

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 – March 13, 2017

Good Morning St. Andrews Parish/School Families,

As we enter the 2nd Week of Lent, there is much to celebrate. There continue to be many wonderful activities, traditions, and new things happening at the Parish and at School. Please stay tuned, be active, and mostly help celebrate Lent with your family. Here's the latest list of wonderful things St. Andrew's has been up to:

Recent Events / Gratitudes

I'd like to extend sincere gratitude and appreciations to Ms. Pearce, Mrs. Heather Smith, Mrs. VanderVeen, Mrs. Schneider, Mrs. Morales, and many wonderful parents and volunteers who helped implement the Kindergarten Screening Day last Friday. It was wonderful seeing our new perspective “Lil Spartans” in action. Looking forward to seeing them in the hallways next year.

I'd like to extend my pride and thanks to Miss Compall, Ms. Marsicano, and our Spartan Student Council who helped plan and hold our “Spring Fling” Middle School Dance held last Friday. Mrs. Amici, Miss Diedrick, Mrs. Heather Smith, Mrs. Susan O'Grady, Mr. and Mrs. Malisow, Mrs. Quartucci, and many others helped supervise and make this a great and fun experience for our Middle Schoolers. Monies raised with this event went to the American Leukemia/Lymphoma Society. Thank you all for your hard work.

Great job Grace Brown and Jenna Heindselman in their jobs serving during Mass yesterday. It's always great to celebrate Mass with our students. Great job ladies!!

HELP: Parents, Grandparents, Guardians, etc., we are asking for your help. If your student is a car rider and is picked up in the parking lot, please have your last name in the visor so our Staff can safely direct your student to you in a safe-timely manner. We have Staff that do not know everyone yet and this allows everyone to identify with whom we should give your kids to safely in the parking lot. We appreciate your help with this. Thanks.

Special Events: World Down Syndrome Day is annually observed on March 21 to raise public awareness of Down syndrome, a congenital disorder caused by having an extra 21st chromosome. Attached to this letter is some brief information submitted by Mrs. Moses who kindly reminds us to stop and appreciate, love, and cherish everyone. This plays a personal pull on my heartstrings as my mother dedicated her entire professional career working with wonderful children and adults who were born just a lil different with downs. Thank you Mrs. Moses to bringing us information to share.

Trivia Night Help: This Friday, March 17th, we will be hosting our 2nd Trivia Night this year. If you have your team of whiz-kids / Alex Trebek's make sure you see the enclosed flyer to register your team. We also need more help.

We are asking for all friends to help set up for this adult fun event being held in the School Cafeteria. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Jen Martin or Mrs. Tammy Ketterhagen at tammy@ketterhagen.com. Thanks.

If you missed Kindergarten open house or Kindergarten Screening and you may know someone who maybe interested to join St. Andrews in the Fall, please have them contact: Ms. Pearce (Kindergarten Teacher) at: spearce@standrewsparishschool.com or call our Main Office at: 262-728-6211. Thanks.

Please mark your calendars for our Yearly: "Town-Hall Meeting" scheduled for this Wednesday, March 15th, at 6:30p in the School Gym. We will try to cover where we are as a Professional Learning Community now, and our vision for the future. But we need your attendance so all can understand how we together can move positively forward. Looking forward to see all there.

Middle School Parents please mark your calendars for Tuesday, March 14th for "My Freedom Day: Stand up to Slavery". As part of the Social Studies curriculum, Students will be participating in many activities and learning about the tenets of slavery old and current. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Amici at damici@standrewsparishschool.com

The end of the Academic 3rd Quarter is scheduled for Friday, 3/24; grades are scheduled to go home on Thursday, 3/30. As Quarterly grades are representative of the

students' skill acquisition, it can be a predictor of their successes at the end of the Semester. It is the Semester grades that have more "weight" as students progress from us to the High
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School. Please help our students who need extra practice with their skills at home or offer them an opportunity to stay for Homework Club (Tuesday-Thursday).

As we work and celebrate with others in our Community, we take this time to celebrate our invitation by Our Redeemer here in Delavan to observe in their School Play scheduled for Friday, 3/31. Our students will be bussed over after lunch, watch the wonderful play, and come back before school is released. What a great way to help support others in the Arts. Go Spartans!!

Please welcome Mrs. Abby Papcke as our new Spanish Teacher. Mrs. Papcke comes to us as a highly qualified Teacher from UW-Whitewater. One of many jobs Mrs. Papcke has is to also teach Spanish at Delavan Christian. We are blessed to have a bright, energetic, person with us. Mrs. Papcke started last Wednesday, March 8th. Bienvenidos!

Parish Communication

There was a Parish Membership Registration Form that was sent home in the Student's Home Envelope on Thursday, 2/24. If you haven't done so yet, 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 at 262-728-5922. Thank you.

