



Lockdown Safety Drills at Saint Andrew Catholic School

We completed our third of five lockdown drills yesterday, Wednesday, February 13, 2019. We are required to conduct five lockdown drills during each school year.

While we know it is necessary and important to conduct several lockdown drills at our school, we take extraordinary care when conducting these drills not to create fear and panic among our students. Our student population is very young and so we help them know that they are always safe within our building. We believe that ensuring their personal safety is essential to having a strong and loving educational environment.

We prepare our students prior to the start of each lockdown that we will be conducting a lockdown drill during that day. We are intentional about informing our students using the PA system that the lockdown is “only a drill.” This, we believe, helps the students understand that a lockdown drill is much like a fire drill or tornado drill.

We also keep the drills short in length and our teachers do an outstanding job of teaching and training our students how to conduct themselves during the lockdown drill to ensure everyone is safe.

Finally, we don't go into excessive detail with our students about the reasons for a lockdown. We are all aware of the devastating things that have happened in our schools. While we as a staff are keenly aware of the reality why we are practicing these drills, we think it best to keep our conversation focused on keeping everyone safe.

We are thankful that you have entrusted us with your children during the school day. Please know that keeping them safe physically and emotionally is our highest priority.

Happy Saint Valentine's Day



The celebration of Valentine's Day is a lot of fun for our students.

Many of our students make special mailboxes to collect valentines from their classmates. It is great to see the wide variety of mailboxes with each reflecting the personality of its maker.

Thank you for all the time and effort you put into helping your children with their valentine's mailboxes and the individual valentines.

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**

The deadline for submitting the conference sign up was yesterday, Tuesday, February 12. We want to make sure we can schedule conferences at times that are best for your family. If you have not returned your conference registration form, please do so by Tuesday, February 19.



Skatetime Permission Slip and Order Due

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 was included in last week'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, which 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. Tanya 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. We are thankful for your help.

No School on Monday, February 18, 2019

Saint Andrew Catholic School does not have school next Monday, February 18 in recognition of Presidents' Day. Enjoy the day off!

Help Us Invite Others to Come and Join the Saint Andrew Catholic School Experience.

We are so excited that our PreKindergarten class for the 2019-2020 school year is full. In this past week we had two new families from our parish register in PreKindergarten. We are still accepting registrations because we are ready to grow. Our goal is to have two sections of Prekindergarten and Kindergarten for the 2019-2020 school year.

We need your help in order to make this happen. Did you know that the most effective marketing you can do is positive word of mouth? We are designing and will be implementing a marketing plan that will empower all of us to share the wonderful benefits of the Saint Andrew Catholic School Experience.



What makes Saint Andrew Catholic School stand out from other schools in our area? It's Jesus. We have so many stories to tell you about the difference Jesus and His Church makes in the lives of our students and our families. We invite you to come explore the Saint Andrew Catholic School Experience.



We have also accomplished in providing both rigorous and personalized instruction to our students. We know that we are responsible for laying a strong and stable foundation for the children in our school. We take seriously the tasks of meeting and exceeding local, state, and national standards. Help us share this great news about the Saint Andrew Catholic School Experience.



We Need Your Help to Reach our Goal!

We really need your help to meet our fundraising goal of \$10,000 from the Catholic United Financial Catholic Schools Raffle. In order to reach that goal, we must sell a total of 2000 tickets. As of today, we have only sold just over 1000 tickets.

Please support Saint Andrew Catholic School through the Catholic United Financial Catholic Schools Raffle. This raffle is designed so all the income raised by a Catholic school is 100% profit to that school. As the sponsor, Catholic United Financial covers all the costs of the fundraising effort including the promotional expenses, the cost of the prizes, and they collect and reconcile all unsold tickets. For every \$5.00 ticket sold, Saint Andrew keeps \$5.00.

Tickets are available before and after Mass each weekend until February 24, 2019. You may also purchase tickets at Saint Andrew Catholic School.

Looking Ahead

Presidents Day:	Monday, February 18 No School
End of Second Quarter:	Friday, February 22
Early Release:	Friday, March 1
Conferences:	Tuesday, March 5 Thursday, March 7
Ash Wednesday:	Wednesday, March 6 Lent Begins
No School:	Friday, March 8

KidzArt has been Extended Two More Days

We have added two more times or days to our KidzArt calendar because of those that were cancelled due to our snow days.



KidzArt will be offered on Thursday, May 16, and on Thursday, May 23, for the families who were enrolled in the Session 2 class.

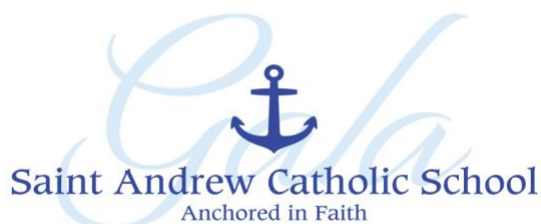
Spring Gala: Save the Date

Preparations are well underway for our biggest fun and fundraiser of the year. We have so much to share with you about this great event --- for now, mark it down on your calendars!



SAVE THE DATE

APRIL 26, 2019 | 6:00PM



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Rockwoods Banquet Center
9100 Quaday Ave NE
Otsego, MN 55330
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Cocktail Hour | Plated Dinner | Games
Silent Auction | Live Auction | DJ | Dancing
We can't wait to see you there!

