

**ST. ANDREW CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER**  
**APRIL 14 - 21, 2018**

***The 2018 St. Andrew Gala is a mere 12 days away.** The Planning Committee is hard at work finalizing the auction item catalog, event-night games, and finishing touches that make this a must-attend extravaganza. **We continue to accept donations to build silent auction items** – in fact, it's never too late to create a basket, offer a service or experience, donate gift cards, sports tickets or wine, liquor, beer. **But we need you to ACT NOW!!! Turn your donations** into the school office as soon as possible or contact the Gala Committee ([standrewgala@gmail.com](mailto:standrewgala@gmail.com); [651-336-2817](tel:651-336-2817) or [651-357-0765](tel:651-357-0765)) to arrange pick up.*

**GALA UPDATE / YOUR HELP IS NEEDED!**

**Still need to purchase your tickets for this year's Gala, on Friday, April 27TH? Don't wait any longer!** Space is available, and we want you to be part of the fun-filled event that supports our great school. Pick yours up today via the [Parish Website](#) or visit the school office. Tickets are \$70 each, and include dinner, dessert, dancing, and the opportunity to bid on lots of great items, tickets and experiences in the live and silent auctions. Like and visit the Gala Facebook page for all the details:  
[www.facebook.com/SACSGala](http://www.facebook.com/SACSGala).

***We need each family to contribute to the success of the Gala by giving a few things. Here's what's needed/expected:***

- 1. We need 1 bottle (or more) of good wine (or any kind of liquor), to sell in the "Wall of Wine" or "Wagon of Wonder." Napa Liquor is giving 25% off all purchases if you mention the Gala for St. A's.*
- 2. We need gift cards - all denominations, all locations. Restaurants that kids like are popular, but "date night" restaurants are nice options as well.*
- 3. Themed Baskets - If you would like to put together your own basket of gifts around a theme - Kitchen items, car cleaning items, kids games, family night activities, movie tickets/treats, sporting event/theater tickets, etc. that would be great. If you and a few other families want to go in on something, even better!*

Bring your donation to the school office ASAP, or contact the Gala Committee at [standrewgala@gmail.com](mailto:standrewgala@gmail.com) to arrange pick up.

Dear Parents,

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!** I hope you had a meaningful and fulfilling Holy Week and Easter, and that you are currently enjoying the 50 day celebration of the Easter Season. We catch the spirit of this season and let the Good News of Christ sink in: Death has been conquered and new life awaits us. **Blessed be our God who has raised up the Lord Jesus!** Thank you God of new life for brining us together in this mission of Catholic education.

**With the weather we are currently experiencing, it feels much more like Christmas than Easter!** I've been waiting to send the newsletter saying that it was time to put the winter gear away and dress in more spring-like outside clothing, but I'm afraid we have at least a few weeks (if not more) before that day arrives. The kids – and all of us – are sick of boots and winter coats/snow pants, but that is the reality for now. Even as the snow starts melting, the playground ends up having quite a bit of standing water on it. The children will stay cleaner and drier in their winter gear. I'll keep you posted when we can start loosening those requirements.

#### **MONDAY FIELD TRIP – URBAN AIR IN COON RAPIDS –**

- **KIDS CAN WEAR SPIRT WEAR ON MONDAY, APRIL 16<sup>TH</sup>.**
- If the roads are still “iffy” on Monday due to the recent snowstorm, we will not go on the field trip as scheduled, and will reset something different for the near future.
- Urban Air Park is NOT peanut free. Although the kids will not be allowed to purchase or eat any foods from concessions, anyone who has concerns may have kids opt out of the trip/school day without issue of absence.
- The kids will have slushies on the field trip. There are no peanut or gluten ingredients in the slushies.
- Parents are still welcome to join us at Urban Air to assist with supervision. You won't be able to ride the bus or jump with kids, but we'd love to have you come and watch the kids. Supervision must be actively watching the K-5<sup>th</sup> grade kids, so no younger children please.
- Like any other play situation, kids must jump in control of themselves. If they are doing anything to risk their safety or the safety of others they will have a time out/removal from play.
- Finally, congratulations to all the students who made and exceeded the amazing Accelerated Reading goal. **Our thanks to Mr. Johnson for getting this event organized and making it so exciting!**

**I'm sorry that the newsletter is a little late this week,** but I was out for a few days doctoring again with issues I have had in the past with my heart. Not much new to report, except that I'm now going to Mayo Clinic as referred by my doctors. That certainly is an amazing place! I appreciate the prayers and support from the school community.

