

APOSTOLIC TIMES

St. Andrew the Apostle School

PRINCIPAL'S NEWSLETTER January 12, 2010

Dear Parents:

At the beginning of each New Year we always feel as if we have been given another chance or a "fresh start." As we quietly make our resolutions for 2010, let us also resolve to do all the good we can, by all the means we can, in all the ways we can, in all the places we can, at all the times we can, for all the people we can, for as long as we can. If we are successful in this endeavor, 2010 will be a beautiful year!

Is one of your resolutions to eat healthier? Or are you interested in the connection between health and learning? Join us on Thursday, January 21, 2010 at 7 P.M. in the Hall. One of our school goals is to have parent education nights, and one of our school goals is to provide parents with nutritional information. Thanks to the PTO for taking charge of School Wellness.

Everyone at SAS is making plans for a successful and eventful Catholic Schools Week. We play a critical role in the community by guiding and supporting parents in forming children (disciples) by actively participating in parish life, celebrating the sacraments, knowing and understanding Scripture and Catholic tradition, living as Christ calls us to live, practicing personal and communal prayer, practicing the principles of Catholic Social teaching, and evangelizing, e.g. living the Gospel and proclaiming the Word through our very lives.

To illustrate this I wanted to share a recent e-mail of praise we received from a parent:

I wanted to take the time and ask that it be mentioned in the school newsletter the courtesy and caring, compassionate nature that I see every morning from the St. Andrew students as I drop off my son for class. Although my son has grown since last year and is in 1st grade now, there still are times he cannot handle opening the door to gain entry to the school. As I want to foster independence in him, I do, as a caring mother, watch each day to see that he makes it safely inside the building. I more often than not see the older students opening the door for him and for the other smaller students without question or looking for reward. It is this type of behavior that I am proud to see and have my son experience so that the example is set for him early on, as I do see him try to get the door for those smaller than him too!

Stories like this from parents is fundamental for the faculty and staff because it encourages and affirms our mission. The children at St. Andrew deserve the very best. We recognize your role as primary educators and value your support of the School. Likewise, we thank the many parents who instill values of respect in their children so we have an atmosphere of Christ's love throughout the building.

NO SCHOOL DATES

We will have **no school** on Monday, **January 18th** for MLK, Jr. Day & on Tuesday, **January 19th** for a Teacher Institute. Enjoy your long week-end.

NO NEWSLETTER

Because we won't be here on Monday & Tuesday of next week, we will **not** have a weekly newsletter going home on Tuesday, 1/19.

GRADUATION PICTURES

Eighth Grade & Kindergarten graduation pictures will be taken on Wednesday, Jan. 13th. Please fill out the order form that was sent out last week & return it on 1/13. This is a Dress Up Day for 8th & Kindergarten, but no jeans allowed. The order form shows a group picture. You will receive a group composite picture, not one as it appears on the order form.



NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS

Articles for the weekly newsletter have to be into the school office no later than noon on Monday. Anything submitted later than noon will be in the following week's newsletter. Please send articles to lbitzer@standrewromeoville.com.

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

We will be celebrating the January & July birthdays on Friday, January, 15th. PTO will provide cupcakes & ice cream for the students.



HOT LUNCH FORMS

Hot Lunch forms for February are due back by Friday, January 15th. No late orders will be accepted. We are off on Monday, 1/18 & Tuesday, 1/19 so get your order in by **1/15**. Remember students in grades 6, 7 & 8 do not order lunch on Tuesday, 2/2 & students in grades 3, 4 & 5 do not order lunch on Thursday, 2/4. They should bring their own lunches those days because they will be on a field trip & will not return until after the scheduled lunch time.

MATH-A-THON

On January 5th Grades K-8 either were shown a DVD or held a discussion regarding the Saint Jude Children's Hospital Math-A-Thon. If you choose to participate, please return the permission slip your child received on Monday to their homeroom teacher as soon as possible, Once returned they will get a printed booklet to complete as described in the information sent home yesterday This year there is NO CD-ROM version, but your child may complete one on the Saint Jude website. Thank you in advance for your participation. Please contact Tom Irwin (extension 411) for any questions.



PARKING LOT ETIQUETTE

We have received numerous reports within the past week about drivers speeding in the parking lot during student drop-off in the morning. We even have car descriptions AND license plate numbers of two frequent offenders. PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE SLOW DOWN! DO NOT CUT THE LINE, EITHER. It would be tragic to have any of our students or parents injured (*or worse*) by a reckless or impatient driver.

SPIRIT DAY

Student Council will sponsor a Spirit Day on Friday, January 22nd. Students are allowed to wear jeans if they donate \$1.00 or bring in a canned good, which will be donated to the Food Pantry.



COMPUTER AWARDS

Congratulations to our computer students and the awards they received this quarter. Keep up the excellent work!

Grade 3 - Quarter II Awards

Highest Average

Darrel Herrera 99.74

Highest Average Speed

Kenneth Baron 28 wpm

Darrel Herrera 24 wpm

Grade 5 - Quarter II Awards

Highest Project Average

Eva Greder 101.9

Audrey Greder 99.5

Highest Average Speed

Emily Novak 62 wpm

Nicole Wysocki 59 wpm

Grade 7 - Quarter II Awards

Highest Project Average

Francesca 98.05

Highest Average Speed

Kristen Herrera 67 wpm

Silvia Ramsy 64 wpm

Grade 4 - Quarter II Awards

Highest Average

Nancy Rivera 101

Highest Average Speed

Brennan Havemann 39 wpm

Kent Diola 36 wpm

Grade 6 - Quarter II Awards

Highest Project Average

Shane Darcy 101.4

Highest Average Speed

Erika Barrios 72

Michael Caballes 51

Jake Spears 51

Grade 8 - Quarter II Awards

Highest Project Average

Ashley Givhens 95.79

Highest Average Speed

Matthew Caballes 80 wpm

Hannah Marigomen 77 wpm



CATHOLICS COME HOME

The Diocese of Joliet, along with the Archdiocese of Chicago and Rockford Diocese, is launching a recruiting initiative to invite inactive Catholics back into the church to return to the practice of their faith. Be on the look-out for TV commercials. This cooperative effort will help us build the Kingdom of Christ as we strengthen and grow SAS. If you know anyone whose faith has lapsed or if they are what is affectionately called inactive in the Catholic faith, please welcome them back into the church! Please visit www.catholicscomehomejoliet.org for more information about the tri-Diocesan evangelization campaign.



