

# APOSTOLIC TIMES

St. Andrew the Apostle School

PRINCIPAL'S NEWSLETTER November 30, 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 Parents:

I hope everyone enjoyed the Thanksgiving holiday and welcome back to school, as we enter into the season of Advent. Every day at morning prayer, an 8<sup>th</sup> grader will read a prayer and a reflection for the students as we prepare for the birth of the Risen Lord. Such a daily prayer reminds us: **“Come Lord Jesus, Don’t Delay...”**

A very special thank you to the parents who were able to attend our Thanksgiving Prayer Service last week. The children participated in a meaningful service for the school community, and it was a fitting tribute to express our gratitude for the many gifts and blessing we all have in our lives.

Last week I had the honor of meeting with 3 students: Rachel Autenreith, Frances Brisco, and Sydney Sargis. They told me about a group they formed on their own to save would-be displaced or euthanized greyhounds from the Dairyland Greyhound Racetrack in Southeastern Wisconsin. When the girls learned of the track’s closing, they took it upon their selves (with parental permission) to help out in any way they could. They e-mailed track officials, made local contacts, and communicated the message to people in their life. The official name of their group is GSO (Greyhound Saving Organization). For more info go to their website: [www.gsogreyhounds.yolasite.com](http://www.gsogreyhounds.yolasite.com). These 3 girls are students to be proud of!

They are collecting signatures for a petition and although this is not a St. Andrew School event nor are we officially sponsoring or endorsing the GSO, I wanted to support their dedication and commitment by signing their petition and by making mention of this in the newsletter. While most kids are “playing video games” or finding other ways to occupy their time, I find it comforting to know that we have a group of students who embody the Gospel values by advocating for all of God’s creation?



*“Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has.”* ---Margaret Mead, U.S. Anthropologist & popularizer of anthropology (1901 - 1978)

Good luck to the founders of GSO! Please keep them and their efforts in your prayers.

## 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 soon. 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 back into the church! Please visit [www.catholicscomehomejoliet.org](http://www.catholicscomehomejoliet.org) for more information about the tri-Diocesan evangelization campaign.

## TUITION TIER LEVELS & PARISH CONTRIBUTION

In order for families to maintain their tuition status on the active (lower) tier, all contributions to St. Andrew Parish must be made frequently. *Contributions (even empty envelopes) made this year will count towards your tuition status for the 2009-2010 school year.* If you need a copy of your contribution statement, please call the parish office. The school does NOT have access to your contribution records.

### HOT LUNCH FORMS

The January Hot Lunch forms are included with this newsletter. The deadline to return the form is December 11<sup>th</sup>. No late orders will be accepted!

### COMPUTERS FOR LEARNING

Congratulations! As part of the Computers for Learning, our school has been chosen to receive the excess Federal computer equipment. We received 3 Dell Optiplex GX270 Intel Pentium 4 Desktop Systems.



### CHRISTMAS PROGRAM NEWS

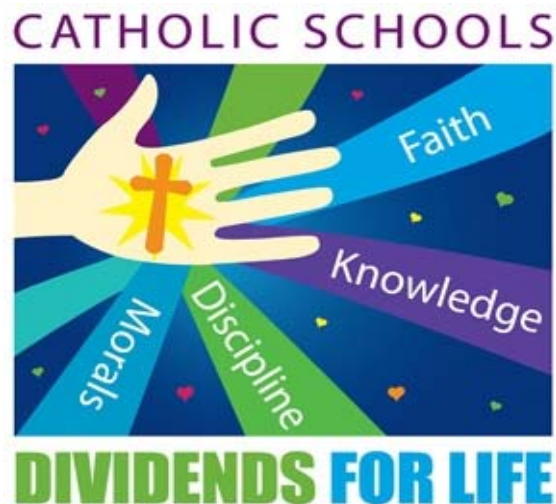
Enclosed is a letter about the Christmas Program on December 17<sup>th</sup>. See what is required for your students to wear. Any questions, please call Allegro Music at 630-257-6964.

### MORNING DAY CARE INFO

Starting Monday, Dec. 7<sup>th</sup> morning Day Care will be in the school building. Please drop off your child at Door 1 (School Office). After school care will remain in the St. Mary Center.

### MANNA

Christmas is just around the corner and Manna can help with your shopping. Manna is a gift certificate program that can help with your tuition or help build the new church. When you purchase your gift certificates from the Manna group they give us a percentage back to help with either your school tuition or for your Faith Formation tuition. Come on down to the Café on Sunday mornings from 7:30 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. and get a full list of all the stores that participate in the manna program. Or come to the Parish Office during the week from 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Some of the gift cards available for purchase are Jewel, Dominick's, Wal-Mart, Kohl's, & the Visa Debit card which can be used for everything. What a nice gift! Or use the Visa debit cards to purchase your gifts anywhere a Visa card is accepted, Sears, J.C. Penney, Lowes, Menards, BP Gas, Mobil, Shell, Ultra Foods, Borders, Panera, Starbucks, Speedway and many, many more. Contact Bernadette for information 815-886-4165, ext. 303. Enclosed is a list of the Manna cards available.