Coming this Sunday, Sunday Student Mass is scheduled for 3/19 at 9:30a. 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 & Intermediate News (K-4)

If you missed Kindergarten Open House or Kindergarten Screening and know someone who maybe interested in joining St. Andrew in the fall, please have them contact: Ms. Pearce (Kindergarten Teacher) at: spearce@standrewsparishschool.com or call our Main Office at: 262-728-6211. Thanks.

Please join our School Mass this Friday as our 4th Graders will be hosting. We hope to see you there.

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Our 2nd Graders will be participating in a fun 4H activity here at the School with Miss Chambers; letters were sent home this last Thursday. This fun activity is scheduled on Monday, 3/20. Any questions, please contact Miss Chambers at: kchambers@standrewsparishschool.com. Thank you.

Middle School News (5-8)

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 A STUDENT IS REQUESTING OR REQUESTED TO JOIN HOMEWORK CLUB, THEY WILL NOT BE RELEASED UNTIL 4P UNLESS ARRANGED WITH MAIN OFFICE IN ADVANCE.** If you have any questions, please contact your Student's Teacher or please call Main Office. Thank you.

Starting this week, our 8th Graders will submit their "Spartan Spotlight" bio to the Main Office. I will be submitting these to the masses as I receive them and to Mrs. Lefel so she can publish them in the Parish Newsletter. **This week we celebrate Anthony Huerta and others to be announced,** ; what remarkable young Spartans. Please read the attached biographies that describe their thoughts on St. Andrews. Great Job everyone. We are very proud of you!!

There will be a Letter coming home this week to inform Middle School (5-8) Families about our scheduled Science Field Trip on Thursday, April 6th at Miller Park. If you have any questions, please contact Miss Diedrick at: hdiedrick@standrewsparishschool.com. Thank you.

STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math Opportunities:

UW-Whitewater:

"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.

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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. We hope to see you on campus this summer.”.

Thanks Mrs. Julie Quartucci for bringing this to us.

University of Chicago/ Yerkes Observatory:

At Yerkes Observatory this Summer, many wonderful opportunities for our budding young Spartan Scientists will have access to many YAAYS CAMPS (Yerkes Astrophysics Academy for Young Scientists). If you are interested in many cool activities, please call: 262-245-555 or visit their website at YerkesOutreach.org/summer-programs. Thank you Mrs. Sheila Venteicher for bringing this to our kids.

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

Ms. Marsicano has enclosed within this letter a Schedule of Events for this March for Art and our Youth. On Tuesday, March 7th at the Aram Library, St. Andrews had Student art proudly displayed. These events will be going on all month. Please see the attached Art Flyer for greater details. Thank you Ms. Marsicano and of all our amazing Spartan Artists!! If you have any questions, please email Ms. Marsicano at: marsicano@standrewsparsihschool.com. Thank you.

School Committee News

Recently we held a School Committee meeting last Thursday, 3/2 at 7p. Our future School Budget, Science Curriculum, STEM After School Club, and Academic Calendar were discussed. We invite all to attend the “Town-Hall” meeting that is a slight arm of communication that the School/School Committee and Parish will use to help understand the “State of the School” now and for our future; we hope to see all there at 6:30p in the

School Gym. The next School Committee Meeting is scheduled on Thursday, 4/6 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.

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The School Committee is proud to roll out the "20th Annual Big Ticket Raffle" to be held Wednesday, April 19th at 6:30p at the Delavan Legion Hall. There will be a "\$10,000 Grand Prize" amongst many other prizes such as Big Screen TV's, Electronics, and Outdoor Living Accessories. We will be serving food (Burgers and Brats) and fun during the Raffle. If interested, please contact Mrs. Renee Clair. A flyer will be attached to this letter along with a hard copy in your Student's Weekly Letter home on Thursday. Good Luck :)

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:

DID YOU KNOW? This website (<http://www.boxtops4education.com/coupons>) saves you money!! Print coupons to use when buying Box Tops products!

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!)

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/>

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(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! 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 went home in Home Envelopes. If you need another envelope or have questions, please contact the Main Office. Please have them filled out and turned 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. Children's Clothing Sale:

Planning and much hard work is already underway for the Annual Children's Clothing Sale scheduled for April 22-23. This huge evolution's success is congruent with many hands helping. As we start to create and design, please reach out to Mrs. Andy Thone at: 262-607-0232 or visit the website:

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<https://standrews-delavan.org/children-clothing-sale>. Thank you in advance to signing up for a job or two to help Mrs. Thone and Mrs. Nateghi.

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

Athletics News

Coach Quartucci and all Spartan Coaches gladly invite all Volleyball and Basketball Student Athletes and Parents to the Annual Athletic Awards Banquet to be held on Wednesday, April 5th at 6:00p in the Gymnasium. If you have any questions, please contact your Coach or Coach Q. Hope to see all there.

