

ST. ANDREW CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER
MAY 6 - MAY 13, 2018

Dear Parents

I truly can't believe how rapidly the 2017-2018 school year is quickly coming to a conclusion. I don't know how it is for you, but the years just seem to fly by for me. Speaking on behalf of the teachers and myself, I want to thank you all so much for everything you have done to make the school year so positive and successful. Your support and encouragement means a great deal to all of us, and we are truly grateful for the love and goodwill you and your lovely children share with us, it is our privilege to be your partner in the education of your greatest gift – your children. Thank you for sharing them – and yourselves – with us! We will keep praying for you and your kids, and ask that you continue to pray for us as we work to bring this school year to a wonderful end (but not quite yet!).

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 REGISTRATION FOR RETURNING FAMILIES

It's time to enroll for the 2018-2019 school year on our secure student data system, Sycamore. Completing your enrollment information is crucial to the school, as it gives us the most up to date information on your family, contact info, health information, etc. Mrs. Stefano has written a very detailed explanation as to how to complete this registration, and that information is included on the last page of this newsletter. Please follow her directions and get this done as soon as possible (by the last day of school at the latest!)

No numbers on the Gala yet, and one last thank you to all who shared of time, talent and treasure. Donation letters will be in the works soon, and final numbers will be shared when all bills are paid. It's looking great so far!

Ms. Scipioni

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SUNDAY, MAY 6 -

- **STUDENT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!** All students are invited to participate at the 10:30 Mass, where our St. Andrew Kids will lead the congregation in singing praise to our loving and gracious God. Students should wear their best uniforms, and arrive at the church at/around 10:15 to meet in the choir area.
- Join your parish family and friends for a **delicious breakfast today, served by the Knights of Columbus of St. Andrew Parish.** Bring the family for this all you care to eat buffet, available to you FREE – with a free will offering requested to support Vocations to the Priesthood in our diocese. Breakfast follows all Masses today.

MONDAY, MAY 7 – TALENT SHOW REGISTRATION FORMS DUE!!

- Measure of Academic Progress (MAP) Testing continues this week until it is completed.
- Grade 3 and 4 interested in playing in the BAND must have their paperwork turned into the office by TODAY to meet with Mr. deRosier to start testing for the appropriate instrument. Join Band Today!! The information was sent home to each third grade family in the office envelope.
- ***Puberty Talk for Fifth Grade parents*** - *Chris Codden, representing the Office of Marriage and Family of the Diocese of St. Cloud has been invited to speak to parents of St. Andrew fifth grade students at 6:00 p.m. in the fifth grade classroom. Mrs. Codden will talk about the emotional, physical, spiritual, and relationship changes during puberty; God's gift of sexual intimacy in marriage, and the miracle of new life and how it develops and enters the world.*

TUESDAY, MAY 8–

- Band and Instrument lessons for grade 4. Only a few weeks until the concert!

WEDNESDAY, MAY 9–

- 10:00 a.m. BIRTHDAY Mass, Grade 3 assists. Please join us as we sing and praise our God at today's Mass. All are welcome! **TODAY IS OUR LAST COLLECTION OF THE YEAR FOR CAER.** Please give generously to the food shelf in this collection.
- Final Children's Choir rehearsal for the school year.
- **6:30-8:00 LEADERSHIP NIGHT AT ST. ANDREW** – All parents and friends of St. Andrew Catholic Church and School are invited for an evening with Fr. Mark and parish leadership to consider and discuss the future growth of our parish. The meeting will be held in the school gym, and everyone is invited to help grow God's kingdom at St. Andrew through our lived faith and discipleship. Please come.

THURSDAY, MAY 10-

- Muffins with Mom for the Preschool class. Consult Mrs. Rajkowski's newsletter for details.
- Band and instrument lessons. Only a few more weeks until the concert. Don't forget those horns!
- LET'S TRY THIS AGAIN! Due to a schedule change with band, we were unable to have "Principal for the Day" scheduled last week as planned.
- Soooo ... once again **Ava Nelson "rules the school" as Principal for the Day - a prize purchased at the 2017 Gala! Ms. Nelson will start her day with "door duty" in the morning, and has a great day ahead of her! Watch for an email from Ms. Nelson about the day!**

FRIDAY, MAY 11 -

- Muffins with Mom for the PreK class. Consult Mrs. Rajkowski's newsletter for details.
- The Puberty talk will be given **to the fifth grade students** today. Mrs. Codden, Diocesan Director of the Office of Marriage and Family Life, is exceptional at this talk, and does it at Catholic schools and faith formation classes throughout the diocese and state.
- Students in Grade 2 assist with the Mass at Guardian Angels Nursing Home. Second grade parents should check with Mrs. Leither's update regarding if volunteers are needed, etc.
- Grade 3 and Grade 4 take a field trip to "The Works" today.