**We are still in need of chaperones for our Service field trip on Friday, April 20<sup>th</sup> to Feed My Starving Children.** We must have 35 adult helpers, or we won't be able to go. If you have never participated in this event, your heart will be touched and changed. It's worth taking a few hours from work if you are able – to do this work for God and others, and to watch your child do the same. We are called – called to Serve. Please make plans NOW to join us so we can go!

**We return from our “spring” break rested, renewed and ready** for the blessings and challenges that await us in the remainder of the school year. If it seemed like the school year was busy before, well hold on to your hats! There's going to be a whirlwind of activity between now and May 31st – so keep up to date by reading your newsletter.

Easter Blessings!  
Ms. Scipioni

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**FIRST COMMUNION - SATURDAY/SUNDAY, APRIL 14/15-**

The Church of St. Andrew will celebrate First Communion on Saturday, April 14th at the 5:00 p.m. and Sunday, April 15th at the 10:30 Mass. All second graders of the parish who have completed their studies and expectations will receive this special sacrament at one of these two masses. **Second grade parents had to register to attend either Mass, and are expected to MEET IN THE SCHOOL GYM 30 MINUTES PRIOR TO THE MASS they are attending for instructions and practice.**

**MONDAY, APRIL 16 -**

- **All School Field Trip to Urban Air.** All required permission slips must be returned for participation. See the front page of this newsletter for further reminders. Remember that today is a SPIRIT WEAR DAY!
- **Get your Gala tickets NOW!** Only two weeks left before the event!

**TUESDAY, APRIL 17 -**

- Instrument and Band, Grade 4
- Wargo Nature Center gives a presentation to the children on loons, crows and ravens.

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 18<sup>TH</sup> -**

- **10:00 - MASS!** Join us as we celebrate Eucharist as a school and parish community. The students in grade 3 will assist at this Mass. We also celebrate the “Second Communion” of our second grade students.

**THURSDAY, APRIL 19 -**

- Band and Instrument lessons, grade 5

FRIDAY, APRIL 20 –

- **FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN FIELD TRIP – 8:30-12:30. GRS. 3-5**  
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- **Today is the last day for our preschool/prekindergarten long term substitute, Mrs. Mary Olson.** Mrs. Rajkowski will be back to school on Monday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>, and Mrs. Olson will be available to sub in other classrooms again! Mary is a wonderful teacher and substitute, and has done great things in all of our classrooms, especially in preschool/preK. Thank you, Mrs. Olson, for sharing your gifts and talent with us. We appreciate you more than we could ever express!

FRIDAY, APRIL 27 REMINDER:

- **KINDERGARTEN ROUND UP!** All parents who have a child enrolled in the Kindergarten class of 2018-2019 are reminded that Kindergarten Round Up is set for TODAY from 9-10:30. Parents and kids should have received a written invitation in the mail. Plan on spending the morning with us and with your child as you find out more about the wonderful opportunities in store for you at St. Andrew Catholic School Kindergarten.
- **KINDERGARTEN AND PREK DAY OFF** – Students presently enrolled in PREK and Kindergarten WILL NOT be in session on Friday, April 27<sup>th</sup> so that we can invite our new Kindergarten class to school that day. Prek and Kindergarten parents should take note of this and remember that there will be **NO SCHOOL ONLY FOR PREK AND KINDERGARTEN.**
- **GALA TONIGHT** - *My gratitude and thanks are extended to all members of the St. Andrew Gala Team who are working so diligently to plan and bring to fruition a wonderful night of fun, socializing and fundraising for our school community. We are a bit behind on our ticket sales so far, so if you are waiting to purchase a ticket for this wonderful event, NOW IS THE TIME!! Please plan on a big night out with your friends and family to support your favorite cause – YOUR KIDS!*