

APOSTOLIC TIMES

St. Andrew the Apostle School

PRINCIPAL'S NEWSLETTER September 29, 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*

Dear Friends and Family of St. Andrew,

By now, the classroom routines are established, and the children are off to a great start thanks to the supportive environment created by parents and teachers. We are in the process of preparing for mid-quarter assessments. Please take a moment to review the instructions for TeacherEase so you have access to your child's progress. Teachers post grades, behavior information (good and bad), and other educationally related matters on the TeacherEase program. We will not be distributing "progress reports" or "midterms" because of the effectiveness and timely information provided to you from teachers through TeacherEase. Again, please review your child's performance via TeacherEase; it's a wonderful tool for parents, and then follow-up as necessary with the teacher if you have questions, concerns, or to praise. The TeacherEase program is an excellent feature of St. Andrew School.



SCHOOL LITURGY

Our school Mass is the highlight of the week. The children participate, sing, and play an active role, which helps them grow in their faith. Thank you to the parents who make the effort to join us at Mass. The children really enjoy seeing you.

PARENT SURVEY

Thanks to those who took the time to complete the survey. Responses are being evaluated.

CONGRATULATION TO MRS. SNOW & MRS. ZILKA

Last week Mrs. Snow and Mrs. Zilka gave a presentation at the Diocesan Tech Fest about technology. Their presentation was titled, "Partnering Grades 1 & 7." They represented SAS so well and please join us in commending their efforts to grow and share professionally as educators. They are 2 teachers to be proud of for sure! Well done, Mrs. Snow and Mrs. Zilka.



CALENDAR CLARIFICATION

On the October calendar it lists a grade level on each Wednesday for Mass. That grade helps plan the service & they do the readings.

PARENT DIRECTORY UPDATES

The following are changes to your Parent Directory:

Shane – 6 & Blake Darcy – K, email s/b: ldarcy@jointcommission.org & parents are Bill & Laurie Darcy
6th & 7th Grade have no Room Parents at this time.

Eric Kramer – 8, email s/b: jaeekramer@comcast.net

Joseph Cordero – 4, new address: 307 Healy Ave., Romeoville

Melissa Davis should be added to School Board listing: msdavis761@yahoo.com

ROOM PARENTS NEEDED

We need 2 parents for the 6/7 gr. room parents. Please call Mrs. Martin at 815-953-3418 if you can do this.

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.



TAFFY APPLE SALE

Enclosed is an order form for taffy apples. Help support the 8th grade by purchasing these delicious treats.

JCA VISITS OUR SCHOOL

On Friday, 10/2 Joliet Catholic Academy will be here to visit the 7th & 8th graders.

LUNCH ROOM HELP

Lunch room help is needed on a permanent basis. Tuition credit will be given. We need one person to commit to five days a week for one hour a day from 10:45 A.M. until 12:00 noon. **MUST BE ABLE TO BE THERE EVERY DAY.** Contact Bernadette at 815-886-4165, ext. 303 or Chris at the Café.

LUNCH HELPERS

We need *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.

CULVER'S FAMILY NIGHT

Thanks to all who came out to Culver's on the PTO Family Night. It was a very good turnout.

LET'S GO SHOPPING

Please read the enclosed flyer about school rewards from the Promenade in Bolingbrook. We can earn a portion of \$10,000.00 in gift cards. Bring your original receipts to Guest Services located on the Village Green. They will be logged in & the receipt will be returned to you immediately. Receipts have to be dated between 10/1/2009 & 4/30/2010. There are other fun events listed that are happening at the Promenade, too. Check them out.



PARENTS NEEDED FOR PTO

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.

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.

MARKET DAY

Two great offers- one big thank you! Purchase \$40 or more before tax in October and receive a FREE 1-lb package of Ground Beef. You can also qualify to receive a FREE 1-lb package of Large Shrimp when you order \$90 at marketday.com and enter the promo code listed in the October Order Guide during online checkout. Order online at marketday.com (acct #1997) until 11 P.M. CST on Monday, Oct 12th or return the order form to school by Thursday, October 8th. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer to help, please call Jodie Nelson at 815-407-0748.



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.

MARTIAL ARTS

Martial Arts continues on Thursdays after school. Checks are made payable to Phoenix Martial Arts.



CANDY SALE

Parents this year we are trying something different, by request from several parents we are having our annual candy bar sale in October. One case of candy bars will be sent home with each student on October 5th or 6th.

PUTTING THE BAND BACK TOGETHER

We had over 10 students in grades 4-8 sign-up for band. We really thank the parents who encourage their children in this way. The target date to start band is in 2 weeks. More information will be coming. Contact Music on the Run at 630-271-8091 for further questions.

HELP WANTED

Mrs. Zilka is looking for some help on Thursday afternoons from 1 to 2:30 or on Fridays from 1 to 2:30. If you can help, please e-mail her directly at jjzilka@standrewromeoville.com.

LOOKING AHEAD

There are Manna gift cards available for Red Robin in the denomination of \$10.00 each. These will have to be ordered so place your order early so you will have them in time for the Family Night at Red Robin on October 20 & 22.

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.

COMPUTER CLUB NEWS

St. Andrew the Apostle Computer Club for students in Grades 7 & 8 attended the Benedictine University Technology Conference on Thursday, September 24. They learned about new and upcoming technology and were able to use a smart board for over an hour. The students had a wonderful time with their instructor, Mrs. Zilka and a special thank you to Mrs. Cornish and Mrs. Aguirre for chaperoning! Just check out their picture below--the words--Falling in Love with God!

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