

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 6, 2017

Good Morning St. Andrews Professional Learning Community,

As we start this First Week of Lent, there have been and will 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. Goebel, Mrs. Amici, Miss Compall, our Parish Families and Students who participated in a wonderful Ash Wednesday Mass. It takes a lot of courage for all to help celebrate and implement Mass. I am extremely proud of the Staff and of our Students who always try their best to celebrate Mass with all of us. Great Job!!

I'd like to extend my pride and thanks to our 8th Graders and Mrs. Amici. Just as our 8th Graders led the All-School Advent Prayers, our 8th Graders continue to shine as they lead our School in All School weekly Lenten Prayers too. This is a fantastic time for our School to share our passion for Prayer as a Learning Community.

Kudos continue to reach out to our 8th Graders as they worked hard to raise funds for their D.C. experience Fundraiser that was held yesterday at the Waterfront Cafe. Thank you Parish & School families not only for your patronage but your service for helping this event be successful. It does take a village and I am proud to be a part of it. Thank you all.

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

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.

There will be an IT Committee meeting scheduled for this Thursday, 3/9 at 7a in the School Library. We will be discussing current IT plans and starting to plan for our Spring Fundraiser. If you have any questions, please contact the Main Office. Thanks.

There will be a Parish Finance Council Meeting scheduled this Thursday, at 7p. If you have any questions, please contact Shelley Koch regarding agenda or any concerns. Thanks.

The Middle Schoolers (5-8) will be shaking a tail feather at their "Spring-Fling" Middle School Dance. This fun opportunity hosted by the Student Council, is our Middle Schoolers Spring Service project that will benefit the American Leukemia/Lymphoma Cancer Society. This event will have a live DJ and concessions. This is scheduled from 6p-8p. If a parent is interested in attending/chaperoning, please contact the Main Office. Thanks.

Please mark your calendars for our Yearly: "Town-Hall Meeting" scheduled for 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 to forward to see all there.

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 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 remember to mark your calendars for this Sunday, 3/12, 0:00hrs, for our change in Daylight Savings (Spring Forward/ Fall Back). Please don't forget to move your clocks forward one hour. And as always, it's recommended to check batteries in all home alarms (smoke/carbon monoxide) and check those furnace and dryer lint filters. Think of it as a start to Spring cleaning which means warmer temps to come! :)

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 will start on Wednesday, March 8th. Beinvenidos!

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.

This coming Friday, 3/10, our 6th Grade is scheduled to host the Student Mass at 8:45a. The next 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 News (K-2)

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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)

We kindly remind parents that our 6th Graders will be hosting Mass on Friday, 3/10, 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.

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.

From the Desk of Mrs. Julie Quartucci:

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

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 Emilio Aranda;** what a remarkable young man. Please read his attached bio that describes his thoughts on St. Andrews. Great Job Emilio!! 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.

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 will have 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.

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/>

(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: <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

"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.

Catholic Central March News:

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

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 3/6-3/10:

Ms. Cook - Monday, Tuesday-Friday: TBD

Message from Archbishop ListECKi

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

There were certain times as a kid that my sister and I would be over-the-top silly, laughing at the dumbest things and causing my mother to wonder about our behavior. She would say to us, "Sure, laugh today and cry tomorrow." We celebrate Mardi Gras revelry, partying as if there were no tomorrow. Yet, there is a tomorrow, and that tomorrow is Ash Wednesday – the beginning of Lent. The penitential season that calls us to conversion, to change our ways and evaluate how we might use the time afforded to us to grow in our spiritual lives.

It is always amazing to me how readily on Ash Wednesday we acknowledge our humanity before our God. People willingly allow ashes to be placed on their foreheads, as it is proclaimed, "Remember you are dust, and to dust you shall return." [Genesis 3:19] The cross in the form of ashes is a means of accepting that the only hope for our salvation is found in the sacrifice of Jesus. The 40 days of Lent offers us an opportunity to journey with

Christ and the Scriptures. There are three areas that the church offers to us as a means of growing closer to Christ in our journey: prayer, fasting and almsgiving.