THE ILLINOIS TEXT MESSAGING BAN

The new Illinois text messaging law goes into effect on January 1st, 2010. According to the new law: "A person may not operate a motor vehicle on a roadway while using an electronic communication device to compose, send, or read an electronic message". And goes on to define an "electronic message" as; "Electronic message" includes, but is not limited to electronic mail, a text message, an instant message, or a command or request to access an Internet site." There are exceptions however including emergencies, public safety officials and the following; "A driver using an electronic communication device in hands-free or voice-activated mode". Fines for the new offense begin at \$75. To read the text of the new law please read Public Act 096-0130. No Cell Phones in a School Zone Law



Another law that will take effect on January 1st, 2010 is Senate Bill 72 titled "Vehicular Phone Use in School Zones". According to the new law: "A person, regardless of age, may not use a wireless telephone at any time while operating a motor vehicle on a roadway in a school speed zone"

There are exceptions for a person engaged in a highway construction or maintenance, emergencies and when the phone is in voice-activated mode. To read the text of the new law please read Public Act 096-0131
Links for the following information: <http://www.drivinglaws.org/ill.php>

SAVE THE DATE

First Reconciliation is Monday, January 25, 2010 at 6:30 PM. As the children take steps closer to the table of the Lord, please keep them and their families in your prayers.

LIBRARY CLOSING

Our Romeoville Library is closing. The tax impact to keep it open would be \$1.54 per \$100,000 of home's value. Vote yourself a "great" library; vote yes on February 2, 2010. Any questions or comments please write to libraryissue@hotmail.com.

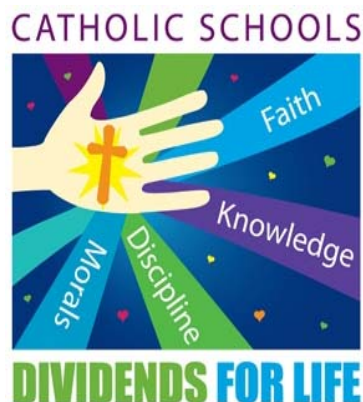


MARTIAL ARTS

The second session of Martial Arts starts on Thursday, January 14 to March 4, 2010. Enrollment forms are in the office.

FEBRUARY CALENDAR DATES DUE

Friday, January 22nd is the deadline for dates for the February calendar.



PTO NEWS

PARENT NUTRITION NIGHT

Need to jumpstart your health? Does your child's lunchbox need a makeover? Do you want to know how to shop healthy on a budget? If yes, please come to a nutrition seminar on Thursday, January 21 in the Hall at 7 P.M. The PTO is sponsoring a Wellness seminar to help everyone at St. Andrew live healthier and make better choices. The presenter is a licensed nutritionist and is also a registered dietician.



HELP NEEDED

We need bakers for the Open House on Sunday, January 31, 2010. Please drop off baked goods between 7 & 10 A.M. on 1/31 & we also need bakers for the Spaghetti Dinner on Saturday, February 6, 2010. Please drop off the baked goods between 3 & 5 P.M. on that day. We also need volunteers to help at the Spaghetti Dinner. This is a good way to earn your service hours. Please fill out the bottom section of this page if you can do any of these things. Any questions, contact Melissa Davis at msdavis761@yahoo.com or 847-212-1776.

UNIFORM RESALE

There will be a Uniform Resale at Open House on Sunday, January 31, 2010. If you have anything to donate, please drop it off at the office.

DADDY/DAUGHTER DANCE

February 27th will be the Daddy/Daughter Dinner Dance. The committee is looking for raffle items, if you are interested in donating anything please either drop it off in the office or contact Eileen Martin. We also need white icicle lights, if we could either borrow them or if you are willing to donate them. Moms, we need your help, more volunteers are needed to make this special event a success. For more information please contact Eileen Martin at pilotdance@aol.com



JANUARY FAMILY NIGHT

Johnny Rockets in the Promenade! Thursday, January 28th, 2010. A flyer will be coming home soon for this event. Since this is at the Promenade we can also get points for our Shopping 4 Students.



MARKET DAY

Please return the order forms to school by Thursday January 14th. You can also order online at marketday.com (acct #1997) until 11 P.M. on Monday January 18th. If you have questions or would like to volunteer to help contact Jodie Nelson 815-407-0748. Thank you for your support.

Contact Parent Coordinator, Melissa Davis at msdavis761@yahoo.com or 847-212-1776 with any PTO questions.

We would like to introduce the officers for the PTO:

Eileen Martin - President
Liza Carrion - Vice President
Nellie Robert - Treasurer
Anna Matson - Secretary

Please return this part to the school office

_____ I can bake for the Open House on January 31, 2010.

_____ I can bake for the Spaghetti Dinner on February 6, 2010.

_____ I can volunteer at the Spaghetti Dinner on February 6, 2010.

_____ Name

_____ Phone Number

Service hours will be given for volunteering & for baking
(1 service hour for each homemade item, maximum 3 hours for baking for each event).

