

ST. ANDREW CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER
MAY 20 - 31, 2018

Dear Parents,

Friday, May 25th 2018 - FIELD DAY

PARENT/GUARDIAN, STUDENT, AND VOLUNTEER INFORMATION:

Thank you to those of you who have signed up to assist with grades K – 5 **Field Day on Friday, May 25th**. We still NEED 20+ more volunteers for Field Day, so please feel free to sign up on Sign-Up-Genius. There are 26 stations, so we will need a lot of help. The students' look forward to this day and it is a ton of fun! Please help us make it a success. Sign-up on Sign-Up-Genius or call Mrs. Stefano #763-441-2216 ex. 325 in the office for questions:

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

***Students in grades K – 5 should wear gym shoes, bring water bottles, and apply sunscreen at home before school starts.** (Students will need to reapply during the day if it is sunny.) - No sandals/flip flops please.

STUDENTS DO NOT HAVE TO WEAR UNIFORMS, BUT ARE REQUESTED TO WEAR THE FOLLOWING OLYMPIC COLOR SHIRTS IF YOU HAVE THEM AVAILABLE: (Do not purchase a shirt for the day. Do your best to match the color, but don't worry if it isn't exact... or you can't do it)

KINDERGARTEN – Blue	FIRST – yellow
SECOND – GREEN	THIRD – white
FOURTH – red	FIFTH – black

Volunteers- will meet at school in the cafeteria at **9:00am**. You will be assigned an activity to set-up and supervise. We will review all necessary information that you will need for the day in the cafeteria. (We would prefer you choose the full-day option, but half-day options are available too. Please refer to sign-up-genius for times.)

- Lunch will be provided to all volunteers as a token of our appreciation. If you are joining us for lunch, please add "hot lunch" to the notes on Sign Up Genius or call Mrs. Stefano in the school office.
- Opening ceremony starts at 9:30am in the gym.
- We **will not have childcare** for Field Day. Please do not bring toddlers or younger siblings when you are assisting with Field Day.
- *I'd like the classroom teachers to be able to work in their rooms for some time during the day. Please volunteer to assist so that they don't have to provide the help for this event.*

Blessings,

Mrs. Reemts, Physical Education Teacher

FIFTH GRADE GRADUATION

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. MORE INFO IN THE NEWSLETTER. WE WILL ALSO GRADUATE MRS. STEUTER AND MS. SCIPIONI AT THIS CEREMONY.

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All books have to be returned to the Library this week. Please get books back as soon as possible for processing.

MONDAY, MAY 21 -

- Fr. Mark begins his sabbatical period of study and spiritual rejuvenation today.
- **3rd Grade students attend a field trip** to St. Benedict Monastery and St. John's Abbey today.

TUESDAY, MAY 22 - LIBRARY BOOKS ARE DUE FOR THE YEAR

- **Grade 2 has a field trip** to Kelly Farm today.
- Elk River HS students who are alumni of St. A's will return to the school today at 9:45 for a short visit with the kids and teachers.
- Grade 4 has band/instrument lessons today

WEDNESDAY, MAY 23 -

- **10:00 - KINDERGARTEN GRADUATION MASS**, assisted by the Kindergarten students. Although the Kindergarten are not yet finished with school, the students will lead us in song and prayer during the liturgy, then have a short graduation ceremony at the conclusion of the Mass. All are welcome and encouraged to attend this Mass that is always a highlight of the year with the little ones helping out!
- **All band students (Grs. 4 and 5) have band today from 2:45-3:45 in preparation for the concert Thursday.**
- **1:15 - Fifth Grade Science Fair.** All parents, family members and guests are invited to come in and review the work of our fifth grade students as they present their science fair projects in the gym from **1:15-2:15.**

- **PREK GRADUATION - 5:00 p.m. in the St. Andrew Catholic Church** for the ceremony. A cookie reception will follow in the school cafeteria. All prekindergarten students, families and friends are welcome. Make sure you respond to Mrs. Rajkowski with the number of your family attending. Graduation marks the end of PreK for the year. Thanks for a great year, kids! See you in Kindergarten!

THURSDAY, MAY 24 – SPIRIT WEAR IS FINE FOR TODAY!

- **TALENT SHOW DAY! 9:00 a.m. SCHOOL GYM.** Parents, families and friends are invited to join us as our talented students display their many gifts during this special show. The Talent Show is often a highlight of the school year, and certainly an event to which the kids really look forward. Join us in the gym for this special show that starts at 9:00 a.m. and ends when it ends!
- **1:30 and 6:30 - SCHOOL BAND CONCERT** in the school gym. All parents, families and parishioners are invited to attend this fantastic musical event! There will be **NO lessons or AFTER SCHOOL REHEARSAL TODAY.** Fifth graders who are renting school owned instruments will return them after the evening performance. Fourth graders can keep their instrument over the summer for practicing!
- **Chrome Book Collection** – Fifth grade students must return the Chromebook and charger cord that they were given at the beginning of the school year. Fees will be assessed to any computers that are damaged or charge cords that aren't returned.
- **SCHOOL YEARBOOKS will be sent home in the office envelope today.**
- Today marks the last day of preschool. Thanks for a great year, kids! See you in PreK!

