

ST. ANDREW CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER
FEBRUARY 24 - MARCH 3, 2018

Dear Parents,

Two short weeks ago on Ash Wednesday we were reminded to turn away from sin ... to leave the past in ashes ... and to once again give our lives and hearts to God.

Although our ashes have long been washed away, we continue to focus on the inward changes that we hope to make during this penitential season:

- *If we are giving something up, be happy about it! Do it for God.*
- *If we are doing some special deeds, be happy about it! Do it for God.*
- *If we are praying more or helping those in need, be generous! Do it for God!*

As a school community we stand united with every family who attends St. Andrew, and want to assist as we are able in times of difficulty.

- We remember Tanna and John (Natalya Ozangar) Houlton in our prayers, as they had a devastating fire in their home recently. They assure me they only need prayers – but as their school family we are ready to help in any way needed. Prayers are assured.
- **Carmina Garcia-Mora's dad, Jorge, was in an accident at work as he was cutting down trees. One of the fallen trees came down on his right leg, totally crushing his lower leg below the knee. The doctors felt he had a chance for a better recovery and life with a prosthetic, so the amputation of his right leg was done on Wednesday. With Jorge being the provider for the family and out of work, they are in great need at this time. If you are able to help, please send a donation to the school marked for their family. All money will be given directly to them to assist with basic living expenses for the kids and family. Checks can be written to the school or cash donated. Your kindness is much appreciated.**

CATHOLIC UNITED RAFFLE TICKETS

- The Catholic United Raffle for Catholic Schools is now coming to an end. We need all families who still have tickets in their possession to **PURCHASE AND RETURN your tickets as soon as possible.**
- **PLEASE MAKE EVERY ATTEMPT TO SELL THE TICKETS YOU HAVE OR PURCHASE THEM YOURSELF.**
- If you are returning unsold tickets, we must have them on Monday, February 26th. We lose income on every ticket that comes back unsold, and that we return unsold to Catholic United Financial. However, we must account for every one of the 2,000 tickets we requested at the onset of this sale. **SOLD OR UNSOLD, ALL TICKETS MUST BE RETURNED TO CUF.**
- **Help us to realize the potential from this sale, and receive the \$10,000 we are able to make.** Please buy or sell your tickets over the long weekend (if you haven't done so already) and return them to school on February 26th.

- **At this point we have sold 1,280 tickets, with a profit of \$6,400.** You can still ask for and purchase any additional tickets at all of the weekend Masses this weekend. Thank you so much for your participation!

Please buy or sell your tickets. We need the fundraising dollars, and don't want to leave this much free money unclaimed when the tickets are so easy to sell!

PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES – Your appointment was sent on 2/22/18

A fifteen minute conference appointment has been set with your child/children's teachers for either March 1st or 7th as you requested. You received your scheduled conference appointment in the February 22nd office envelope. Please make it as a priority in your day to attend the conference as scheduled. **Report cards will be given to parents at conferences.**

PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCE INFO – AT A GLANCE

- Tackle Box will be open and available for **FREE childcare** during your conference appointments. Please take advantage of this service.
- Conferences are 15 minutes in length. Anything that requires additional time will be rescheduled to another conference appointment.
- **Report cards will be given to parents at the school conference.**
- Specialist Teachers will be available for conferences at the following dates/times:
Mr. Johnson- (Tech/Title One) March 1 and 7 throughout both evenings (he'll be located at the bookfair)
Mrs. Reemts(PE) – March 1 from 3:00-7:00 p.m. She will be in the gym.
Mrs. Olinger (Music) March 7 from 3:00-7:00 p.m. in the music classroom.

SCHOOL BOOKFAIR

Mr. Johnson is organizing a spectacular Book Fair to be open and ready during Parent Teacher Conferences, and throughout the week of March 1 – 7th. The Book Fair will be opened every weekday between March 1 - 7 from 8-8:30 and 2:45-3:15. The Book Fair will also be open on Thursday, March 1 and Wednesday, March 7th from 2:45-7:00 p.m. (Bookfair located in the cafeteria).

YEARBOOK ORDERS ARE DUE NOW! Last Call --

Our school yearbook is a beautiful 48 page, full color review of the 17-18 school year. It contains individual, classroom group, and an all-school picture, and so much more! Yearbook order forms and on-line orders are now due. **All yearbook orders need to be returned by February 26th.** The cost of the yearbook is \$25.

Order online at: ybpay.lifetouch.com Our ID code is: 9988918

May this season of Lent truly be a time of growth and change for all of us!

