

**ST. ANDREW CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER**  
**MAY 13 - 19, 2018**

Dear Parents,

**The absolute best part about being the principal of St. Andrew Catholic School is being able to spend time with our wonderful kids!** While visiting the Preschool classroom the other day, little three year old Agnes Belde was telling me about her family. "My daddy is my fa-ther" she said rather matter of factly. "Well," I said, "If your daddy is your father, who is your mommy?" (expecting, of course, for her to say that her mommy is her mother). "My mommy is my angel," she said. The wisdom of a little child! How blessed we are to have our angels on earth, our moms. Happy Mother's Day, to all our wonderful school moms!

**Thank you for your heartfelt responses to my letter.** I know that Fr. Mark has been actively looking for candidates through his network of priests and school personnel that he knows, and the school consultant from the Diocese of St. Cloud is informed and assisting as well. St. Andrew is a wonderful school in a dynamic, growing parish. There are excellent administrative candidates looking for work at this time, and I am confident that someone will be found to lead our school into the bright and hope-filled future that awaits it. Although Fr. Mark will be on Sabbatical, he plans to be here as often as needed in the hiring process, so be confident in knowing that the right person will be chosen for this ministry. Your prayers are the best way for you to be involved in this process at this time, and will inspire the best candidate to service at St. Andrew. I'll talk to the kids about everything on Monday.

**Some of you have questioned me about Radon testing** in the school after recent stories on local news and statements by the governor. We have an environmental service that does all of our on-site testing and abatement for things like asbestos, pest control, safe cleaning and chemical material use, air quality, water testing, etc. We were told that the radon tests would only be done in the basement, as that is where any possibility of radon gas exists. We will have radon testing done in the summer when the building is being cleaned.

**The Gala team meets this week on Tuesday** to go over the results of the event and start planning for next year. I should have numbers in the next newsletter regarding the financial success of the event. More next week.

**Literacy with a Technology Twist! 3:30-4:30 in the St. Andrew Gym 5-17-18**  
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Ms. Scipioni

ALL PARENTS, FAMILIES, GUESTS AND SCHOOL COMMUNITY MEMBERS ARE INVITED TO JOIN US AS WE CELEBRATE OUR FIFTH GRADE STUDENTS AS THEY GRADUATE FROM ST. ANDREW CATHOLIC SCHOOL ON WEDNESDAY, May 30th AT 12:30. WE WILL BEGIN THIS SPECIAL CELEBRATION WITH MASS, AND THE GRADUATION CEREMONY WILL FOLLOW. FIFTH GRADE PARENTS, THEIR FAMILIES AND GUESTS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND A SMALL RECEPTION FOLLOWING THE CEREMONY.

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SUNDAY, MAY 13 - ***Happy Mother's Day, Moms!***

We celebrate the lives of our mothers this weekend as we observe Mother's Day on Sunday, May 13th. Whether our mothers are living or deceased, we rejoice and are grateful for them and for the gift of life that they gave us. Let us remember our own mother in our prayers of thanksgiving today and everyday, and ask our gracious God to bless the mother of our family with divine grace and all that is good.

MONDAY, MAY 14 -

- The students in grade 1 have a field trip today to the Science Museum. Follow all of the directions from Mrs. Cross on the field trip permission form.
- The PreK is taking a field trip to Springbrook Nature Center. Follow all of the directions from Mrs. Rajkowski regarding the field trip.

TUESDAY, MAY 15 -

- Band and Instrument lessons, Grade 4
- Wrap up meeting for the Gala Planning Team. 6:00 p.m. at Cowboy Jacks.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 16 -

- 10:00 a.m. Mass, PARENTS AND RELATIVES/FRIENDS assist. Please join us as we sing and praise our God at today's Mass. All are welcome!  
**Volunteers are still needed to assist with the "parent mass" and your kids are welcome too!** Please email and let us know if you are available to assist. Volunteers will assist with the mass parts, and all will help with the singing in the choir. *Thank you, Parents, for sharing your gifts and talents with us at this liturgy!*
- **3:00 - 4:00 - SPIRIT COUNCIL MALTS AND FRIES!** Spirit Council members and their advisors, Mrs. B and Mrs. G. will be walking to Daddy O's for an end of the year celebration. Permission slips and \$5 must be turned in to participate. Thanks to all of the students and teachers who gave of their time and talent for this committee!

THURSDAY, MAY 17 -

- Band and instrument lessons. Only one more week until the concert. Don't forget those horns!

