

Students' Lenten Generosity is Filling Our Shelves

Our students are collecting food for CAER this Lent. This past week we collected kid-friendly cereal, pancake mix, and syrup. The response and generosity of our students and their families was amazing. We filled our display to overflowing!



Each week we focus on collecting a specific item. Next week we are collecting baby food, infant formula, and paper towels.

Of course, we welcome all nonperishable items that you may want to donate. Students may bring their items directly to their homeroom any day of the week.

Week 2
March 18 - 22

Baby Food, Infant Formula & Paper Towels



Open House for Preschool and Kindergarten

Please help us spread the news about our Open House scheduled for Preschool / PreKindergarten and Kindergarten this month.

Preschool & PreKindergarten Open House

Thursday, March 21

4:30 – 7:00 PM

Little Saints Preschool Room

Kindergarten Open House

Sunday, March 24

11:30 – 1:00 PM

Kindergarten Room

If you know of a prospective family who may be considering Saint Andrew Catholic School, please pass this information along to them.

School Calendar for the 2019-2020 Academic Year

The school calendar for the Elk River Area School District #728 was approved by the board on March 11, 2019. We have formulated a draft of the Saint Andrew Catholic School calendar based in a large part on the District #728 calendar. Our school calendar is being reviewed by parish administration this week. We will publish our calendar upon its final approval.

There are a few things about the calendar to note:

1. School starts on Tuesday, September 3, which is after Labor Day.
2. There is no formal "Spring Break," but there are three days off offered in April 2020 during Holy Week and Easter.
3. There are three proposed "Parent Drive Days" near Thanksgiving break, which we propose adding to thereby reduce the number of school days in June 2020.
4. The last day of school is slated for May 28, 2020 which would conclude 169 student contact days --- the same as District #728.

We look forward to publishing the Saint Andrew Catholic School Calendar very soon.

Stations of the Cross for Students



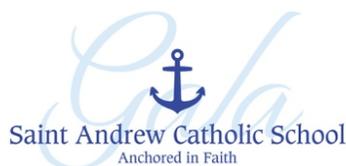
We offer the devotion of the Stations of the Cross to our students in grade one through grade five on scheduled Fridays at 1:45 PM during Lent. We will be gathering together for Stations of the Cross, tomorrow, Friday, March 15. You are most welcome to join us!

These remaining dates for the Stations of the Cross during the school day are 3-22 and 4-12.

Spring Gala "Early Bird" Tickets Sale Ends Tomorrow

Tickets for the Spring Gala are now on sale. We are offering an "Early Bird" special with Gala tickets being offered with a **\$10.00** discount. The Early Bird Gala tickets cost **\$65.00** per person.

This "Early Bird" special ends tomorrow, Friday, March 15. After this date, the Gala tickets will cost **\$75.00** per person.



Please take some time to check out our NEW Gala website <https://saccs.ejoinme.org/gala2019>. You can reserve your spot at a table, make a donation, and learn how to use our new mobile bidding app that will be used during the night of the Gala.



Reconciliation Offered for Our Students

We are offering the Sacrament of Reconciliation to our students during this Lent. The students in Grades 2, 3, and 5 will be attending on Thursday, March 21. Our students Grade 4 will be attending on Tuesday, March 26. We are thankful to Father Mark and Father Newton for leading our students in this important sacrament.

School Advisory Board Members Sought

We are seeking to fill two open positions on the Saint Andrew Catholic School Advisory Board. The terms are three years long and begin in June 2019.



The School Advisory Board (SAB) is a consultative body of the school that provides support and guidance for the school principal and pastor. The SAB is consulted in the areas of planning, school policies, major curriculum changes, the selection of the principal, and other issues important to the school.

Current voting members are: Melanie Curtis, Travis Deters, John Houlton, Kim Larsen, Jenny Plombon, Aaron Rasmus, Doc Sonntag, and Andy Weitnauer. We are seeking to replace both Aaron and Doc, whose terms expire at the end of this academic year.

The requirements for membership include:

1. A member of Saint Andrew Catholic Church, 21 years of age or older.
2. Interest in and commitment to Catholic education and to Saint Andrew Catholic School mission and philosophy.
3. Availability to attend meetings and periodic in-service program and to participate in committee work.
4. Maintain high levels of integrity and confidentiality.
5. Deal with situations as they relate to the good of the entire church and school community

If you are interested in pursuing this leadership role or would like more information about it, please contact Mr. Tom Donlon, Principal at tdonlon@saint-andrew.net or by phone at (763) 441-2216 Ext 327.