Ms. Scipioni

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SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24 –

- **Lenten Soup and Sacrificial Meal** – Every Saturday in Lent following the 5:00 p.m. Mass all parishioners and families are invited to share in a sacrificial meal. Soup and Sacrifice is an opportunity to have a meal of soup and bread – a small, sacrificial meal, and donating the amount you would have spent to make our purchase dinner for you/the family.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25 –

- **The Catholic United Financial Raffle ends today.** We must have all raffle tickets – sold or unsold - returned to the school on/before February 27th. The sale officially ends on Sunday, February 25th, and all tickets must be Fed Ex'ed to Catholic United Financial's corporate office within the expectation of the sale to be valid. If you haven't bought your tickets, please **BUY THEM AND SEND THEM BACK ON 2/26.** You can't win if you don't have a ticket, and this could be your year! We may not sell any tickets after today, and must return all unsold tickets to the school.
- **Coffee sales and hospitality after all Sunday Masses this weekend.** Hospitality includes coffee/juice with cookies held in the church's gathering area. These are donated cookies, etc., so could contain nuts.
- **Quilt Bingo!** 1:00-4:00 p.m. in the cafeteria. Sponsored by St. Andrew Quilts and Crafts group.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25 / SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16

- **These are the last days of the Catholic United Financial school raffle.** Tickets will be sold after all masses this weekend. After that all of our tickets will be FedEx'ed to the CUF central office to be put into the final raffle drawing.
- **Coffee sales and hospitality after all Masses this weekend.** Hospitality includes coffee/juice with cookies and doughnuts held in the church's gathering area. These are donated cookies, etc., so could contain nuts.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26 –

- Additional day of SkateTime in PE
- Your Catholic United Financial tickets and money are due today. All tickets and money must be returned to the school no later than today.
- Yearbook orders are due today

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27 –

- Instrument and Band lessons, Grade 4
- SkateTime for PE

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28 –

- **10:00 – Mass.** Join us as we celebrate Eucharist as a school and parish family. This is also a BIRTHDAY MASS where we celebrate the lives of our children born in the month of February. We will not do a CAER collection at mass, opting instead for our Lenten project of collecting food for CAER with all of the other local schools.
- Book Fair – 2:15-3:30 (TENTATIVE)

THURSDAY, MARCH 1

- **Scheduled parent teacher conferences.** Conference appointment times were sent home in the February 22nd office envelope. FREE child care during conference appointments. See note on front page of newsletter for more info.
- **Skate Time in PE.**
- Instruments and Band for grade 5
- **Book Fair – 7:30-8:25; 2:15 – 7:00 p.m.**

FRIDAY, MARCH 2 –

- **Spirit Wear Day!** Show your St. Andrew pride! Relaxed uniform.
- **12:45 – EARLY RELEASE DATE – The school day ends at 12:45 today.** Buses will run at the early time. Tackle Box will be open as usual.
- NO Stations of the Cross due to early release today.
- **Book Fair – 7:30-8:25; 12:30-1:00**
- Second grade students experience the Sacrament of Reconciliation today from 6:45-8:00 p.m. at the church. Families who have registered for this date are invited to attend this session. (Other session March 3rd)

SATURDAY, MARCH 3 –

- Second grade students experience the Sacrament of Reconciliation today from 9-10:30 a.m. at the church. Families who have registered for this date are invited to attend this session. (Other session March 2nd)
- **Lenten Soup and Sacrificial Meal** – Every Saturday in Lent following the 5:00 p.m. Mass all parishioners and families are invited to share in a sacrificial meal. Soup and Sacrifice is an opportunity to have a meal of soup and bread – a small, sacrificial meal, and donating the amount you would have spent to make our purchase dinner for you/the family.
- **GALA TICKETS GO ON SALE AFTER THE 5:00 P.M. MASS**
"Gala tickets for sale! Get your Gala tickets!" That's right – starting March 3rd and 4th tickets for the 2018 Gala will be available for purchase after each of the weekend masses, in the school office, and via the '[Online Giving](#)' tab on the parish Website. Please consider joining together with a great group of school parents, parishioners, alumni, and community members

for dinner, dancing, and a fun-filled evening of fundraising for St. Andrew School.

Lent 2018

Since we have just completed a very generous giving opportunity to Heifer International, we are going to focus on our local community for giving and sharing of our resources. All local schools are joining together to stock the shelves at CAER. Our collection is as follows:

- Week #1 - Canned Fruit
- Week #2 - Canned Vegetables
- Week #3 - Juice boxes, canned or bottled (not cold) juice/pop
- Week #4 - Boxed Dinners (Hamburger Helper, soup mixes, pasta, rice, tacos,)
- Week # 5 - Canned Soup / Condiments
- Holy Week - Desert/Baking items (flour, baking soda, oil, sugar, etc.)

You don't "have to" follow the collection in this order, but it might make it more manageable when shopping/donating. All items will be accepted, regardless of the plan for the week. Thank you in advance for your willingness to assist those in need.