

**ST. ANDREW CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER**  
**NOVEMBER 4 – 10, 2017**

Dear Parents,

Thanks so much to all parents who volunteered on line – or just came - to help with our celebration of Halloween and the Workathon. **Special thanks to Doc and Nancy Sonntag for setting up the Costume Parade, treat, and “Halloween Lab” as a special treat for the kids.** The kids had a great time! It always does my heart good to see our kids play and have fun – they are so full of joy and gratitude! Thanks again to all parents who volunteered their help on this day – we couldn’t have done it without you. **Final Workathon total: \$30,435! Wow!**

Our final Workathon celebration **The Parent Engagement Committee is going to sponsor 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. Sign up now!

**We can’t escape it any longer - the cold weather is coming, with the cooler weather already here.** It is our goal to go outside every day that weather conditions allow. I understand that the kids don’t want to start wearing warmer wear – especially boots and snowpants -, but **they need to start dressing for outside recess/play each day.** The kids will stay warmer, drier, cleaner and more comfortable with all their winter gear. However, they will go outside in whatever clothes they are sent to school. If you haven’t done it yet, get the snow pants and boots out of the closet ... we’ll be needing them in no time!

Thanks parents for your affirmation, support and prayers. All are needed and much appreciated!

Ms. Scipioni

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4 – *Be careful all you deer hunters!*

It's time to "fall back." Set your clocks back an hour before you go to bed tonight!

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 6–

**PreK has Mike the Baker** coming to give a presentation at 10:00 a.m. today.

Parents are welcome to attend and enjoy this favorite storyteller, with the presentation being held in meeting room 3 by Door C.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7 –

Fourth grade band and instrument lessons.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 8 -

- **10:00 – VETERANS DAY OBSERVANCE / MASS**, assisted by the students in grade 5. This Mass is our celebration and recognition of local veterans. All veterans and their families are invited to attend this mass, where they will receive a special blessing for their service to our country. A short program will follow the Mass, then our veterans and their guests will be invited for a reception in the cafeteria sponsored by the school. Students may attend this reception with their relatives who are veterans.
- **BOYS IN SCOUTING ARE INVITED TO WEAR THEIR SCOUT SHIRTS/UNIFORMS TO SCHOOL TODAY**, as they will participate in the service. They may wear them in place of their uniforms today.
- **PARENT ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING – 6:00 P.M. at Mucho Loco in Elk River.** *All school parents are invited to join this active group of hardworking parents committed to making extracurricular activities at St. Andrew engaging and fun. We will be planning for the Playground After Dark, the Christmas Social, and Catholic United Financial Raffle. Please come!*

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 9 –

**PICTURE RETAKES / PRESCHOOL PICTURES** - **Preschool students have their school pictures today**, and should consult Mrs. Rajkowski's newsletter regarding dress for the day. **Students who were absent on picture day will have their picture taken, as well as anyone who is unhappy with pictures for any reason - all may have pictures retaken on that date. You must return the entire picture package on retake day if you are unhappy and retakes will be free.** This IS a uniform day for grades K-5. Students having a picture retake should bring their clothes that they want for pictures. We will also have classroom group pictures and an All School picture taken today. Both of these options are available only in the school yearbook, for which we will start taking orders in January (\$25).

Grade 5 band and instrument lessons

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 10 –

Let's try it again since we missed our last opportunity due to inclement weather - **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.

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.

NOTES

**THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE – At Mass on Wednesday, November 15<sup>th</sup>** 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.

**UNIFORM REMINDERS** - I really don't want to use the word “Christmas” yet, but if you are making uniform purchases as part of your Christmas shopping, it seems like a good idea to go over a few reminders about our uniforms:

- Hooded sweatshirts or hoodies are not acceptable. They cannot be worn during the school day if cold in a classroom or at mass. They can be worn out for recess as part of their outerwear.
- Pants must be free of “cargo” or additional side pockets.
- Collared shirts, cardigans, sweaters must be free of any additional decorations (i.e. ruffles, lace, extra stitch work, etc.)

- Leggings must be white or navy, and may only be worn under a jumper or a skort/skirt.

Parents, please reread the uniform policy as listed on Sycamore. We are doing our best to legislate uniform issues, and contact parents when we see something not in compliance. Thanks for being so agreeable and understanding as we continue to make our uniforms a great option for our kids and you.

**CHRISTMAS PROGRAM** (It's not that far off!) All parents are reminded that we have the children's Christmas Program set for Tuesday, December 19th. There will be an afternoon and an evening performance. Just a reminder to keep this date open for you and family to attend.

**GALA PLANNING – IT'S ALMOST TIME!** A debt of gratitude is due to John and Melinda Wareham for agreeing to be the chairs of this most important and necessary fund and friend raiser of the year. A Gala Kick Off and Planning Meeting will be set for the near future. We really need the ideas and assistance of all parents to make this event the most successful it can be. Start thinking about volunteering for this event, and learning how YOU can help with our largest fundraiser of the year.

**DIOCESE OF ST. CLOUD SEXUAL MISCONDUCT / PROTECTION OF YOUTH POLICY:** For the first time in – well... ever - all parents in grades K-5 have a current background check in place, and should have no issue with volunteering, chaperoning or any other supervision of children. This is great news! Thank you parents for doing this most important part of the requirement.

*We still have about 125 parents who have yet to complete the second part of the requirement: the On-line Safe Environment Training at [www.stcdio.org](http://www.stcdio.org) This is the easiest part of the expectation, which just involves watching a short video and submitting your participation. **You must hit the SUBMIT button at the very end of the video/training or it will not register your completion of this portion of the requirement.** Email Mrs. Stefano at [stefano@saint-andrew.net](mailto:stefano@saint-andrew.net) to indicate that you have met this requirement if you haven't done it yet.*

St. Andrew Catholic School

Picture Day: Thursday, November 9

**Picture Day ID: MI217488Y1**

This is only for Preschool families who haven't had their child's picture taken yet, and want to pay for it on line. Life Touch Studios website. Retake information found under Thursday, November 9<sup>th</sup>.

**ST. ANDREW CATHOLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS  
LEAD THE SINGING AT THE 8:30 a.m. MASS  
ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19<sup>TH</sup>.**