

ST. ANDREW CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER
JANUARY 5 - 12, 2018

Dear Parents,

We're off to a great start of 2018 at St. Andrew Catholic School! How blessed we all are to build God's kingdom together in this loving and supportive extended family. It's going to be a great year!

In two weeks from now (January 18th) you will be receiving information regarding registration for the 2018-2019 academic year. Families who want to enroll in our Kindergarten program for next year need to pay particular attention to these materials. With only one session of Kindergarten scheduled for next school year, we need to have a priority registration plan in place that gives preference to our current families for enrollment. After our current families are enrolled, we will then open up enrollment to parish families on a "first come" basis. We will enroll 25 students, and then begin a waiting list. Once our waiting list has the needed amount of additional students we will open a second session of Kindergarten. However, for now, we are only planning on one session. For current families to meet the Kindergarten priority registration criteria, you must return your materials on time. Re-registration for other grades (preschool, prekindergarten, second, first through fifth) is equally important, but will most likely not dramatically change for next year. **That being said, we will begin PRIORITY RE-REGISTRATION OF CURRENT FAMILIES FROM JANUARY 18-FEBRUARY 2nd.** More info about priority registration in next week's note.

In next week's office envelope you will be receiving information and raffle tickets for the Catholic United Financial Raffle in which we have participated annually. Be watching for that information as we are focusing our efforts on raising \$10,000 from this fundraiser. The tickets are cheap (\$5), and you'll be asked to buy/sell 10. We need everyone to participate in this fundraiser to make it successful. **We will need volunteers who would be willing to sell tickets after the weekend masses. Check out sign up genius to sign up for a Mass or two during the sale. (January 12 - February 25)**

There's info in this newsletter about our **GALA FUNDRAISER MEETING ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 9th at 6:00 in the Teacher's Lounge in the school.** We need everyone who is interested to help with this most important annual event.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK 2018 is slated for January 30-February 4th this year. We will have an all school "Capstone Mass" in celebration of Catholic education on Sunday, February 4th. Please make plans now for you and your child to attend. More about CSW as the date nears.

May God bless you and your family for your goodness to our St. Andrew community!
Ms. Scipioni

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SUNDAY, JANUARY 7 – Feast of the Epiphany!

You'll notice doorpost blessings written in chalk about many classroom doors – 20 + C+M+B + 18. The numbers represent the new year, and the letters stand for the three wise men (Caspar, Melchoir, Balthazar), or the phrase Christus Mansionem Benedictat meaning God Bless this House. The doorpost blessing is traditionally written on the Feast of the Epiphany, in remembrance of the arrival of the three kings to Jesus' birthplace.

MONDAY, JANUARY 8 -

Fr. Mark will be out for this week.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 9 -

- Instrument lessons and band for the fourth grade. Fourth Grade band pizza party during band time.

Gala Planning Meeting.

- **If you are looking for one school event in which to participate, the Gala is for you! Come to this meeting and find out how you can assist St. Andrew by assisting the work of the Gala. We need YOU.**

MEETING TIME: 6:00 P.M. MEETING LOCATION: TEACHERS LOUNGE

Enter school through the front door/main entrance.

MANY PARENTS ARE NEEDED FOR THIS IMPORTANT FUNDRAISER TO BE SUCCESSFUL.

See the note section for more information about this meeting.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10 -

- 10:00 – Join us as we celebrate Eucharist as a school and parish community. The students in grade 3 assist at this Mass.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 11 -

- Instrument lessons and band for the fifth grade.
- **Catholic United Financial tickets sent home today – PLEASE DO NOT start selling until Friday.** You will receive information with your tickets regarding this sale. Please read it over carefully to better understand this amazing opportunity for St. Andrew Catholic School.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 12 -

CATHOLIC UNITED FINANCIAL RAFFLE BEGINS. Tickets may be sold today. The raffle ends on February 25th. Please sell or purchase your 10 tickets. You may have more tickets by requesting them from the office.