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.

PARENTS PLEASE HELP -

All parents are invited and encouraged to assist with the Mass on Wednesday, May 16th. All parents/grandparents/relatives who volunteer will be included in the choir - but those of you who are interested in doing "double duty" will help with the reading, the prayers of petition, greeting, Eucharistic Ministry, etc. We only have one "Parent Assisted Mass" each year, and really appreciate your willingness to assist with this. It is a great example for your kids, and makes Mass scheduling a little easier for us as well. Please contact us to volunteer your services - and plan on being at church at 9:00 on that day for a short practice before Mass.

SUMMER TACKLE BOX

It's time to register for 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. Get your registration form in now if you are interested. Please contact the school office or Mrs. Hipsag with questions.

SUMMER TUTORING AND EDUCATIONAL OPTIONS

If your child's teacher – or you – feel like a little “academic boost” during the summer would make a difference to your child's success in the upcoming 18-19 school year, know that Mrs. Cross is available for summer tutoring this year and parents are invited to directly contact her if you would like to hire her for this service.

FIFTH GRADE STUDENT “PUBERTY TALK”

Chris Codden, representing the Office of Marriage and Family of the Diocese of St. Cloud has been invited to speak **TO PARENTS** of St. Andrew fifth grade students on Monday, May 7th at 6:00 p.m. in the fifth grade classroom. Mrs. Codden will talk about the emotional, physical, spiritual, and relationship changes during puberty; God's gift of sexual intimacy in marriage, and the miracle of new life and how it develops and enters the world. This same talk will be given **to THE FIFTH GRADE STUDENTS** on Friday, May 11th. As a school community, we recognize that parents are the primary educators of their children, and this session is not to replace that responsibility. It is intended to support what you have already taught – or help you in what you are teaching your children. Mrs. Codden is exceptional at this talk, and does it at Catholic schools and faith formation classes throughout the diocese and state. If you have questions about this talk, please contact Ms. Scipioni

MAY UPCOMING EVENTS

- **SCHOOL BAND CONCERT! 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 24th** (also a concert during the school day ... time to be announced)
- **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 24th** 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

Returning Family Registration

Families will once again complete the enrollment process on Sycamore, our secure student data system. By using this system for enrolling, all student information will be stored and ready for the 2018-19 school year. Please visit the following address to begin the enrollment process:

<http://app.sycamoreschool.com/index.php?schoolid=1650>

*The enrollment process is time sensitive and must be done in one SITTING. If you stop the process in the middle, you can't return to it.

Registration Process

- ✓ The Registration fee is \$50 per student, or \$100 **maximum** per family (this is separate from any preschool registration fees). This fee must accompany all registration materials. This fee is not applied to tuition, but will go into the St. Andrew Catholic School Endowment Fund. This registration fee is Tax Deductible and meets requirements for a Matching Gift from corporations (please see your company's Matching Gift Policy for further information).
- ✓ Complete the enrollment process on Sycamore. Please follow the steps below for registering on-line.
- ✓ The following forms and documents are required for the enrollment process:
 - Tuition Contract – Signed by all responsible parties
 - Baptismal Certificate – new students only, not baptized at Church of St. Andrew
 - Copy of Birth Certificate – Kindergarten students only
 - Vision Transportation Form – **one** form for **each** student attending St. Andrew
 - EFT (Electronic Funds Transfer) Form if applicable
 - Request for Records – new students only, **one** form for **each** student
- ✓ Church of St. Andrew parishioners who would like to apply for financial aid, must do so through FAIR. There is a \$30 fee payable to FAIR for applying and applications must be submitted electronically. Applications may be found at www.fairapp.com and must be completed by April 17, 2018 to be considered for the 2018-19 school year. For more information, please contact Melissa Anderson, Parish Business Manager at 763-441-1483 ext. 310 or melissaa@saint-andrew.net.

Follow these easy steps to Register your child(ren) on Sycamore

<http://app.sycamoreschool.com/index.php?schoolid=1650>

- Current Families wishing to enroll after logging in go to: **My School/Enrollment/Online Portal**
- Enrollment Road Map & School Checklist
- Step 1 – Add additional contacts to the family profile or edit existing contacts. You can add as many contacts as needed.
- Step 2 – This is used to gather student information. You may not be able to proceed until all options are satisfied.
- Step 3 – Family Medical Information
- Step 4 – This screen is used to gather more family information.
- Step 5 – Verify everything you have submitted. There is a PRINT Verification button that will allow you to print if needed. You can go back at any time by using the “Previous Button” to fill in more information.
- Completed – This screen will congratulate you for completing the enrollment process. You must **DOWNLOAD** any documents needed for Admissions at this point. If you do not download the documents at this point, you will NOT be able to go back to this screen. You can then find them in School/Documents under Admissions 2018-19.

