

**ST. ANDREW CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER  
NOVEMBER 10 - 17, 2017**

Hi Parents,

**TONIGHT! PLAYGROUND AFTER DARK!**

***WHERE:*** *St. Andrew School Playground / Park in the main church lot and enter the playground through the back gate.*

***WHEN:*** *7:00 – 9:00 p.m.*

***WITH WHO:*** *All of your St. Andrew friends and students*

***WHY:*** *Because we met and exceeded our Workathon Goal: \$30,435*

For our final Workathon celebration **the Parent Engagement Committee is sponsoring the “Playground After Dark” party, set for Friday, November 10<sup>th</sup> from 7:00-9:00 p.m.** Kids must be accompanied by an adult to attend, and adult volunteers are needed to assist with the bonfire, supervision of bathrooms/inside, and assistance with kids games. **Dress warmly as we are outside all evening!**

**Marshmallows and Keebler Fudge Stripes (peanut free) will be provided by the school for making smores.** School doors will be open for bathroom use only. Parents can park in the church parking lot, and enter the play area through the gate in the back. Plan on bringing the kids and enjoying a night of fun with your friends at St. Andrew.

**NEXT PARENT VOLUNTEER EVENT:**

**PLAYGROUND AFTER DARK! NOVEMBER 10th**

**Volunteer sign up can be found here:**

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f044fafad23aafe3-standrew1>

Many hands are needed to make this event the best it can be. **If you haven't signed up yet, JUST OFFER OR JUMP IN AND HELP TONIGHT.**

We had a wonderful day on Wednesday, November 8<sup>th</sup> when our veterans and their families joined the children of St. Andrew for a special Mass, blessing and program. As always, we are touched very deeply by the words and actions of our veterans. Their commitment to God, Country and Family is inspirational, and the children gain much from having their heroic example with us at Mass. Thank you to all Veterans and their families for joining us, and for their generous service to our country.

Ms. Scipioni

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SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11 – Today is Veterans Day

- The Respect Life committee of the St. Andrew Church is holding a **craft and bake sale on Saturday, November 11<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.** in our school gym. They are inviting parishioners to attend as well as to donate baked goods. If you are willing to help, or have any questions you can call Shannon Meyer at 612-986-3727.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12 – **TURKEY BINGO!**

- **Knights of Columbus Breakfast today following all Masses.** Come and join your parish community for a great breakfast, and support the good work the Knights do in our church, community and world. There is a free will offering for the breakfast.
- Save the date and plan on attending the **St. Andrew Youth “Turkey Bingo” from 1:30-4:30 p.m.** in the school gym. Refreshments will be available for purchase, and all proceeds from this event will go to CAER to support our local families in need.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 13 –

**PARENT DRIVE DAY! TODAY IS A PARENT DRIVE DAY AS PUBLIC SCHOOL IS NOT IN SESSION. Just a reminder parents that NOVEMBER 20 AND 21 are also parent drive days.**

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14 –

- Band and instrument lessons, grade 4

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 15 -

**10: 00 MASS – GR3 assists. BIRTHDAY MASS AND THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE**

We will celebrate the lives of our students who were born in the month of November. At that time we will also try to “fill the cart” with groceries and personal care items for those in our community who are in need of assistance.

Our school Spirit Council will be directing the collection of these items, and are asking for the children to donate nonperishable food items to help stock the shelves at CAER before Thanksgiving.

