

APOSTOLIC TIMES

St. Andrew the Apostle School

PRINCIPAL'S NEWSLETTER September 8, 2009

FROM THE ACCOUNTING DEPARTMENT

As Father Gregor and Mr. Leppert mentioned at the Parent meeting on 8/24, 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.



SAVE THE DATE

The PTO is having a Family Night at Culver's on 9/24 from 4-9 P.M. Mark your calendars so you don't miss the date. More info will be coming closer to 9/24.

ROAD CONSTRUCTION

We have been notified by the Village of Romeoville that construction on Normantown Road begins on Tuesday, Sept. 8th. 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.

MUSIC PROGRAM

Our music program is getting off to a great start. We are excited to have Ms. Alicia Phillips as our music teacher. She is from Allegro Music & will be with us all year. She already has plans for the Christmas program. So we are glad she is thinking ahead. Ask your child what they did in music on Tuesdays.



SHOUT OUT AD

If you would like to place a Shout Out Ad for the 50th Anniversary Dinner Dance, Shout out a good wish to a student, teacher, and/or other; please contact Paula Bucciferro at 886-4165 Ext. 302. Ads are due by Wednesday, September 9.

PICTURE DAY

Picture Day went well. A big thank you to our parent helpers, Mrs. Greder, Ms. Carrion, & Mrs. Saguin. You can view your child's picture online at www.inter-state.com. Payment code is IL2637P4. If you did not pay for your pictures you can pay online after viewing them. Or you can have your child take another picture on retake day. I will let you know as soon as we get a date for retakes.



SPECIALS

We are very pleased with the course offerings this year for Art, Music, PE, and Technology. Art and Music this year will be graded "pass-fail." That does not mean every student will pass or earn a passing grade. Each class period and lesson in art, PE, Music, and Technology has a rubric and an assessment component. Please encourage your child to make their best effort so they "pass" the specials class. All students are most successful (in any subject) when they put forth their best effort and when they listen to the instructions from the teacher. Letter grades will be assigned in PE and Technology.

PERSONNEL UP-DATE

The administration regrets to inform the school community that Mrs. Bailey will not be returning due to position cuts. We had hoped for an increase in numbers, but we couldn't realize our goal. We all wish Mrs. Bailey good luck in her future opportunities and anyone wishing to reach Mrs. Bailey may do so through the school office. We are saddened by this news. To date 2 positions have been reduced. Thank you all for your continued support. The administration cannot comment on personnel matters, per policy.

HOT LUNCH FORMS

Enclosed are the Hot Lunch forms for October. The deadline to order lunch is September 15th. No late orders will be accepted. Call Bernadette ext. 303 if you have any questions.

BIKE RIDERS APPROVED

With a parent permission slip on file in the school office, students may ride their bikes to and from school. Thank you to Brennan Havemann (grade 4) for asking about this policy. His inquiry and enthusiasm revived this tradition! Bike safety rules: Bikes must be walked on the black-top, school grounds, and while crossing the street. The permission form is also on the school website.



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.

DINNER DANCE

Please do not miss out on the Dinner Dance on Friday Sept. 1th at 6 P.M., Alpine Banquet Hall. Cost \$50 per person, which includes open bar, dinner, dancing, teachers race, and \$1 raffle items. Don't miss this fun filled evening. We are taking reservations until Wednesday. Please drop off your reservations in the school office or parish office by 4:30 P.M. on Wednesday, 9/9. You may request who you would like to sit with. If you do not wish to attend, but would like to earn service hours, I need 3 volunteers for the dance. Volunteers can easily earn FIVE (5) service hours for their work from 5:30- 10:30. Parents wishing to volunteer must contact Mrs. Novak at 815-671-5756 by Wednesday night. This is an easy and fun way to earn hours. Each year those that volunteer have such a good time that they usually attend the dinner dance the following year.

PICK UP PROCEDURES

If you are running late & call another parent to pick up your child, that parent must be on your emergency card as being authorized to do so. No student will be released to anyone that is not listed on the emergency card.



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.

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



MARKET DAY

There's still time to place your Market Day order and participate in two great promotions! Qualify for a FREE Car Organizer AND a FREE 4-pack of Turkey Tournedos - check your September Order Guide or shop online at marketday.com (account #1997) for details. Return your order form to school by Thu. Sept 10th or order online until 11 p.m. on Sept. 14th. Pick up is Thu. Sept 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!



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

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.



FAMILY FOLDERS

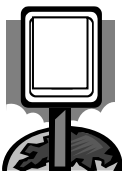
Every Tuesday all school communication will be sent home in the family folder with the oldest child enrolled at St. Andrew School. Each time the folder is sent home, please remove and carefully read all the contents. We ask that you respond to any items that require your attention, sign the folder, and return it to school with your child the next day.

PARISH PICTORIAL DIRECTORY

Volunteers are needed to sit and check people in to have their pictures taken for the Pictorial Directory. The first week will be Sept. 8, 9, 10, & 12th. The times will be from 2:30 P.M. until around 9:00 P.M. If you are able to volunteer for any amount of time please call Bernadette at 815-886-4165, ext. 303.

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.



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!



PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN CLASS

The next Protecting God's Children Class will be on Saturday, September 12th from noon to 3 P.M. at St. Andrew. Please arrive 10 minutes early to fill out paperwork. No one will be admitted late. You need to take this class if you want to help at lunch, in the classroom, field trips, etc. Please call Andrea Vasquez x 504 to register.

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

