



## When Snow Days Equal Snow Daze!

As the number of snow days pile up (the pun is intended), the question arises about whether or not we will need to add additional days to our school calendar to make up for the days lost.

You may or may not be surprised to learn that Minnesota does not have a state law that requires the exact same number of school days for every district in the state. Therefore, the decision to make up snow days is left up to individual school districts.

Why would a district add or drop days? There are two main reasons. First, funding for public schools is based, in part, on the Average Daily Membership (ADM) of students throughout the school year. Often, public school budgets are designed using real assumptions of income using an ADM formula. A school's income is based upon having a set number of students for a set number of days.

Second, schools are required to meet educational program outcomes. We know that the total number of instructional hours and days makes a difference in student learning. If the learning outcomes are being compromised, then time must be added.

Saint Andrew Catholic School is not planning to add additional days to our calendar at this time. We will continue to track weather related days off and, if we need to make up lost instructional time, we **may** need to reduce outside field trips or other non-essential, but important activities.

## Yearbook Order Forms

The cost for the yearbook is \$25.00. The orders are due by February 28, 2019. If you are paying by check, please make it payable to Saint Andrew Catholic School.

## Spring Conferences Ahead!

Our Parent and Teacher conferences for all of our students in Kindergarten – Grade 5 are being held on:

**Tuesday, March 5  
from 3:00 – 7:00 PM**

**Thursday, March 7  
from 3:00 – 7:00 PM**

-----

Our Parent and Teacher conferences for all of our students in Preschool and PreKindergarten is being held on:

**Tuesday, March 5  
from 3:00 – 7:00 PM**

**Thursday, March 7  
from 8:30 AM – 7:00 PM**

Parents are receiving an individual conference appointment schedule in today's Thursday Parent Envelope



## Have you purchased your CUFCS Raffle Tickets?

The Catholic United Financial Catholic Schools Raffle is designed so all the income raised by a Catholic school is 100% profit to that school. For every \$5.00 ticket sold, Saint Andrew keeps \$5.00.

To date we have sold approximately 900 tickets. Our goal is to sell 2,500 tickets. If you haven't sold or purchased your tickets, please help support Saint Andrew Catholic School.

We have tickets available before and after Mass each weekend too, until February 24, 2019.



## Skatetime Permission Slip and Order Due

Each year as part of our Physical Education (PE) programming we offer a unit of roller skating for our students in Grades K – 5. We use our gym as the roller rink and partner with Skatetime to use their quad skates. Skating provides a variety of benefits which include balance, coordination, motor skills, and a cardio-respiratory workout.

The skating times for each grade level are set for our regularly scheduled PE times during the school day. We offer this skating unit beginning March 13 and it concludes March 28, 2019. A list of the specific times and dates are included on the permission slip that is included in today's Thursday Parent Envelope.

### *Skate Size Needed*

Skatetime provides the skates at no additional cost to you, however, we do need to know your child's shoe size for the skates. Please complete the permission slip found in today's Thursday Parent Envelope, which also includes a section pertaining to your child's shoe size. The deadline is February 15, 2019.

### *Helmets Must Be Worn*

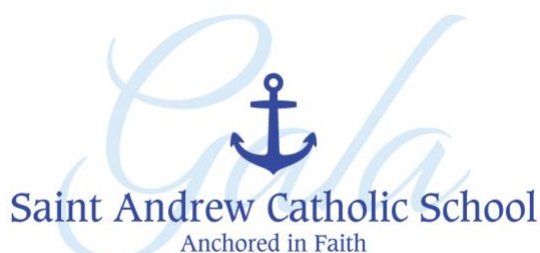
We ask that you provide a helmet for your child. Students are required to wear a helmet while skating. If you do not have a helmet, please let Mrs. Tonya Reemts know, and we can order one at no cost to you.

### *Parent Volunteer Help is Needed*

We would greatly appreciate your help in assisting with putting on and taking off skates for our students. Please see the specific times and dates each grade will be skating on the permission slip that is included in today's Thursday Parent Envelope. We are thankful for your help.



**SAVE THE DATE**  
APRIL 26, 2019 | 6:00PM



...  
Rockwoods Banquet Center  
9100 Quaday Ave NE  
Otsego, MN 55330

...  
Cocktail Hour | Plated Dinner | Games  
Silent Auction | Live Auction | DJ | Dancing  
**We can't wait to see you there!**



## Looking Ahead

Grade 5 at LLCC:	2/11/19 thru 2/14/19
Presidents Day:	Monday, February 18 No School
End of Second Quarter:	Friday, February 22
Conferences:	Tuesday, March 5 Thursday, March 7
Ash Wednesday:	Wednesday, March 6 Lent Begins