Allow me to suggest some activities for Lent:

- 1. Prayer: pray daily! Find a time in the morning, afternoon or evening which is convenient. Be it five, 10 or 15 minutes, do it every day as a discipline. Don't miss! There are traditional prayers, Scripture, the rosary or even daily meditation books to aid in the completion of one's ritual. What was the last spiritual book that you read? Perhaps you could add some spiritual reading if possible – a few pages a day – and you will complete a book by the end of Lent;*
- 2. Fasting: the new Lenten regulations for fasting and abstinence make little demand on our lives. Abstinence means no meat on Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays in Lent. Fasting is one regular meal and two smaller meals (that together do not equal more than one regular meal size) and no snacks in a day, only on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Of course, what many add is mortification, meaning in addition, we personally give up something (alcohol, snacks, sweets, etc.). It is a reminder that we can deny ourselves something we desire to demonstrate our commitment to our Lord. We can do without many things, but we can never do without our God.*
- 3. Almsgiving is a sign that all we have is given as gift. We are called to share our gifts with those who are most in need, because God has generously shared His bounty with us.*

Every year, I try and come up with some practical way we can share our bounty as a “LOA (Love One Another) community,” and that our almsgiving have a practical effect. A few years ago, we collected bikes for the poor to be used as transportation to and from

work, and later we also held a baby shower for the Blessed Mother, securing diapers and baby clothes.

I recently returned from the Dominican Republic and our mission parish La Sagrada Familia. Now, most bishops know they have to deal with c__p (you fill in the blanks!!!). However, the bishop of the diocese in the DR literally has to deal with c__p. When we think of homes, we think of plumbing and toilet facilities. However, the homes in the DR are constructed without plumbing and, of course, no toilets. For most of us when we remodel a home, the bathroom and kitchen are usually the most expensive parts of remodeling. Yet a latrine, which can be built for the cost of \$300, is beyond the financial ability of families. Having a latrine can bring a sense of dignity to the homeowners and elevate the spirit of the entire community.

I propose that as an LOA community, we set a goal of constructing 10 latrines at the cost of \$3,000. I will post pictures of the construction of the latrines on our archdiocesan website. This will be a wonderful way to offer dignity to our fellow brothers and sisters, and fulfill our almsgiving during the Lenten season. Please send all donations (no cash, please) to:

*LOA Latrines Project
C/O Office for World Mission
Archdiocese of Milwaukee
3501 South Lake Drive
PO Box 070912
Milwaukee, WI 53207-0912*

If you have questions, please contact Antoinette Mensah, director of the Office for World Mission, which facilitates the relationship with La Sagrada Familia, at 414-758-2282 orwmo@archmil.org. Why do we do it? Simply because we LOVE ONE ANOTHER. [We Are One](#).

Most Reverend Jerome E. Listecki
Archbishop of Milwaukee

Principally Speaking

With many recent Lent Masses, activities I have had the pleasure to participate in either here at St. Andrew's, the Arch, or my home Parish at St. John Vianney in Janesville, I try to take in the messages of each activity.

Father Bill at our Children's Mass spoke of during this time of Lent, that this is a great time to "practice" our skills of faith, repentance, and prayer.

Dr. Cepelka at our Admin Team meeting reminds us of all to help our little ones also practice their skills of prayer, almsgiving, and fasting.

Father Paul at St. John Vianney spoke of the time of Lent as a journey. That once we understand our starting point and final destination can we then appreciate the journey. The journey of surrendering ourselves to God.

Regardless of where you worship, we as Christians must understand until we all come together collectively, practice and share our Faith (God's Spirit), share our trials and tribulations / penance with God, think of others before ourselves, and have the strength for self-discipline, can we truly come together congruently as a Parish Family.

In Leviticus 19:1-2, 11-18, Psalm 19:8-10, 15, and Matthew 25:31-46, states:
Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me".

"If we only look for God in rarefied moments of prayer, we almost entirely miss him. For God is in us, whom he calls the least of his brothers. We can not love God unless we love each other, and to love him we must know each other." (D. Day, p.100)

Let us reach out this time of Lent together, Pray, Almsgive, and Fast. Let us practice our skills of Faith and God's Love together. Let us truly feel "We all belong here" during our Lenten Journey as our destination is the same.

In God's Love,

Randy