- Grade 3 has an energy presentation today at the school
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- **6:00 – PARENT ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE** - All parents are invited to participate in this meeting as we review the school’s strategic plan in considering how to meaningfully and purposefully engage parent involvement in the school. The meeting will be held in Mtg. Room #3.
- You may hear from Principal Omann (see 5/18/18) with a letter today regarding his administrative duties for Friday.

FRIDAY, MAY 18–

- PK has Bike Day! Check with Mrs. Rajkowski regarding details.
- Soooo ... once again ..... **Alex Omann “rules the school” as Principal for the Day – a prize purchased at the 2017 Gala! Mr. Omann will start his day with “door duty” in the morning, and has a great day ahead of him!**
- Every parent should have received an email from Mr. Johnson regarding today. If you haven’t received that email, contact Ms. Scipioni

***SATURDAY/SUNDAY MAY 19-20 - WEEKEND MASSES***

Fr. Newton’s birthday is on Saturday, May 19<sup>th</sup>

Sunday, May 20<sup>th</sup> is the North Star Boys’ Choir Spring Concert at 3:00 p.m. in the Lord of Life Lutheran Church.

**2018-2019 SCHOOL CALENDAR –**

You received a paper copy of the school calendar in your office envelope that was sent on 5/10/18. If you have already looked the calendar over you might have noticed we will start and end school earlier next year. Kids start on the 28<sup>th</sup> of August, and end on May 31<sup>st</sup>. We have scheduled a few additional student contact days over the public elementary school, which means we do have additional “Parent Drive Days” in the upcoming year. Parents, you need to contact me directly if the drive days provide you hardship in getting your child to/from school.

**There are some differences in our calendar compared to the public school.** We are taking an additional day of vacation at Christmas, less days off at Thanksgiving, and one extra day at Easter. Whenever you see a “P” on the calendar, that is a day we are in-session when the public school is not, hence they are parent drive days because we have no busing available on those days. We will send another copy of

the calendar with your "parent packet" of information at the school open house. That copy will have other information and special events listed. Please contact Ms. Scipioni directly with questions or concerns about the calendar.

### **MAY UPCOMING EVENTS**

- **SCHOOL BAND CONCERT! 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 24th** (also a concert during the school day ... time to be finalized ... 1:30?)
- **KINDERGARTEN GRADUATION AND MASS – MAY 23rd AT 10:00.** This is a lovely liturgy and ceremony assisted by and honoring our Kindergarten students.
- **PREKINDERGARTEN GRADUATION AND RECEPTION – Wednesday, May 23rd at 5:00 p.m.** in the church. Reception to follow.
- **THE TALENT SHOW! Join us on Thursday, May 24<sup>th</sup>** for a morning of singing, dancing, joke telling, ninja turtle kicking, hoola-hooping, rope jumping, and all kinds of fun, plan on being in attendance at the Talent Show! The time will be announced, but probably at/near 9:00 a.m. start.
- **FIFTH GRADE GRADUATION MASS, CEREMONY AND RECEPTION –** Make plans now to attend the Fifth Grade graduation Mass and ceremony, set for Wednesday, May 30th at 12:30 in the church. A reception will follow for fifth grade family, friends and guests in the cafeteria.

### **STUDENT REREGISTRATION ON SYCAMORE FOR 2018-2019 YEAR – PLEASE DO ASAP, COMPLETE BEFORE THE SCHOOL YEAR ENDS**

#### **FIELD DAY – VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED!**

At this time we are putting together the details for Field Day, set this year for Friday, May 25th. Field Day has traditionally been an opportunity for the students in grades K-5 to spend the day having fun and testing some of their P.E. skills. Mrs. Reemts and her committee are working to determine an interesting mix of traditional and new events for the kids to enjoy.

We are in need of volunteers to assist with the day. We'll get more information out to those of you who will be helping as the date approaches. Right now we are in need of parents and friends (or anyone who has already met the Safe Environment and Background Check criteria) to volunteer.

Our gratitude is extended to all who are willing and able to help us on this day. Lunch will be provided to all volunteers as a token of our appreciation. Please plan on joining us on this day by signing up on the Sign Up Genius website.

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

#### **SYCAMORE ON-LINE REGISTRATION INFORMATION**

In your May 3, Thursday envelope you received the instructions to re-enroll for your family for the 2018-19 School Year through Sycamore. At this time Sycamore has a issue with the document section and you are not able to open or print any of our documents, **however**, if you go under your own family Sycamore account you may

open &/or print the documents. Go under My School, Enrollment, Documents and you will see the documents you need.

Most of you have completed the Tuition Contract, the Paper Registration and the EFT form along with paying the registration fee back in March during our registration timeframe. Our Sycamore registration is coming later due to a time factor through Sycamore. If you have any questions feel free to email or call me.

Thank you!  
Sherri Stefano