Thank you for your help and consideration. Please donate as you are able and what you are able. Any nonperishable donation or cash will be gladly accepted.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 16 –  
Grade 5 Instrument Lessons and Band

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 17 –

- Today marks the **end of the first trimester of school**. Progress reports will be sent home with the kids on Tuesday, November 21st.
- If the weather is good and every one is healthy, let's try one more time for the kids at assist at Guardina Angels. **Grade 3 will assist at Mass at the Guardian Angels** nursing home today and worship with the residents. Third grade parents are welcome and encouraged to join the kids in this important ministry. Third grade parents should watch for a communication from Mrs. Gjestvang with details or if we are unable to go.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20 –

**ST. ANDREW CATHOLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS**  
**LEAD THE SINGING AT THE 8:30 a.m. MASS**

*All students in grades K-5 are invited to participate at this Mass where we will lead the congregation in singing praise to our loving and gracious God. Students should wear their best uniforms, and arrive at the church at/around 8:15 to meet with Mrs. Olinger in the choir area.*

NOVEMBER REMINDERS

**WEATHER RELEATED SCHOOL CANCELLATION, LATE START AND EARLY DISMISSAL**

**CANCELLATION AND LATE START**

If the weather is too inclement for school to be held – or if a “late start” is required to give Elk River/MNDOT a little more time to plow/salt the roads – **St. Andrew Catholic School is closed (delayed) when Public School District 728 Elk River /Rogers/ Zimmerman is closed or delayed.** Because I'm not confident in the speed of communication on Sycamore, I don't want you to rely entirely on an email from the school when school is closed or delayed. We'll send an email, but cancellations will be announced/scrollled across television stations: WCCO, KARE; KSTP; KMSP, and announced on radio stations 830 AM, 106 FM, and BOB FM.

**When it is determined that school will be delayed, this is referred to as a two-hour late start. On a two-hour late start, school begins at St. Andrew at 10:25.** All buses will be running at their “usual” time EXCEPT that they will be two hours later than they usually arrive. Tackle Box will strive to be open at 7:00 a.m., and will

be an option if you need to get to work. **ON A TWO HOUR LATE START DATE WE WILL NOT HAVE MORNING PRESCHOOL/PREKINDERGARTEN.** However, the full day program will take place as usual.

Keep in mind that the “late start” option is often a step districts take to buy more time before an “official” cancellation decision needs to be made. It is entirely possible that a late start option could change to a school cancellation. You really need to keep watching/listening for district updates. All decisions are made by the school district superintendent and transportation director, and are done with your child’s safety in mind.

### **EARLY DISMISSAL / EMERGENCY CLOSING PLAN**

Very rarely will school close early for weather related emergencies. However, should there be a snow/weather related early school closing mandated by District 728, the following is the Emergency Dismissal Plan for St. Andrew Catholic School.

1. **When we find out about the early dismissal from our local public school superintendent, we will send out a batch email to all parent email addresses on our Sycamore system.** Parents should make sure that at least one of your email addresses is a work/personal communication device so that you receive this message when it is communicated. In the unusual case that St. Andrew is unable to send a message (internet down, for example) parents will need to monitor local radio/television stations.
2. **All students who ride buses will be placed on their usual shuttles and bus routes to home or daycare, unless we hear otherwise from parents.**
3. All parent pick up students need to be picked up within 30 minutes of the announced dismissal time. This includes students who are registered for Tackle Box as well. We will do our best to work with you on this, but it is important that our employees get home safely as well.

*The Emergency Closing plan follows the same procedures as the typical end of the day dismissal. If your child usually rides the bus, he/she takes the bus at early dismissal. If you pick up your child each day, you’ll need to be here for pick up. If the kids are registered for Tackle Box they will go to Tackle Box until you pick them up. As you can imagine parents, we won’t be able to receive 200 phone calls or emails with last minute information or plans on what your child needs to do in a weather emergency. Know what your emergency plan is should school close early, and communicate that to the school (send a note in the a.m. on “iffy” weather days) and communicate your plan to your child. Our goal – and yours – is to make sure that all children are safe, not scared, and feel secure in their knowledge of what is going to happen. Please be aware of the above rules now, and have an emergency dismissal plan ready just in case.*

**NEXT WEEK : I’LL GET THE INFO ABOUT ADVENT AND THE CHRISTMAS PROGRAM IN NEXT WEEK’S NEWSLETTER.**