too invested financially in our school. It's not about the amount, it's always about did we try, did we give it our best shot? Please continue to support the Annual Fund. Any questions, please contact Hollie or the Main Office directly. Thanks.

#### **2. Box Tops for Education:**

*Thank you for all of your help with Box Tops! Final numbers for the 2016-2017 school year will be known soon!*

*Even though we are done with submissions for the 2016-2017 school year, we are ALWAYS collecting. Any new Box Tops submitted will count towards the 2017-2018 school year.*

*Don't let Box Tops expire - send them in when you get them!! Coming soon - a Box Tops Blitz! Stay Tuned!!*

*In the meantime:*

*(1) Keep clipping Box Tops! Please ask family, friends and co-workers to clip and save for St. Andrews, too!*

*Box Tops can be turned in at school or in a bright pink box at the back of church.*

*(2) Enter current Box Tops sweepstakes DAILY (takes less than one minute!) Message Heather (email below) if you would like a daily reminder to enter the sweepstakes.*

*I Love My School Sweepstakes - Five schools will win 5,000 Bonus Box Tops for St. Andrews (A value of \$500.00).*

*Enter once a day through March 12th, 2017.*

*<http://www.boxtops4education.com/earn/sweepstakes/2017/i-love-my-school>*

*(3) Keep an eye out for specially-marked packages containing Box Tops Bonus Codes. When entered online, you can win 1 Million Box Tops for St. Andrews (A value of \$100,000.00!)*

*Use this website to enter codes: <https://www.1millionboxtops.com/>*

*(4) Download the Box Tops app on your Apple or Android smartphones. Scan your receipt to earn bonus Box Tops.*

*Any questions, please contact Heather Kucharski at [DandHKucharski@hotmail.com](mailto:DandHKucharski@hotmail.com)!  
Thanks for your support!*

### 3. **School Spirit Wear:**

After speaking with Greg at MMPR, the St. Andrew Spirit Wear Online Store is open and will remain open until the end of the school year! Greg also tells me not only embroidered items but silk-screen items will be avail as well as MMPR is going above and beyond for St. Andrews. We recently opened up an opportunity to order **Adidas Polos** as well; there is much to choose from. The Spring Collection should be coming out next month. Until then, please visit the following website to directly order your Spirit Wear. Remember, monies from all sales go directly back to the School with every purchase!

<http://www.mmprinc.net/product-category/andrew16/>

### 4. **Lights of Love:**

*The Lights of Love - Help commemorate the special people in your life by purchasing a love light in their honor. These lights are dedicated to celebrating the special people in all of our lives, especially during this Easter Season. Whether they are in your life daily or with you in spirit only. Forms to go home in Home Envelopes. Please fill out and turn in by March 22nd. Thank you Mrs. Mary Robers for your efforts on this.*

### 5. **Trivia Night:**

Break out your thinking caps, Alex Trebek wisdom, and come join St. Andrew in Round #2 of "Trivia Night"! Come join the fun with adult laughs and spirits on Friday, March 17th in the School Cafeteria. Please see attached flyer for details.

6. **Next Meeting:** Monday, February 27th, at 6p in the Teacher's Work Room. All are welcome.

### **Athletics News**

“Job Well Done”! To all Coaches, Parents, Staff Members, Volunteers, Parish Members, and Students who had a great 2016-2017 Athletic Experience. Final Numbers are not out yet. With more than 80% Student Participation, we know how valuable Athletics, Sportsmanship, TeamWork, and Hard Work can lead to greater successes in life and off of the court as well. If you have to yet turn in any equipment, please contact your Coach or drop off at the Main Office. Thank you.

### **IT Committee News**

Thank you for all who support, volunteer, and plan the Tech needs of the School to help us align ourselves to become a “21st Century” School. In doing so, we are in the middle of installing a SmartBoard and Projector in our Music Room, updating the Library Inventory Program, and trying to update our Building WI-FI ability to plan for incoming technology possibly in the near future. We will keep you updated on recent Tech events such as: “Robotics Club” and even our proposed Project Lead the Way. Our next scheduled meeting will be: Thursday, March 9th at 7a in the School Library. Anyone is welcome to attend. Thank you.

### **Professional Learning Community News**

If we are in doubt of what is transpiring in your student's classroom, I highly encourage you to visit their **Classroom Teacher’s Google Home-Page or Option C** for items such as: Homework, Special Events, Quizzes, Tests, any all pertinent information to that Teacher and/or Subject Area. Any questions, please contact that Teacher directly. If you can not read, nor have any questions and further assistance after those attempts (at least 2), then contact me to help out as much as I can. Thanks.

### **Aram Library Happenings for February and March:**

Please visit the Aram Library Website at: [aramkids@aramlibrary.org](mailto:aramkids@aramlibrary.org)

### **PM-After School Pick Up**

Just a gentle reminder for parents, grandparents, and guardians, please make sure we are picking our students up from the School/Parish Parking Lot not the Rectory area and please try to have your Visor Sign displayed so we can transition students more safely and quickly. Thank you.



### **Leadership / Volunteer Opportunities**

We appreciate all of those who volunteer, chaperone, coach, and do amazing things for our students. If one is interested, one must have completed the "SafeGuarding" training from the Archdiocese. If you are interested, please contact Shelly Koch at 262-728-5922 for more info. Thanks.