# PTO NEWS



## SANTA'S WORKSHOP

Santa's Workshop will be **December 2<sup>nd</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup>**, Wednesday & Thursday 8:00 - 2:30, (closed for lunch) & Friday 8:00 - 12:00. We will only be open until lunch on Friday for students who forgot their money when their class shopped or were absent. The schedule is on the back of the enclosed flyer. We are still in need of **volunteers for Wednesday**, please contact Melissa Davis at 847-212-1776 or msdavis761@yahoo.com. This year we will NOT be accepting checks that already have dollar amounts filled in - as we cannot give change for checks. We do apologize for any inconvenience this may cause you. If you would like to send a check with your student please feel free to include a note about how much they can spend. For those of you who do not know what Santa's Workshop is - it's where the students bring in money to Christmas shop for those on their lists. Prices range from \$.25 to \$10.00. There are items for Mom, Dad, Sister, Brother, Grandma, Grandpa, Aunt & Uncle. The students enjoy this time to come in and shop for others. The envelope is enclosed so they can make their lists.

## CAPRI SUN POUCHES

How many of you send a Capri Sun with your child at lunch? Or use them at home? Well we are enrolled in a program that recycles the juice pouches. We receive \$.02 for each pouch returned. So at lunch there is a bin for your child to place the pouch in once they finish it. We will also have a bin near the office if you would like to send your pouches from home in. We are going to try this program out until Christmas break to see how it works out for us. This is an easy way for us to earn some extra money as a school for something that we are already buying.



## LET'S GO SHOPPING



At the Promenade Bolingbrook you can 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. Or turn the receipts into the school office with your student's name written on the back & we will turn them in. Receipts have to be dated between 10/1 & 4/30/2010. Every receipt turned in to SAS & your child will receive a prize. Check Manna for gift cards & remember this when you do your Christmas shopping.

## MARKET DAY

There's still time to get your Market Day order in and help us earn extra profit! Cookie Dough Bonus Days feature ten delicious flavors, including holiday shapes. There are lots of great grocery items available too. Every order helps our school. Return your paper order form to school by 12/ 3 or order online at marketday.com (acct #1997) until 11PM on 12/7. Pick up is 12/10. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer to help, you can call Jodie Nelson at 815-407-0748.



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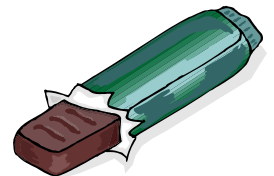
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### CANDY BAR SALE

Parents we would like your feedback! Let us know what you think about the candy sale.

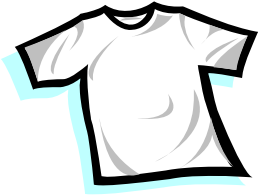
- Yes  No 1) Did you like the timing of the sale this year?
- Yes  No 2) If you did not like the timing when would you prefer to sell them?
- Yes  No 3) Would you prefer to not sell candy bars at all but to add that to the fund raising fee?



Everyone's opinion counts so please take a few moments and let us know. For additional comments please send an email to saspto@yahoo.com. Thank you & we appreciate your input.

## PTO MEETING

The next PTO meeting will be December 10, 2009 at 7 P.M. in the St. Mary Center. We will be planning the Daddy/Daughter Dance so please join us.



## CRUSADE T-SHIRT CONTEST

There is still time to turn in your design for the t-shirt contest. You previously received a sheet of paper for each student to submit their design. This is open to ALL grades. Drawings need to be original and done in fine or medium point Sharpie. Some suggestions for design ideas are: 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Crusade, Dividends for Life, School Pride, or come up with your own theme for the Crusade. **The deadline is December 4th.** The winner will be announced at the Christmas Program.

## CHILI'S FAMILY NIGHTS

Enclosed is another flyer from Chili's, on any Monday-Thursday in November & December they will give our school 10% of your purchase. They only list the Romeoville address, but the coupons can be used at other locations (Bolingbrook, N. Plainfield, Shorewood, & Naperville). We **do have Chili's on Manna** so don't forget to get Manna certificates before you go. Chili's is one of the restaurants that we get a higher percentage back. We get 12% of the purchase price of the certificates & 75% of that will be credited towards your tuition.



*Contact Parent Coordinator, Melissa Davis at [msdavis761@yahoo.com](mailto:msdavis761@yahoo.com)  
or 847-212-1776 with any PTO questions.*