

**ST. ANDREW CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER**  
**SEPTEMBER 22 - 29, 2017**

Dear Parents,

We've got a big week at St. Andrew this week with the best day of the school year already here: **GRANDPARENTS AND SPECIAL ADULT FRIENDS DAY!** We can't wait for Grandma, Grandpa or our special adult friends and relatives to join us for the day. **Here's the info your relatives will need for planning:**

- **Grandparents / Friends should come to the church when they arrive in the morning. They may gather in the church vestibule and wait for the children to arrive. Please arrive at/around 9:30. Grandparents will be given a nametag to wear for today's event. Grandparents should park in the lot in front of THE CHURCH (not the school if at all possible).**
- **At/around 9:40 the children will sit in "classroom groups" in the back of the church. They will have signs that indicate their grade level ("K" "PreK" "4" etc.) Grandparents need to pick up their grandchildren from these groups.**
- **After grandparents pick up their grandchildren, they will all sit together at Mass. They may sit wherever they are comfortable in the church. Children in grade 3 will sit together without grandparents, as they are assisting at Mass.**
- **Mass starts at 10:00 a.m. Following Mass there will be a very short program in the church where the children will showcase their singing talents with Mrs. Olinger.**
- **After Mass and the short program the children and their guests are invited to come to the cafeteria or gym for a delicious snack and something to drink. Our snack this year is doughnuts! (Parents with allergy concerns should contact Julie in the kitchen, but all food purchased is pea/tree nut free, processed in nut free facilities.)**
- **Kids are then welcome to bring their family through the school. We'll have artwork hanging in the halls, they should go to their classroom, go and see the library and introduce their grandparents/relatives to their teacher and principal!**
- **"Roaming Photographers" will be taking pictures of grandparents/relatives and kids. We'll remind everyone that we would like to have their photo taken, so that you have a lovely reminder for grandma and grandpa of this special day. It's important grandparents**

**remember to have their picture taken with the grandkids, as photographers are not keeping track of who has pictures taken.**

- **At/around 11:45-12:00 OR SO we'll need to say goodbye to our guests. An announcement will be made at this time. Tell your parents they are welcome to join us on any other day for lunch, but we aren't able to accommodate all guests and students on this date.**

**R.S.V.P.**

**GRANDPARENTS / SPECIAL FRIENDS**

All parents (PreK-5<sup>th</sup> grade) are asked to call Mrs. Stefano in the school office (x325) to let us know how many grandparents/adults will be in attendance on Grandparent's Day. Having a count in advance helps us prepare the treats for this event. Grandparents/Friends can come without registering, but having the number of guests is really helpful to our planning.

**ARE YOU STILL ABLE TO HELP?**

We are in need of MANY parent volunteers for Grandparent's Day. Please volunteer your help through our on-line sign up or call /email Mrs. Cross directly. Volunteer sign up can be found here:

***AT THIS TIME WE NEED PARENTS TO SIGN UP AND ASSIST WITH GRANDPARENTS/SPECIAL FRIENDS DAY.***

- **Kitchen volunteers are needed. Must be available from 8-15. Need 5**
- **Photographers (with your own camera) are needed to take pictures of kids and grandparents together. This starts after mass. Need 2**

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

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

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MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 25 –

**SCHOOL IS NOT IN SESSION TODAY.** The teachers and parish staff are attending an inservice day today sponsored by the St. Cloud Diocese

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26 –

- **RETURN YOUR WORKATHON PLEDGES/MONEY TODAY**
- We are working on our next incentive for the WORKATHON! **Once we collect \$8,000 we will play all school BINGO over the P.A. system!** Check out the note section for more info.
- Band and Instrument lessons for grade 4

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27 –

**NO MASS TODAY FOR THE STUDENTS** due to Grandparent's Day Mass on Friday

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 28 –

- Band and Instrument lessons for Grade 5
- T/TH Preschool has their Grandparents Day celebration today. ***Preschool parents should consult Mrs. Rajkowski's email for the details on this day.*** This is not a Mass or prayer liturgy, but still an opportunity for Preschool Grandparents to spend some special time with their grandchildren.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 29 –

- **GRANDPARENTS AND SPECIAL ADULT FRIENDS DAY!** *Please see the explanation on the front page of this newsletter for all the details on this day.*
- ***PreK students and families will participate in this special day with the K-5<sup>th</sup> grade students. HOWEVER, MRS. RAJKOWSKI HAS INFORMATION WITH SPECIFIC PROCEDURES THAT MAY DIFFER FROM THE OTHER CHILDREN.*** PREK families should consult the information you receive from Mrs. Rajkowski to better understand the happenings of this day for PreK.

**NEXT WEEK AT A GLANCE:**

MONDAY, OCTOBER 2 –

**Return Workathon \$\$.**

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 3 -

Vision and Hearing rescreen

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 4 –

Fr. Mark on retreat this week, **no Mass. All School Rosary at 10:00** in the church.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 5 -

Scheduled conference appointments in the office envelope today.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6 –

**School Pictures today.** This is a **non-uniform day** due to pictures. Spirit Day will be Friday, October 13<sup>th</sup>.

**PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT INSTALLATION (see note)**

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7 -

School kids sing at the 5:00 Mass today. Plan on having your child join us!

**PICTURE DAY IS  
COMING SOON!**

St. Andrew Catholic School  
Picture Day: Friday, October 6

## Picture Day ID: MI216193Y0

Parents received a paper copy of the portrait packages available through “Life Touch” our school photographers. You may either return the paper order form with payment or order your package at [mylifetouch.com](http://mylifetouch.com)

More info about pictures in next week’s newsletter.

