

Safe Environment Training

The requirements in the Diocese of Saint Cloud requires that anyone who has contact with a minor in a school or church sponsored setting, **MUST** complete the Safe Environment Training with the inclusion of the background check.

This means that parents who want to volunteer at school, chaperone or attend a field trip, or join their child here during school lunch, must complete the training and background check, otherwise, that parent will not be allowed to participate. It can take up to two weeks for the results of the background check to be completed.

Please, please, please take time now to complete the required training. We have provided the links you need in our Thursday Parent Envelope for this week.

If you have questions regarding the training or the status of your background check, please contact Lori Iannuzzelli at lorii@saint-andrew.net or call her at 763-441-1483 Ext 305.

An Open Door

I am aware that for some folks, it can feel uncomfortable and somewhat challenging to reach out to me to share their thoughts on issues or concerns related to the school. So often when parents approach me with a genuine and important matter, they feel the need to try and soften it by saying, "I don't want to be **'that parent.'**" However, I hope that every parent will be "that parent" on behalf of their child and for matters related to our community.

I know I have struggled at times to raise concerns about one or the other of my children with their teachers or administrators because I was fearful of the other persons reaction. Yep, fearful. I didn't want anything that I would say to impact my child. I always found, however, a very positive solution for everyone was achieved after I got over my fears and shared my concerns directly with the people who were involved.

I am aware that I am still "the new guy" here and it will take time and numerous interactions to get a feel for who I am and how I interact with people. I wanted to take a moment here to let you know that I hope to both appear as and seek to maintain a high level of approachability. I hope that you feel very comfortable approaching me --- even when I am getting under your skin.

I am comfortable meeting in person, talking over the phone, and communicating by email. I encourage you to choose the format you prefer the most when reaching out to me.

I can be reached at tdonlon@saint-andrew.net and at 763-444-2216 Ext 327.

School Picture Retake Day

School Picture Retake Day is scheduled for Thursday, November 8, 2018. We were not given enough forms from Lifetouch to send a copy home to each family. Please contact Mrs. Sherri Stefano in the school office if you would like a form for School Picture Retake Day. Return your original pictures if you are having your student take retakes.

Students retaking their pictures may wear their uniform or dress up for the day for their picture.

Report Cards

The First Trimester of school ends on Friday, November 16, 2018. Report cards will be sent home with students on Tuesday, November 20, 2018.

Student report cards are placed in a manila envelope with each student's name on it. We use the envelope three times during the year, so we request that the envelope is returned.

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.

We will not be wearing costumes 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 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.

Veterans Day Mass

The students of Saint Andrew Catholic School will honor our Veterans with Mass and coffee social on Wednesday, November 7, 2018. We invite all parishioners who have or are serving our country in the armed forces to join us for this special Mass. Mass is at 10:00 AM.

In addition, we invite you to submit a picture of a special veteran that you would like to include on our "Wall of Honor." The "Wall of Honor" is located in a prominent place in our main hallway, and is a constant reminder to us of the brave women and men – both living and deceased – who have served our country.

If you are interested in attending or have someone you would like to invite to join us at this Mass and the reception following, please call or email Mrs. Sherri Stefano.

"Casting Our Nets" Workathon Update

We are extremely grateful to all who have donated to the "Casting Our Nets" Workathon 2018. As of Tuesday, at 1:00 PM, we have collected **\$20,535.95** toward our \$28,000 annual goal. We are looking to raise the remaining \$7,464.05 by the end of the month. Please help us reach our goal!

The following number of students from each grade level have reached the individual goal:

Preschool = 3 and have raised \$300.00
Prekindergarten = 7 and have raised \$900.00
Kindergarten = 10 and have raised \$2,118.65
Grade One = 12 and have raised \$2,445.00
Grade Two = 11 and have raised \$2,556.25
Grade Three = 5 and have raised \$2,071.80
Grade Four = 11 and have raised \$2,770.20
Grade Five = 6 and have raised \$2,083.00

65 students have reached or exceeded their individual goal and raised **\$19,107.90** for Saint Andrew Catholic School. We do have many other students who are working their way to reach their goal as well.

Thank you to all in the parish who have contributed a total of **\$5,291.05** to the Workathon. We are grateful for your support.

If you haven't given, would you consider giving to our school through a gift --- small, medium, or large. If you would like to make a gift --- \$5.00, \$10.00, \$25.00 or more --- you can mail your gift to the school, or drop it off in the collection, marking the outside of the envelope with Workathon or Marathon.

We are so thankful to and for the many people who support our Church and School.