### **Certified/Substitute Teaching:**

If you know someone who is **certified to teach or substitute teach** with a current Wisconsin DPI License, and who may be interested in substitute teaching here at St. Andrew, please forward their name and contact information. Thank you.

### **Noon Recess Supervision Lottery Winners for the Week of 2/20-2/24:**

***Mrs. Sheri Brown***

### **Message from Archbishop ListECKi**

*Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,*

*For over 17 years, I shared the responsibility of teaching moral theology at the major seminary, St. Mary of the Lake, Mundelein, Ill., along with Father Patrick Boyle, S.J. Fr. Pat was always insightful and had a deep spiritual persona, but he was also wickedly funny. Sister Agnes Cunningham, SSCM, a renowned Patristic scholar (theologians that concentrate on the early Church Fathers), was also a member of the faculty. She was among the most respected religious women in the country. Devoted to her community, she is a model for those living the evangelical counsels (poverty, chastity and obedience). I was privileged to have had Sr. Agnes as a teacher, and then later joining her on the faculty.*

*One of the most enjoyable parts of the day was the early morning breakfasts with other faculty members. You debated, learned and sharpened your arguments with professors committed to their field of studies.*

*One morning, Sr. Agnes offered a particularly insightful understanding of a spiritual question. When she left, we all marveled at her spiritual insight. Fr. Pat said, "You know, we can never travel as a group with Sr. Agnes because if we all died in a simultaneous crash and they canonize her, we will all be referred to as her 'companions.'" We all laughed; St. Agnes Cunningham and companions seemed to swallow up the individual recognition that some crave. Of course, I would be willing to get through those pearly gates on anyone's coattails. I am counting on you, my friends, to get me there.*

*I mentioned that insight because our celebration of Presidents' Day swallows up the individual contribution of two great men whose leadership shaped our country like no others. The position of the presidency is indeed a "terrible" responsibility. The presidents must make decisions that affect a nation and secure the continuity of freedoms established in law.*

*George Washington, the Father of our country, gave us a vision which transcended the petty politics of the day. We are Americans of a proud nation, offering the world a new vision in government. He refused the self-interest that normally accompanies a position of power because it was more important to be a contributing citizen to this new nation and its future. We would not be the America we are today, had it not been for George Washington.*

*Abraham Lincoln also faced extreme pressures. He was not a politician, but he certainly knew the craft. He held the country together through forces that wanted to tear and separate this fragile nation. Whatever justification for slavery that was offered at that time, Lincoln knew that it could never be tolerated in a nation that valued freedom. He gave his life as a testimony to this understanding.*

*As a boy, the celebration of these two presidents' birthdays was met with a holiday from school. I don't think we engaged in any special studies; perhaps we decorated the bulletin*

*boards or put on a play, but we were glad that they were born. As believers in God's providence, Sister*

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*emphasized that these men were entrusted to us by God, who we believe is always watching over our nation.*

*I don't in any way disparage the contribution of others who have occupied the office of president, but George and Abe deserve singular recognition. I will not suggest that we celebrate "George, Abe and companions," but it is true that we are a nation that rides on their coat tails.*

*Let us promote respect for our country by following our Lord's direction to LOVE ONE ANOTHER."*

### **Dr. Cepelka (Arch Superintendent of Schools) News**

*For more than 40 years, Catholic Relief Services has been bringing CRS Rice Bowl, our Lenten faith-in-action program, to families, schools and faith communities in every diocese in the United States.*

*This Lent, we want YOU to join us as we reflect on what it means to encounter ourselves, our neighbors and our God anew.*

Using the link:

[http://www.crsricebowl.org/email-sign-up?utm\\_source=rb-briefing-email&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=rice-bowl-2017](http://www.crsricebowl.org/email-sign-up?utm_source=rb-briefing-email&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=rice-bowl-2017), you can help give to the Catholic Relief Services.

*God Bless you all during this time of Lent.*

*Spiritually Yours,*

*Kathleen Cepelka, PhD.*

*Superintendent of Archdiocesan Schools - Milwaukee*

### **Principally Speaking**

According to scriptures in Psalm 73:23; Corinthians 10:13; and Hebrews 3:13 they state: *“As your circumstances consume more and more of your attention you are losing site of Me. Yet I am with you always, holding you by your right hand. I am fully aware of your situation, and I will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able to bear.”*

We all have felt moments in time and perhaps our lives when we feel overwhelmed with our duties as Parents and Professionals; many of us feel overburden with the “daily grind”. Remind yourself that God does not give us more than we can bear; God is with us the whole time. Use your skill of prayer, stress control, and coping skills. Our kids watch how we react to joy, love, sorrow, and anxiety; many mimicking what we do. Let’s show them compassion, love, and prayer; for this is how God wants us to know he is with us and is always there to help us.

I continue to be humbled with power of unity, prayer, and brotherhood by both the School and Parish and how they tend to everyone in times of celebration and sorrow. Father Bill reminded the School last Friday to remember to open our minds, our hearts, and our hands; just as Jesus did. Let’s us not forget as times are good right now, someone else maybe hurting. Reach out, lend your mind, your heart, and your hand; help that burden become lighter for others.

In God’s Love,

Randy