

# APOSTOLIC TIMES

St. Andrew the Apostle School

PRINCIPAL'S NEWSLETTER    September 15, 2009

Dear Parents:

The GOOD NEWS of St. Andrew is everywhere. We just celebrated our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner Dance and the evening was fun, relaxing, and festive. Thanks to Suzanne Novak and Paula Bucciferro for chairing and coordinating the event. Congratulations to Mr. Irwin for winning the teacher race! We appreciate the school families who were in attendance and those who made other valuable contributions to make the event successful and faith-filled. We are all mindful of the great memories of the past and let's continue to pray for many more spirit-filled years in Catholic education.

## PARENT SURVEY (See letter attached)

The Catholic Schools Office is requesting your input! As you may remember the Meitler Group is consulting with the Diocese of Joliet as we plan the future of all Catholic schools. You as parents play a key role in this process and your feedback is extremely valuable. Attached is a letter outlining the steps to complete your survey. We are requesting that surveys be completed by Friday, September 25. **If we have a response of 90% (or better) from parents, the administration will give the kids a Jean Day on Tuesday, October 6.** Thank you for your cooperation and for sharing your voice with us. More information will follow as the year progresses.



## DROP OFF PROCEDURES

Starting Wednesday, September 16<sup>th</sup>, please drop off your children at the front doors of school. There have been some parents that have been accompanying their children to class. The younger students know the way to their classrooms by now & if they want someone to walk with them, Mrs. Bitzer or Mrs. Jasnica will do that. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

## “PUTTING THE BAND BACK TOGETHER”

Grades 4-8 will have a band presentation at 1 P.M. in the hall on Monday, September 21<sup>st</sup>. We hope this will revive the once-great band program and thanks to the parents who have requested this for the children at St. Andrew. The students will be given information at the demonstration. So check with your child on Monday for the registration form.

## TARDIES

It is very important to get your children to school on time. After the 2<sup>nd</sup> tardy & every tardy after that the student will be given a lunchtime detention. School doors open at 7:45 A.M. Please arrive on time to school to best serve your child.

## FROM THE ACCOUNTING DEPARTMENT

The Parish is tracking the use of envelopes to qualify for the active tuition rate. Just a reminder to use your envelope, regardless of your generous amount.

## ROAD CONSTRUCTION

The construction on Normantown Road continues. It is estimated that this will be a two month construction project. Drivers are advised that traffic on Normantown Road will be reduced to one-way eastbound traffic only from just west of Montrose Drive to east of Geneva Ave. For additional information please contact the Public Works Department at 815-886-1870.



## CALENDAR DATES

The deadline for dates for the Oct. calendar is Fri., 9/18, please email lbitzer@standrewromeoville.com.

## FAMILY NIGHT

Enclosed is a flyer for the PTO Family Night at Culver's on Thursday, Sept. 24<sup>th</sup> from 4-9 P.M. Mark your calendars so you don't miss the date.

## FOUNDERS DAY PARADE

St. Andrew School will be marching in the Founder's Day Parade on Sunday, 9/20 at 2 P.M. We need parents & students to march. Students should wear their athletic uniforms or spirit wear. All participants should meet at the Rec. Center at 1:30 P.M. Contact Mrs. Bolero if you can do this at 815-577-6584 or email her at saathletics@aol.com.

## FALL FUNDRAISER

The Fall Fundraiser packet is being sent home with EACH student today - it is **not** in the family folder, please be sure to get them from your student(s). We will be having a classroom contest. The classroom that sells the most items will receive a Jean Day. For families who choose to only turn in 1 order form the items will be divided evenly between all students. The student(s) that has the highest dollar amount in sales will receive a prize. Good luck to everyone.

## BOX TOPS & LABELS

We're ready to kick off the 2009-2010 Box Tops for Education collection. This is a way of helping our school and our students. Every box top is worth 10 cents and that adds up fast if everyone collects them. It is very important to get your friends & families to help us collect, too. The labels & box tops should be delivered by your students to their classrooms. There are collection boxes in each classroom. Enclosed with this newsletter is a list of products that have Box Tops for Education. The labels that should be collected are Campbell's labels, Mrs. Martin is the coordinator this year so if you have any questions, please contact her at 815-372-2917 or email her at Pilotdance@aol.com.



## MARKET DAY

Market Day pick up is Thursday, September 17th. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer to help, you can call Jodie Nelson at 815-407-0748. We appreciate your support and we're looking forward to seeing you at our Market Day Sale!