OTHER JANUARY DATES TO REMEMBER:

MONDAY, JANUARY 15 – NO SCHOOL. Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday
THURSDAY, JANUARY 18 – PRIORITY RE-REGISTRATION of current families begins
JANUARY 18/19 – Preschool/PreK “Doughnuts with Dad”
MONDAY, JAN. 22 – 2 HOUR EARLY RELEASE – Dismissal at 12:45
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24 - January “Birthday” Mass and Food Shelf collection
FRIDAY, JANUARY 26 – FAMILY BARN DANCE! 5-8:00 p.m. ALL St. A’s families!
MONDAY, JANUARY 29 – NO SCHOOL – Teacher inservice.
TUESDAY, JANUARY 30 – CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK BEGINS!

PRIORITY REGISTRATION REMINDER

PRIORITY RE-REGISTRATION OF CURRENT FAMILIES – IMPORTANT!

*Although priority registration of current families hasn’t really been necessary in our school thus far, **THE KINDERGARTEN CLASS OF 18-19 SHOWS GREAT POTENTIAL FOR FILLING TO 25 STUDENTS – OUR MAXIMUM LIMIT FOR ONE CLASS – WITH OUR CURRENT FAMILIES (and new families who have already indicated interest) REGISTERING.** This means just one thing, particularly if you have a Kindergarten child ready to start school next year – REGISTER WITHIN THE PRIORITY PERIOD, or lose your priority status.*

GALA PLANNING MEETING – ALL ARE NEEDED AND WELCOME!

With 2018 upon us and new chairpeople in place (thanks John and Melinda Wareham!), it is truly time to shift planning for this year's St. Andrew Gala into high gear. To that end, we hope you all will be able to join us (and anyone else you invite) for version 2.0 of the Gala kick-off meeting.

Date: Tuesday, January 9

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Location: St. Andrew School – Teachers Lounge – front door

We will try to touch on all of the areas of the event, with an extra-special emphasis on theme, sponsorship and donation procurement. New members are welcome and strongly encouraged to attend! Past Gala committee members are NEEDED to provide guidance, wisdom and leadership from past involvement

PLEASE ATTEND!!

CATHOLIC UNITED FINANCIAL RAFFLE

Dear Parents,

Again this year St. Andrew Catholic School will participate in a nation-wide fundraiser that is really a great deal for our school. Catholic United Financial is a fraternal organization that offers a wide range of services to Catholic parish members such as estate planning, saving and investment options, and financial planning. Because they do the majority of their business with Catholic parishes and schools, this raffle is their way of supporting Catholic education by giving income to Catholic schools.

Actually, the Catholic United Financial “Catholic Schools Raffle” is really a good deal. Catholic United Financial sponsors this raffle as a way to give back to Catholic schools. They purchase the gambling license and print the tickets. They print the fliers and purchase all of the prizes. They take care of reconciling of tickets and all legal matters that accompany a raffle. The best part is 100% of every ticket sold stays with St. Andrew Catholic School. **For each \$5.00 raffle ticket sold, St. Andrew’s keeps \$5.00 and returns \$0 to Catholic United Financial.**

So here’s the deal on the Raffle. Catholic United Financial “Catholic Schools Raffle” is localized to the three state area of Minnesota, North and South Dakota. In those three states, 90+ schools in total are participating. Each school can take and sell as many tickets as they are able (we took 2,000 tickets - \$10,000 possible income). I’m not sure of all schools in the area that participate, but most schools don’t turn down the opportunity for this fundraiser. Churches and schools must be willing to do some marketing/promotion of Catholic United Financial in exchange for participation in this fundraiser.

In next week’s office envelope you will be receiving 10 tickets which you will be asked to purchase or sell. *You must return the tickets if you are unwilling or unable to purchase or sell them. Your tickets are numbered and assigned to you, so if you do not sell/purchase them we must have them back. If and when you are able to sell more, please contact the school office and we’ll get additional tickets to you.* Watch your weekly newsletter from me with more information about the sale. In the meantime, know that you are greatly appreciated for everything you do to promote and support St. Andrew Catholic School. Thank you, parents!

