

## Early Release Tomorrow Friday, January 18

We have an Early Release Day schedule for tomorrow, Friday, January 18, 2019. Our school day is shortened by two hours. We will dismiss students at 12:40 PM. Lunch will be provided on this day.

Tackle Box is open and can accommodate children of families for whom this shortened schedule is problematic. Please contact Mrs. Laure Hipsag to sign up.

## Registration for the 2019-2020 School Year



We are excited to announce and begin the formal process of registration for the 2019-2020 school year. We extend our heartfelt gratitude that you are choosing Saint Andrew Catholic School for your child or children. We look forward to continuing to serve your family next year as well.

We have provided a copy of the Paper Application for Admission form and the Fair Share Preschool/ K-5 Tuition Contract in the Thursday Parent Envelope today.

Our timeline for registration is as follows:

January 18 thru February 1  
**Saint Andrew Catholic School families**

February 2 thru February 15  
**Saint Andrew Catholic Church families**

February 16 thru February 22  
**Area Catholic Churches**

February 23  
**Open to the public**

## Catholic Schools Week 2019 “Anchored in Faith: Fishing for Christ”



We are excited to announce that Catholic Schools Week (CSW) will be celebrated at the end of this month from January 29 through February 3, 2019. We have our schedule filled with fun and meaningful activities for our students and faculty.

Our theme for CSW this year is, “Anchored in Faith: Fishing for Christ.” We have designed our dress days, school activities, and fun celebrations all around the motif of fishing.

Please see this week's Thursday Parent Envelope for the detailed list of the events for CSW.

## Menu Change on January 24

The school lunch menu for Thursday, January 24 has changed to Taco in a Bag, Tator Tots, Refried Beans, Apple, and Milk (instead of hotdogs)



## Mid-Year Survey: How is Our Communication?

As of today, Thursday, 1-17 at 9:15 AM, we have received a total of 51 responses to the survey titled, “The Principal's Report: How is Our Communication?” This survey link was sent out to 109 recipients. Thank you to all who have completed the survey. We have nearly a 50% response rate. The results will be shared next week with our families in an appendix to *The Principal's Report*.

If you haven't completed the survey, please follow

[https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=iWsnPlgX\\_0Oj\\_X0Uczuceg-sYi\\_0VUFLmN2luZ4kshZUN0pMOEM4REpLVUJDM0tMQIAyTFYIMkjIOS4u](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=iWsnPlgX_0Oj_X0Uczuceg-sYi_0VUFLmN2luZ4kshZUN0pMOEM4REpLVUJDM0tMQIAyTFYIMkjIOS4u)

## Family Fun Night Friday, January 25

You are invited to the Saint Andrew Catholic School Family Fun Night Dance on Friday, January 25 from 5:00 PM – 8:00 PM.



The dances that each grade will be performing for their family and friends are an extension of Mrs. Reemts physical education class curriculum.

**5:00 PM - 6:00 PM:** Pizza & lemonade

**6:00 PM - 7:00 PM:** Saint Andrew School student dance performances will be in the following order: Preschool & Prekindergarten, K, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5.

**7:00 PM - 8:00 PM:** Gym lights down, DJ lights on, music and Kids Dance party with DJ Howard. There will be dance prizes. We will also have a photo booth and face painting.

## Help Wanted: Catholic United Financial Schools Raffle

We need volunteers to help sell the raffle tickets before and after the weekend Masses. We are looking for people to help out at any one of the Masses over the next several weeks. The time commitment is about 15 minutes before each Mass and 15 minutes following.



If you have helped out in the past and would like to again this year, or you are new to this and want to help out, please contact Sherri Stefano at [sstefano@saint-andrew.net](mailto:sstefano@saint-andrew.net)

## Crucifix in Saint Andrew Church Suspended above the Altar

The text below is an excerpt taken from Father Mark's article that will appear in the Sunday Bulletin this weekend, January 19 & 20, 2019. The complete article is well worth reading and is available online. Please follow the link below: <http://www.saint-andrew.net/publications>

*I am interested in your thoughts about the crucifix we have placed in the sanctuary suspended over the altar area. We are familiar with having a crucifix during lent but I think this is more pronounce and beautiful. I did contemplate purchasing a bigger version of the one we use for lent but stopped short when I saw the cost. Instead we decided to do some tests with a cardboard mockup for size and height to test what we would need. We found that the size we thought would be right was similar to the crucifix we had in the hallway. So, before we spend money on a new one we wanted to try this out. We will have this one up to see what we think through lent. Personally, I would like to have a crucifix up all the time since that is consistent with what the church asks of us (see below excerpts from church documents). However, I realize the risen cross has been up for 30 plus years in this church and is liked by many. I also have heard from many they would welcome a new crucifix. There are some thoughts about putting the risen Christ over the baptismal fount or in the adoration chapel. I am open to your thoughts, including using the resurrected cross how we have been. But I ask you to be open to what the church asks of us.*

*One other point I would like to make. It is not about a dead Jesus or a living Jesus, as some say. It is rather about the love of our savior which is made visible in this act of giving himself on the cross. It is about our love when we suffer and have to carry our cross united to Him that gives meaning to life and this fallen world and our struggles in it.*

Please let me know if you have any questions,  
In Christ,  
Fr Mark