FRIDAY, MAY 25 – FIELD DAY!

- **The students DO NOT have to wear uniforms. However, it would help if the following grades could wear the following color T-shirt/play shirt:**

Black- 5th ; Red- 4th ; White- 3rd ; Green-2nd ; Yellow- 1st; Blue-K

- **Students MUST wear tennis shoes.** NO sandals or flip flops.
- Students are reminded to bring **hats, sunscreen and water bottles** for use today.
- Parents are asked to apply sunscreen to their child at home. Students will need to reapply during the day if sunny.
- **Opening ceremony is tentatively set** for about 9:30 in the gym. If you plan on attending, call Mrs. Stefano in the morning to check on the exact start time.

All volunteers are asked to meet in the school cafeteria at 9:00 for a short meeting. . We still could use more volunteers to really make this event work well, as we have 26 STATIONS THIS YEAR, and need volunteers for every one of them. If you volunteer, you are asked to help set up, supervise, and clean up the game you monitored. WITHOUT VOLUNTEERS THIS EVENT WON'T BE AS SUCCESSFUL OR FUN. Please sign up on line:

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

MAY 28 - 31st AT A GLANCE

MONDAY, MAY 28 - MEMORIAL DAY. NO SCHOOL

- There will be an 8:00 a.m. Mass in the church today to remember the lives of our beloved dead, and those who died in service to our country.

TUESDAY, MAY 29 -

- Gr. K - Field Trip
- Gr. 5 - Field Trip

WEDNESDAY, MAY 30 -

FIFTH GRADE GRADUATION MASS. All parents, guests and 5th grade students and their extended families are invited to attend this Mass as we celebrate Eucharist together, and recognize our very special fifth grade class as they prepare to graduate and leave St. Andrew. A small reception will follow this Mass and ceremony, which will be held in the school cafeteria and hosted by the fourth grade parents. Please join us as we celebrate this special group of kids.

- ***Grades K-4 STUDENTS ARE REMINDED THAT THIS IS A MASS DAY. BEST UNIFORMS AND NO SHORTS FOR THE LITURGY.***

Fourth Grade parents are needed to assist with the fifth grade graduation reception. There are many jobs, and ALL parents are needed to assist. Please contact/email MRS. BJORKEDAL to volunteer your assistance. This is a fourth grade parent expectation, and all parents are needed to either set up, serve or clean up. Please let Mrs. B know NOW how you will be able to assist.

THURSDAY, MAY 31 - LAST DAY OF SCHOOL!

"ALL SCHOOL" FIELD TRIP / CLEAN UP - ORONO ATHLETIC COMPLEX CLEAN UP DATE. Students in grades K-4 will do spring clean up today at the park we adopted. **Parents welcome to join us!**

- **Last day of school for grades K-4. Report cards will be sent home today. 5th grade is not in session today.**

NOTES

ALL STUDENTS WHO PURCHASED A YEARBOOK WILL RECEIVE THEIR COPY IN THE THURSDAY, MAY 24TH OFFICE ENVELOPE. Kids may certainly bring their yearbooks back to school on Friday, and throughout the remainder of the last week, as their teacher dictates. **We have a VERY LIMITED AMOUNT of extras available, and will sell them for the price of \$25 to anyone who is interested. The extras will be sold on a “first come” basis.**

YEARBOOK THANK YOU!

A great big thank you goes out to Mrs. Lynn Bauer for the wonderful job she did in putting this year’s school year book together. It was a big job to make this book a reality, and we are grateful for all you did, Mrs. Bauer. Thank you so much!

SUMMER TUTORING AND SUMMER EDUCATIONAL OPTIONS

Don’t forget that Mrs. Cross is available for summer tutoring this year, and parents are invited to contact her directly for information about tutoring.

NON-UNIFORM/SPIRIT WEAR DAYS –

The following are Non-uniform days, where students may wear Spirit Wear:

Thursday, May 24 - Talent Show day

Friday, May 25 - Field Day

Thursday, May 31 – All school field trip and last day for K-4.

SUMMER TACKLE BOX

We still have room for more students in our summer vacation, childcare program. Mrs. Hipsag has given much time and effort in putting together a summer program for the kids that is fun, entertaining and educational – as well as safe and well supervised. It’s not too late to register if you are interested. Please contact the school office or Mrs. Hipsag.

NEWSLETTER GETTING LATER AND LATER EACH WEEK!

Short termers syndrome, I guess! I’ll stick to a few short “blasts” for any other news or reminders from now until the end of the school year. I’m sure this won’t be my last newsletter, but on behalf of all the teachers and myself, I’d like to extend our gratitude and thanks for another wonderful year at St. Andrew Catholic School! Parents, I don’t think I tell you enough how fortunate the teachers, staff and I feel to be your partners in this most important mission of Catholic education. We love your kids – and you as well. We appreciate the countless gifts and talents that each of you have so freely shared this year with our school community, and the willing and cooperative spirit in which you have attended to each and every task. We thoroughly enjoy working with you and your marvelous children, and the rest of the faculty and staff look forward to working in partnership with you next year to nurture “our” kids in the love and faith of Jesus Christ.