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 23rd 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.

Catholic Central March News:

Enclosed within this newsletter is information from Catholic Central in Burlington. Any questions, please reach out to them directly. Thanks.

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Aram Library Happenings for March:

Please visit the Aram Library Website at: 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 3/13-3/17:

Ms. S. Cook - Monday, Tuesday-Friday: Mrs. Janet Barr.

Message from Archbishop ListECKi

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

In this age, we seem to value choice over almost everything else. That is why I was dismayed that no one issued a cry of protest over the rampant disregard of an essential choice in one's life. Just a few weeks ago, Bao Bao the panda was sent packing in what appears to be an arranged marriage between the governments of China and the United States. When I say

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“was sent packing,” literally Bao Bao was packed in a FedEx crate and shipped to Chengdu, China. Bao Bao was born in the United States, and has been a resident of the Smithsonian National Zoo. There are a few things that I would like to know: does she speak Chinese, or is all she knows good, old English? Yet, we ship her off to a culture of which she knows little.

Here in the United States, a person is expected to fall in love before marriage, and although some arranged marriages have been successful, they certainly are not in vogue. Also, has anyone checked her age? Bao Bao is only three-and-a-half! How can she be expected to assess her potential mate? We discourage teen marriages because we believe that teens are not mature enough to understand the commitment and responsibility that is necessary for a successful marriage. Bao Bao is three-and-a-half years old. Is she really ready for that commitment and responsibility? What will happen if she doesn't get along with her potential in-laws, or her arranged mate is not to her liking? Being in China, she can't run home to mother. It's a cruel world out there, and I just hope she doesn't end up on a Panda Express menu.

We will hear that the justification for this arranged marriage is the support of the greater good and the repopulation of pandas throughout the globe. I just want to know: did anyone think to ask Bao Bao? Of course they didn't – she's a panda!

We make a lot of decisions concerning a direction or course of action we take. At times, we do it for some very good reasons, but when those decisions involve the life of someone else, it is important to ask them for their opinion, and for their agreement. There is a dignity we possess as human beings – it comes from our Creator and vests in us as humans – the value of our lives. We are invited to fashion our lives through the choices we make. God gave us freedom so that we can choose to LOVE ONE ANOTHER.

We Are One,

*Most Reverend Jerome E. Listecki
Archbishop of Milwaukee*

Contemplatives In Action

As I recently attended a Lenten Retreat at the Arch, our guest Priest was Father Bill Johnson, Director of the St. Ignatius Jesuits of Milwaukee. Father Bill being a fellow Alumnus of Creighton University, spoke of reflection through prayer. This skill helps allows us to create many moments through the day to stop, pray, and be thankful versus at the end of the day when perhaps we have become “too spent”.

Fr. Bill also spoke of that having the skill and ability to take these moments of our lives during the day is and can be difficult. “Inspiration through Perspiration” asks us to work hard on praise, reference, and aspiration. “During this Lenten season, what have we done for Christ? What should I do for Christ? What am I doing now for Christ?” At stressful, busy times in our day, we can perhaps forget to think of Jesus, but we remember Jesus never forgotten, nor does he forget.

To practice or exercise this skill, Fr. Bill asks us to examine the “*Ignatian Examen of Consciousness*”. This 5 Step exercise can be done many times throughout the day, and requires us to: *Centering Ourselves, Ask How am I feeling?, answer the question: Why am I feeling this way?, Pray (Praise and Petition), and end with Our Father*

I will admit throughout the day, it’s easy to get caught up in the daily grind/minutia that can absorb all of our energy. If one actually stops and try this “Spiritual Shot of Faith”, by design, we can lower our stress levels, reconnect with our Faith, and remember these two things: *Don’t sweat the small stuff*, and that: *Everything is small stuff*.

I leave with this parting passage from Pope Francis:

“We must be magnanimous, with a big heart, without fear; always betting on the great ideals. However this also means magnanimity in little things, daily things-the big heart, the great heart. And it is important to find this magnanimity with Jesus, in contemplating Jesus. Jesus is the One who opens windows for us on the horizon. Magnanimity means walking with Jesus, with a heart attentive to what Jesus tells us. On this track I would like to say something to the educators, to those who work in schools, and to parents. Educating, in educating a balance must be maintained, your steps must be well balanced, one step on the cornice of safety but the other into the zone of risk. Education cannot be confined to the safety zone. No. This would mean preventing personalities from developing; yet it is not possible to educate solely in the risk zone either: this is too dangerous. It is a balance of steps: remember it well.”

Practice, Center, Ask How, Ask Why, Pray and Act. Hoping you have a great Lenten week.

Very Respectfully.....Randy