### **PARENT / TEACHER CONFERENCE APPOINTMENT**

Parent Teacher conferences are slated for October 12th and the 17<sup>th</sup>. I kind of jumped the gun by sending the preference slip home so early. You will still receive your conference appointment in the Thursday, October 5<sup>th</sup> office envelope.

I’ll send more info regarding conferences as the date nears, but be reminded that we will provide free child care during conferences through our Tackle Box program. We appreciate how everyone makes conference attendance a priority in their schedule, and look forward to meeting with you to discuss the progress your child/children are making.

## PLAYGROUND INSTALL

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6<sup>TH</sup>

As most of you know, the “Fund a Need” money raised from the Gala (May, 2017) was earmarked for new playground equipment. We received about \$20,000, and have purchased a new piece of equipment that is a little lower in height and meets requirements for children of school age. We also purchased a GaGa pit! The kids are excited! These cost for these two pieces is \$20,000. Our total allotment.

First grade parent, Ben Fisher, has taken on this project from the ordering of the equipment to its installation. He has arranged with alumni parent, Matt Brenteson of Brenteson Construction, to assist with the installation. *Matt will provide the heavy equipment, dig the holes, pour the cement, clear the rock and possibly provide a bit of the manpower for this job. A representative from GameTime will also be there to assist.*

**Because of needing to have/pour cement, WE NEED TO HAVE THE INSTALL ON FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6<sup>TH</sup>. Parents are needed to put together/build the equipment. Tools will be provided. However WE WILL NEED ABOUT 8 PARENTS TO HELP. We realize this is on a work day, but to get the construction guys and trucks we need to schedule then and not on a Saturday.**

So here’s the new schedule – We’d like to start building the equipment at/around 7:30 a.m. on that day. A light breakfast (bagels, fruit, coffee, juice, water, etc.) will be

provided for all who assist, and lunch will be given from the hot lunch menu. If we could get about 8 helpers, the GameTime rep feels like we could be done during the day – possibly by 2:00. That would be with everything – cement poured and curing as well.

I realize this is A LOT to ask, parents. We just can never find a time that works for everyone, and I feel we have to be conscientious of Matt Brenteson’s schedule as he is doing this for little/no cost to the school. This is an extremely generous donation, and we need to match his gift in kind (labor assistance). Please check your schedule and see what you can do to make this happen. Either sign up on Sign Up Genius or email Ms. Scipioni ( [sscipioni@saint-andrew.net](mailto:sscipioni@saint-andrew.net) ) to volunteer.

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

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

**WORKATHON UPDATE  
COLLECTION TO DATE: \$5,893.84**

All students are expected to solicit pledges from family and friends in support of this endeavor. ***Kids should ask grandparents, aunts, uncles, friends and neighbors for a donation to support them as they do their job in cleaning up the community. Those who give a donation should not expect that we will do a job for them – they are instead sponsoring/supporting our service project that gives back to our local community.***

Parents/Family members should also check with your employer for matching grants available with your gift. Matching grants are a great way for us to maximize our donations and help us reach our necessary total.

**STUDENTS IN GRADES K-5 ARE EXPECTED TO COLLECT/RAISE - \$150.00 EACH  
STUDENTS IN PRESCHOOL/PREK ARE ASKED TO CONTRIBUTE - \$75.00 EACH**

*WE HAVE FOUR “GARBAGE GOALS” THAT WE ARE CURRENTLY WORKING ON FOR OUR INCENTIVE:*

\$3,000 - Gum Day at School! Bubble blowing!

\$8,000 – All School Bingo on the PA system!

\$13,000 - Ice Cream treats

\$18,000 – Hallway Dance Party!

\$23,000 – Hawaiian Day – a day of fun and surprises. No uniform, go Hawaiian!

\$28,000 – Family night at school! Spend some time outside in the dark playing with friends!

## **WORKATHON / HUMANITARIAN RELIEF**

To assist our brothers and sisters in Mexico, TexasFlorida with much needed funds to start rebuilding their lives, St. Andrew Catholic School is partnering with the National Catholic Education Association to help fund Catholic schools with what they need to get their schools up and running again. We plan to give a portion of our Workathon collection to assist in this endeavor. We planned many free or low cost incentives so that we can donate the money we would have spent on prizes (inflatables, parties, etc.) to those who are in greater need. This is something we have talked about as a school, and something the kids are in agreement with as well.

## **THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!**

A debt of gratitude and humble thanks are extended to the Golf Classic co-chairs Aaron Rasmus, Bret Beecher and Travis Deters for putting together a wonderful event for golfers and non-golfers alike to support and promote St. Andrew. At the time of the writing of this newsletter the weather still looks a little “iffy” but I’m confident everything will be perfect today – even the weather!

An event like the Golf Classic doesn’t happen without much time and effort devoted to its planning, organization and implementation. We all benefit from the work, volunteer service, and donations given in support of the Golf Classic, as the funds assist our school operation. Thank you to all involved!

**Parents, we absolutely could not be able to maintain the budget that we have to provide for the programs that we do without fundraisers and donations.**

**Tuition payment only covers about 40% of our operating expenses. The majority of our funding comes from parish subsidy (the money you give in your envelope at Mass) and fundraisers. I can’t tell you strongly enough that we need your participation as a volunteer and as a participant in every fundraiser. If golfing isn’t your thing, collecting for the Workathon needs to be. Selling tickets for the Catholic School Raffle in February needs to be.**

**Supporting the Gala needs to be. We cannot do this without the equal involvement and participation of everyone. Please continue to support our school with your prayers, words, actions and financial resources. We are grateful!**

