

Fall Conferences Ahead!

The Parent and Teacher conferences for our all our students in Preschool – Grade 5 are being held on:

**Thursday, October 11
from 3:00 – 7:30 PM**

**Monday, October 15
from 3:00 – 6:30 PM**

There is an additional day of conferences added to our schedule to accommodate our Preschool and PreKindergarten students, which will be held on:

**Wednesday, October 17
from 8:00 AM – 2:00 PM**

Workathon Update

As of Wednesday, at 9:00 AM, we have raised \$12,427.80 of our \$28,000 school goal for this year.

**Turn-In Day # 2 - Friday, October 12
School Supply "Fun Pack"**

We are offering special incentives to students who meet their individual goal or exceed it. Students receive a special incentive when they meet their set goal of \$75 or \$150.

Workathon A Success!

Thanks to our outstanding students and teachers for your work at the Dave Anderson Sports Complex and Lyons Park.

We are thankful to all the parents who helped, too!

School Incentives for the Workathon

We participate in this Workathon as a school community. Every student enjoys a reward when we achieve each goal level. We have earned two already and we have scheduled those:

\$3,000 Goal Level
Bubble Gum Day
Friday, October 12

\$8,000 Goal Level
Popcorn & Punch
Wednesday, October 31

Here are other goals that can be achieved as we continue to collect pledges and gifts.

\$13,000 Goal Level for the Root Beer Float Day
\$18,000 Goal Level for the Out of Uniform Day
\$23,000 Goal Level for the All School Bingo
\$28,000 Goal Level for the Afternoon Movie Day

Fire Station Visits

We have a tentative schedule for Fire Prevention Week, which is:

Monday, October 15
8:30 AM: PreK
9:00 AM: Grade 1
10:00 AM: Grade 2

Tuesday, October 16
9:00 AM: Grade 3
10:00 AM: Grade 4
10:45 AM: Preschool

Wednesday, October 17
8:30 AM: Grade 5

Halloween 2018

Halloween is an exciting time for children. As we look forward to this celebration, we also want to inform you of what we are doing at school on October 31.

October 31 will be a student dress down day. Students are invited to wear "Halloween color" clothing or they may wear "Fall color" clothing. We do not want you to have to go out and buy something special – please use what you already have in terms of clothing for your child or children.

We will not be wearing costumes on October 31. Fundamentally, we have found that costume days have a limited "fun factor" for families and teachers. The typical morning time for most families is complicated by the additional stress of costume preparation. Some costume choices, no matter how thorough the school's guidelines, are not suitable to be worn at school or during the learning day. And, the behavior and attitude of children wearing costumes for 7 hours or longer deteriorates significantly during the day.

We are planning a couple of additional fun events to include the popcorn and punch party during the afternoon, as well as a "Science Lab" that students will visit with their classes. This lab will have interesting and creative interactive experiments for our children.

A Special Moment

This week we had an occasion that reflects everything good about our Catholic School, but goes largely unnoticed because it happens during the school day among our own students and faculty. On Wednesday past, we prayed the Holy Rosary together.

I had arrived in the Church prior to the students arriving in order to get myself into the proper mindset to lead the recitation of the Holy Rosary. Already present in the Church when I arrived was Ms. Anderson, who was playing music that would be part of our prayer. As the students arrived, a gentle humming began to rise up behind me. I could hear voices of our students humming a melody line as they were spontaneously drawn into the music that was playing. The humming grew to the soft singing of lyrics, the words of the Hail Mary. This transitioned to our prayer of Holy Rosary together reflecting upon the Five Luminous Mysteries or Mysteries of Light.

I contend that moments like these are the very reason we have a Catholic School at Saint Andrew. The love and light of Jesus Christ permeated our school community in a most gentle and humble way, through the spontaneous and tender voices of our children.

Looking for Lost Alum!

We are in the process of building up an Alumni database of students who have graduated from Saint Andrew Catholic School. Unfortunately, we do not have an up-to-date database of all our alumni.

We want to capture the names, addresses, and email addresses of our Alumni. Here is how you can help.

If you are an alum of Saint Andrew Catholic School, would you mind taking a moment to send an email to Tom Donlon, Principal?

We want to know your name, year of graduation, home address, and current email address.

Please email: tdonlon@saint-andrew.net



The Principal's Report

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