

APOSTOLIC TIMES

St. Andrew the Apostle School

PRINCIPAL'S NEWSLETTER September 22, 2009

*In praise and thanksgiving, the parish community of
St. Andrew the Apostle
is pleased to announce our continued celebration of
50 years in Catholic education*

PARENT SURVEY

Please don't forget to do the Parent Survey. You as parents play a key role in this process and your feedback is extremely valuable. 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.

BIRTHDAY LUNCH CELEBRATIONS

Our first Sweet September Birthday celebration will be Friday, September 25th. If you have a September birthday you can wear jeans on Friday. This year, everyone will bring their own lunch or their Hot Lunch to the gathering in the St. Mary Center and the PTO will provide cake and ice cream with the fixings! There will be no pizza at the luncheons; however, we will still celebrate birthdays!!



SCHOOL STORE

We will be opening our school store on October 6 during lunch period. School Store will be open the first Tuesday of every month. An assortment of folders, pencils, pens, and other school supplies found on the school supply lists can be purchased by students at this time for a nominal fee.

PUTTING THE BAND BACK TOGETHER

Grades 4-8 will have a band presentation on Monday, September 21st. The students were introduced to a few instruments & given information at the presentation. If you want your child to learn a certain instrument, please fill out the form & return it to school by Friday, September 25th.

TARDIES

Thank you to all parents for getting their children to school on time. We have see a great improvement in tardies. Thank you for your help. Doors open at 7:45 A.M.

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. 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.



CULBER'S FAMILY NIGHT

The PTO is having a Family Night at Culver's on Thursday, September 24th from 4-9 P.M. Enclosed is a flyer with more information. We are in need of volunteers for this event. If you are able to help out anytime between 5 – 9 P.M. please contact Melissa Davis at 847-212-1776 or msdavis761 @yahoo.com.



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 15th 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!

UNIFORM RESALE

The PTO will be having another uniform resale in October. If you have uniforms at home you would like to donate please bring them to the office.

FALL FUNDRAISER

Fall Fundraiser packet was sent home last week. 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.

MARKET DAY

Enclosed is your Market Day order form, please return it to school by 10/08 or you can order online until 11 P.M. on 10/12. Market Day pick up is Thursday, October 17th. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer to help, you can call Jodie Nelson at 815-407-0748.



CANDY SALE

Parents this year we are trying something different, by request from several parents we are having our annual, contractual candy bar sale in October. One case of candy bars will be sent home with each student on October 5th.

MEIJER COMMUNITY REWARDS

Enclosed is an application for Meijer Community Rewards. You can enroll at: www.meijer.com/rewards. Our school code is 641863.

MARTIAL ARTS

Martial Arts will start this Thursday, September 24th. We have not received the registration forms in the school office from Master Mark. You can sign up on the first day of class. Checks are made payable to Phoenix Martial Arts.



ROAD CONSTRUCTION

The road 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.

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!

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 @ jzilka@standrewromeoville.com or call 815-886-5953 Ext. 401. Thank you always for supporting our school.



MISSING A JACKET?

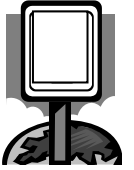
There was a black boy's jacket left in Day Care on Picture Day. Call the office if you are missing it.

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 jzilka@standrewromeoville.com

ADVERTISE YOUR SCHOOL

Lawn signs are available, at no charge, in the school office to promote St. Andrew School. The School board and the Marketing Committee have created small yard signs to help us reach other families. Stop by the school and pick up a sign this week. Too busy to stop by? Get in contact with the school office and we will deliver one to your house. Lawn signs are a proven and effective way to market a school. We are very thankful to Mr. Martin and Mrs. Zilka for developing & creating the signs. Please let us know if you are willing to advertise St. Andrew School by placing a lawn sign in your yard. Thank you for your support.



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. 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.

LUNCH HELPERS

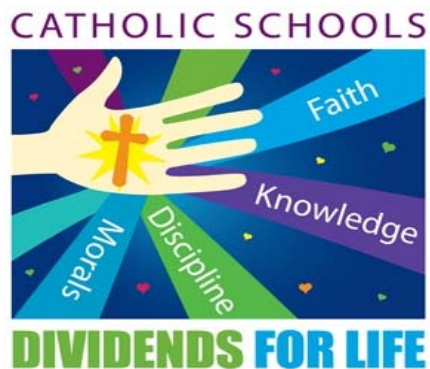
We will be needing *consistent* parent volunteers to assist in the lunch room each day. If you are interested in helping, and know that you can consistently help one day each week throughout the school year, please call the school office at 815.886.5953 x420 or Bernadette at x303.



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.

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



“Saint John Mary Vianney taught his parishioners primarily by the witness of his life. It was from his example that they learned to pray, halting frequently before the tabernacle for a visit to Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. ‘One need not say much to pray well’ – the Curé explained to them – ‘We know that Jesus is there in the tabernacle: let us open our hearts to him, let us rejoice in his Sacred presence. That is the best prayer.’”
— Pope Benedict XVI, Letter Proclaiming a Year for Priests, 16 June 2009