

**ST. ANDREW CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER
NOVEMBER 17 - 24th THANKSGIVING EDITION**

Dear Parents,

A short week at St. Andrew School this week as we, along with the rest of the nation, observe the Thanksgiving holiday. We have so many reasons to give thanks at St. Andrew. One of our greatest blessings is to have such supportive and affirmative school parents who wholeheartedly support Catholic education. We are so grateful to all of you for your prayers, kind words and loving actions toward our school community. May God bless you on Thanksgiving and always!

Ms. Scipioni

SPIRIT WEAR / CHRISTMAS GIVING

Although this is short notice, you might want to consider a school spirit wear purchase for the upcoming holidays. **This is an "on-line" sale only, and all orders must be submitted by November 22nd** to have the product by Christmas.

<https://stadnewwinter2017.itemorder.com/>

UNIFORM SALE / BEST PRICES OF THE YEAR!

Our uniform provider is holding a cyber sale, which she says is her best sale of the year. Uniform clothes are a great gift for Grandma or Auntie to buy for the kids! You buy the stuff, they pay you back - easy peasy! Here's the link to the sale. **Orders must be placed from November 23 – November 26th. The store is closed, but online shopping is open!**

www.minnesota.educationaloutfitters.com

Take **20%** off school uniforms and accessories

ONE LAST THANKSGIVING THANK YOU!

Thank you to the kids, parents and alumni that braved the freezing weather to "enjoy" Playground After Dark on Friday, November 17th. The unseasonably cold night made it a little challenging, but the kids and families who went had great fun for as long as they could take it! **Our appreciation is extended to Melanie Curtis and Anne Marie Buck for taking charge and organizing this event, Mrs. Reemts for planning and playing the kids games, and our custodian Tony Kern for keeping the building warm and open for brief warm ups!** Thanks also to everyone who came and lent a hand during the evening. A great (but cold) time was had by all! Thank you!

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FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 17– End of the first trimester. Report cards for Trimester #1 will be sent home with the students on 11/21/17

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19 –

- **8:30 a.m. – All students of St. Andrew are invited to assist with the music at the 8:30 a.m. Mass today. Please wear your uniform and meet Mrs. Olinger in the choir area at/around 8:15 a.m. Thank you!**

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 21 – **PARENT DRIVE DAY!**

The second trimester begins.

GR. 4 BAND AND INSTRUMENT LESSONS – Usual schedule. **NO fifth** grade band or instrument lessons this week.

Elk River public schools are not in session this week, therefore **NO buses.**

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 22– **PARENT DRIVE DAY!**

- Student progress reports will be sent home today in the office envelope. Please remember to return only the envelope and keep the progress report.
- School dismisses for Thanksgiving vacation at usual hours.
- **SPIRIT WEAR ORDER (Link included) must be sent in today to get clothes in time for Christmas**

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 23 –

- **NO SCHOOL.** School is not in session today.
- **NO TACKLEBOX THROUGHOUT THANKSGIVING VACATION** –

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 24 – **THANKSGIVING!**

Mass at 9:00 a.m. at St. Andrew Catholic Church.– We begin this holiday of gratitude by giving thanks to our loving God in the ultimate “thanksgiving” the Eucharist. Mass will be celebrated at St. Andrew Church on this day. Come and praise our gracious God.

- Here’s a prayer from “Catholic Online” if you are leading Grace today and need a little something before the traditional meal prayer:

Dear Lord:

Today we give thanks For our many blessings As we pray for those in need.

*We give thanks For our **family** and friends As we pray for those who are lonely.*

We give thanks for our freedoms As we pray for those who are oppressed.

*We give thanks for our **good** health As we pray for those who are ill.*

We give thanks for our comfort and prosperity As we share our blessings with others.

*On this day of Thanksgiving, May the love of **God** enfold us, The peace of **God** dwell within us And the joy of **God** uplift us. Amen.*

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 24 – No school / No Tackle Box

I'll send the December newsletter today (or on the weekend) with calendar and Advent information.

NOTES AND INFO –

GALA KICK-OFF AND PLANNING PARTY!

SAVE THE DATE: THE EVENING OF FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1ST. ALL ARE WELCOME AND ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND THE GALA KICK OFF AND PLANNING "PARTY." WE REALLY NEED THE IDEAS AND ASSISTANCE OF ALL PARENTS TO MAKE THIS EVENT THE MOST SUCCESSFUL IT CAN BE. COME AND LEARN HOW YOU CAN HELP WITH OUR LARGEST FUNDRAISER OF THE YEAR. WE WILL GATHER IN MEETING ROOM #3 WITH PIZZA AND SODA TO BEGIN THE PLANNING OF THIS IMPORTANT FUNDRAISER. **THIS IS YOUR YEAR TO GET MORE INVOLVED AT THE SCHOOL AND TAKE A LARGER LEADERSHIP ROLE! JOIN US!**

"FILL THE CART" GROCERY CHALLENGE FOR CAER - Thank you all so much for your generosity to your brothers and sisters in need throughout the Elk River community. We filled a few grocery carts full to overflowing with your kind gifts of nonperishable foods. May God bless you abundantly for the abundance in which you have blessed those who are in most need. Thank you!

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS –

I'll be sending the school newsletter for the end of November, Advent and Christmas next week, probably on/around the day after Thanksgiving. I've got to say that I'm a big supporter of curtailing the "Christmas creep" – the idea of focusing on the upcoming Christmas season starting on November 1st. You will see in that newsletter that our focus during Advent is just that – waiting in joyful hope for the coming of Christ. All the information regarding the children's Christmas program will be included as well.

SPANISH CLASSES – THANK YOU MRS. PAMPUSCH! Our goal in offering a Spanish enrichment opportunity at the beginning of the year was to determine the interest level of our students and decide about offering a world language experience at our school. We have gained much information on how to offer a successful program in the future, and will work now to build our budget for 2018-19 accordingly. We are grateful for Mrs. Hildegard Pampusch for taking this challenge on, and helping us arrive at many helpful conclusions to make a future language offering the best it can be. Thank you, Mrs. Pampusch.