Ms. Scipioni

CATHOLIC UNITED FINANCIAL RAFFLE

TICKET SALE: FRIDAY, JANUARY 12TH – SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25TH

Please sell/purchase your tickets as soon as possible, and return the money and ticket stubs to the school. Request additional tickets if you are able to sell more!

WHAT'S UP WITH THE HEAT? We've been experiencing a few issues with our heating system, which has caused the temperature in our building to be a bit more variable than it has in the past. Our computerized monitoring system will probably need to be replaced in the near future, with some plumbing and valve repairs needing to be made more immediately. It's probably a good time to remind everyone that the kids should either wear or have a uniform sweater (not spirit wear) available at school at all times. We were a bit more lenient this week due to the uncertainty of the system, and our difficulty in getting it to work properly. However, from here on in, uniform sweaters need to be in place.

SPEAKING OF THE COLD WEATHER -

Just as a reminder, it is our goal to have the kids get outside into the fresh air every day for recess. Our current "Cold Weather Procedure" is that the children will go outside when the temperatures are from zero to -10, as long as there isn't a significant wind chill to make the temperature colder. We will reduce the outside time or have indoor recess on days if the "feels like" temp is too low, and (being people of good sense who get cold ourselves) will never endanger the children by taking them outside when it is deemed too cold or too windy.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK - Our Catholic Schools Week celebration is scheduled this year for January 30 -February 4th. You will be hearing more about our in-school theme and events in upcoming newsletters.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK "CAPSTONE" MASS – ALL STUDENTS INVITED TO PARTICIPATE! All students are asked to join us on Sunday, February 4th as we sing and praise our God at the 10:30 Mass at St. Andrew Catholic Church. Students will assist at the Mass with the readings, the music, the prayers of petition, greeters, etc. A note will be coming soon from Mrs. Olinger regarding this liturgy. Please do your best to attend this important event. Parents and families will be needed as greeters, and other roles as well. Let Mrs. Olinger know which adults will participate too!

YEARBOOK ORDER FORMS! It's almost that time again. Time to pre-order your school yearbook for the 2017-2018 school year. The cost of the full color, 48 page yearbook will be **\$25**. We must pre-order the yearbooks, and will not have extras available for sale when the books are distributed in May. Give some thought to this now, and watch for the yearbook order form in your office envelope soon.

NEXT PARENT VOLUNTEER EVENTS:

FAMILY DANCE PARTY – JANUARY 26TH 5:00-8:00 p.m.
Volunteer sign up can be found here:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f044fafad23aafe3-standrew1>

Get your cowboy boots and hat, blue jeans, flannels and bandana, and mosey on down to St. Andrew School from 5-8:00 p.m. on Friday, January 26th for an old fashioned barn dance! Dinner (pizza from Pizza Ranch and lemonade) will be served from 5-6:00 for the whole family (goodwill offering happily accepted, but not required). From 6-7:00 (or so) each classroom will demonstrate the moves they have learned in gym, and then teach them to their parents! The last hour will be for fun dances for the entire group, kids and adults! Please come.

RAFFLE TICKET SALES AFTER MASS – starts January 13th

Volunteer sign up can be found here:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f044fafad23aafe3-standrew1>

The Catholic United Financial Catholic Schools Raffle is slated to begin on January 12th. Tickets will be sold following every weekend Mass beginning on Saturday, January 13th and ending on Sunday, February 25th. A total of 21 Masses will need to be covered by one or two volunteers per Mass. Please sign up now if you are able to assist. More information about the Raffle will be in next week's newsletter.

May God continue to bless you abundantly for all you do for his children!

ADVANCE INFORMATION

SKATETIME AT ST. ANDREW! The students in grades K-5 will have rollerskating as part of their physical education classes at St. A's from February 20 – March 8th. Students will need to have/bring a helmet for this unit, and may bring knee and elbow pads as well. Parent volunteers will be needed to help the younger students get their skates on, and to assist with the skating for those who are new to rollerskating. PLEASE WATCH NEXT WEEK'S NEWSLETTER FOR VOLUNTEER DATES AND TIMES, as well as signup genius information.