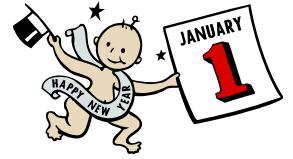


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St. Andrew the Apostle School

PRINCIPAL'S NEWSLETTER January 4, 2010

Happy New Year



Dear Parents:

Happy New Year! I trust that the Christmas vacation was relaxing and a wonderful time to share in the Goodness of the Lord with family, friends, and loved ones. We are excited to return, as well. This Friday marks the end of the 2nd Quarter. Please be sure to check TeacherEase about student progress and make contact sometime this week to avoid end-of-quarter surprises.

FROM THE ATHLETIC DEPT

The Athletic Board would like to thank all of the families that volunteered to help make our Holiday Basketball Tournament such a huge success again. We had 66 teams participate from over 12 schools. It was so great seeing such a good turnout! It was also great to see our own student athletes participate with such good sportsmanship. Congratulations to our 6th grade boys for placing 4th and for our 5th grade girls who placed 2nd. If you have any questions, please call Joan Bolero at 815-577-6584.



PRAYERS REQUESTED

Please continue to pray for Mrs. Ellerman & Ms. Dalton on the passing of their mothers over Christmas break. Ms. Dalton will be out until Friday, Jan. 8th; Mrs. Karen Ryan will be the 2nd grade substitute teacher.

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.



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>

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.

GRADUATION PICTURES

Eighth Grade & Kindergarten graduation pictures will be taken on Wednesday, Jan. 13th. Enclosed is the order form. Please fill it out & return it on 1/13 or send the payment in before & we will hold them in the office.

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.



HOT LUNCH FORMS

Enclosed are the Hot Lunch forms for February. They are due back by Friday, January 15th. No late orders will be accepted.

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.

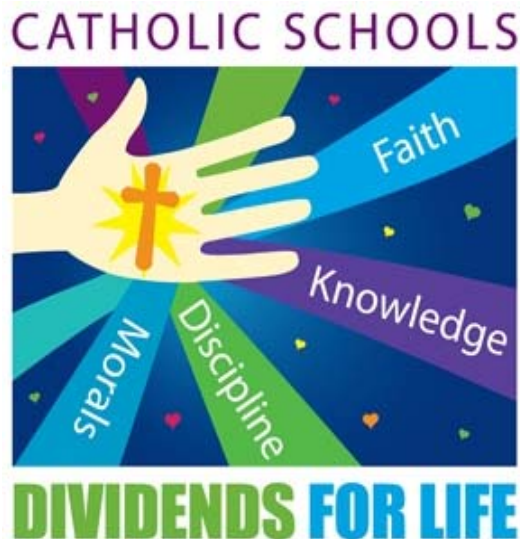
LIBRARY CLOSING

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. Enclosed is a letter from Master Mark with the details. Enrollment forms are in the office.



PTO NEWS



PARENT NUTRITION NIGHT

On Thursday, January 21st the PTO will sponsor a Parent Night on Nutrition. It will be at 7 P.M. in the Hall.

PTO MEETING

The next PTO meeting will be Thursday, January 7th in the St. Mary Center. Come out & help plan the future events at the school.

SAVE THE DATE

February 27th will be the Daddy/Daughter Dinner Dance. Be on the lookout for more information. On Tuesday, January 5th at 6 P.M. there will be a planning meeting for the Daddy/Daughter Dance Committee. This meeting will take place in the St. Mary Center.



JANUARY FAMILY NIGHT

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

MARKET DAY

January is a great month to place a Market Day® order. Receive a FREE 4-pack of Peanut Butter & Jelly Grahamwiches with a minimum order of \$40. It's also a great time to stock up on healthy, tasty items for a great start to the new year! Return the enclosed order form 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.

HAPPY NEW YEAR