## STAY HEALTHY

St. Andrew School has a plan to stay healthy. That means putting into effect a specific plan to stay healthy, including:

- \*Vigorously washing hands with soap several times a day, and more when possible.
- \*Refraining from touching your nose or your mouth with hands that have not been washed.
- \*Covering up sneezes or coughs with the elbow or upper sleeve.
- \*Staying home from school or work when flu symptoms first appear.

## H1N1 FLU UP-DATE

Please read the enclosed letter from the Will County Health Department about the H1N1 flu. More information can be found at [www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu/schools](http://www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu/schools). Schools are **not** closing when reported and confirmed cases are identified. Please make sure kids are kept at home when they are sick! School policy is to keep kids who exhibit symptoms and other signs of illness (not feeling well) away from the general population. Kids at SAS will not be in class if they are ill/sick. Thank you for your cooperation.

## EXTRA COMPUTER/LAPTOPS

Have a working computer or laptop around your house or office that is collecting dust? Why not donate the equipment to the school. We will recycle the computer and give it to a student that is without a computer. The computer/laptop can be dropped off at the computer lab from 9 A.M. to 3 P.M. If you need to bring it by in the evening, e-mail Mrs. Zilka @ [jjzilka@standrewromeoville.com](mailto:jjzilka@standrewromeoville.com) or call 815-886-5953 Ext. 401. Thank you always for supporting our school.



## COMPUTER LAB DONATIONS

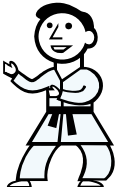
Mrs. Zilka is still looking for donated colored tissue paper. She is also looking for some cushions for the computer chairs in the lab. Some of the chairs are too low for the younger students. If you would like to make or donate some cushions...they would greatly be appreciated!

### COMPUTER HELP NEEDED

Do you like to work with computers? Do you have some technical experience that you can offer once or twice a month? If you do, you are the perfect person we are looking for to be on the school Technology Team. If you are able to help, please e-mail Mrs. Zilka at [zjilka@standrewromeoville.com](mailto:zjilka@standrewromeoville.com).

### MARTIAL ARTS

Martial Arts will start on Sept. 24<sup>th</sup>. We have not received the registration forms in the school office from Master Mark. As soon as they arrive I will send them home with the students. You can sign up on the first day of class. Checks are made payable to Phoenix Martial Arts.



### E-MAILS NEEDED

Please take a moment to ensure the school office has your accurate e-mail on file. If you have not been receiving e-mails from the school, please call the school office. We have a few e-mail addresses that have been rejected. Please make sure we have the correct e-mail address on file to set up your TeacherEase account.

### LUNCH HELPERS

We will be needing *consistent* parent volunteers to assist in the lunch room each day. If you are interested in helping, and know that you can consistently help one day each week throughout the school year, please call the school office at 815.886.5953 x420 or Bernadette at x303.



### PARENTS NEEDED FOR PTO

An active and dedicated PTO is an asset to any school. Please consider an active role in your child's education by joining the PTO. We need people to work behind the scenes and assist in various ways, so it's not just about attending evening meetings! Speaking of meetings, the first PTO meeting will be on October 15<sup>th</sup> at 7 P.M. in St. Mary Center. We want to extend an invitation to all parents to join the PTO by contacting the school office. Please share your time and talents with the children!

### COME JOIN US

The St. Andrew Conference of St. Vincent De Paul Society will participate in Friends of the Poor Walk on Saturday, September 26, 2009. Gather your family, put on your walking shoes, and walk a mile or more, to help those in need. So many of our brothers and sisters at St. Andrew the Apostle Parish and surrounding community are struggling. The Annual Friends of the Poor Walk offers the Society the opportunity to acquire funds for direct service to our struggling neighbors. Walk with us and show support of our Society's work. Walkers will meet at 9:00am in the parish west parking lot. Our path will be from the parish grounds to the Fountaindale Library and back. Please call Maria at (815) 302-2318 for more information or to register. If you cannot participate in the walk, please feel free to place a small donation in the collection baskets. Yellow SVDP envelopes are at the rear of the church near the holy water and at both exits of the Hall. Please designate SVDP on other envelopes. All funds raised benefit those in need in our area.



### “TAKE CHARGE OF EDUCATION “

Thank you to everyone that shopped at Target & designated St. Andrew as their school for “Take Charge of Education”. We received a check for \$259.52 from that program. Sign up at your local Target if you haven't yet.

*Peace and all good things,  
Mr. Leppert and Faculty*