

# APOSTOLIC TIMES

St. Andrew the Apostle School

PRINCIPAL'S NEWSLETTER November 10, 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:

At last week's School liturgy, we closed by singing "I want to be a Saint of God" several times. Such a closing was a fitting and deserving tribute to the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students who dressed and gave speeches as Saints. The students performed amazing, stayed in character, and spoke of their chosen Saint very well. Please join me in congratulating the kids as well as Mrs. Kurbis & Mrs. Zilka for bring out the best in the students.



The Saints project, coupled with Fr. Gregor's words during his homily about Respect for Life, make me grateful for the gift of Catholic education. The hard-working students here at SAS do so very well because of the inspirational faculty who guide them to make good choices, live the Gospel, and perform to the best of their ability.

Our Catholic school mission was enhanced when Father had the students (and the rest of those in attendance) pray the following words of life: **"To be desired and loved, by God, moment by moment."** It's so easy to let the beauty of a Catholic school slip by and to have the over-hyped commercialism of the holidays distract you from the value of a Catholic education. As parents, I ask you to be proud, and mindful of your choice to give the gift of Catholic education. What better way to proclaim the Greatness of the Lord than to have the school children reciting "I want to be a Saint of God" as they pray and learn to be "desired and loved by God moment by moment." Take a few moments, as a family, and rejoice! God's saving grace is with us, and we see that every day with the school kids.

## ITBS

Enclosed is the ITBS report for last year (Fall 2008). The report may also be accessed at the following: <http://www.dioceseofjoliet.org/cso> by clicking on the "Educational Excellence and Standardized Testing Information" link. This year's testing results are in and will be shared with parents at conferences.

## ASBESTOS NOTIFICATION LETTER

We are required by law and Diocesan policy to share with you the enclosed letter. Thank you for your attention to this and if you have any questions, please contact Marion Wagner x316.

## DROP-OFF PROCEDURES

When you drop off your child in the morning, please be considerate of other parents who are in line behind you. Everyone wants to get to work on time so please do not linger in line longer than necessary. If you need to watch your child go up to the door, please move out of line and park so that others can drop off their children and be on their way. Also, please be concerned with safety and do not drive around other parked cars to drop off your child.

## CANDY MONEY

**Please turn in your candy money of you have not done so yet. It was due on October 26<sup>th</sup>.**

## NOVEMBER NEWS

The week of November 23<sup>rd</sup> there will be **no newsletter & no Family Folders** sent home. The students are only here on Monday, 11/23. The Family Folders will be sent home the following week. We hope you have a Happy Thanksgiving with your family & friends.



## SAS WELCOMES LEWIS UNIVERSITY STUDENT TEACHERS

If you see some new faces around during the day, chances are they are from Lewis University. SAS is welcoming Corissa Bucina, Jacquelyn Hermes, & Stephanie Strid to our school to help them experience life as a teacher. We pray for their success in their work and wish them well. Lewis University is also beginning a partnership with the school to help us with our strategic plan. Thank you to Lewis University for their interest in us!

## PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES

The first quarter of the school year has ended. Parents must sign-up for a conference time with the teachers to discuss your child's academic and behavioral progress, receive a copy of his/her standardized test results, and assist us in assessing your child's achievement of the School wide Learning Expectations. This year our parent-Teacher conferences will be held Monday, November 23, 4-8 P.M. & Tuesday, November 24, 9 A.M. – 12 P.M. Students in grades 5 through 8 are REQUIRED to attend the conference with their parents. All conferences are 15 minutes in length. Conference sign-up sheets are posted in the hallway next to the office. We ask that you take a few minutes to come in and schedule your conference time. Please note that requests for conference times will be taken over the phone and by e-mail to [lbitzer@standrewromeoville.com](mailto:lbitzer@standrewromeoville.com).



## TEACHEREASE JUST FOR PARENTS

Have a question about TeacherEase? Need a brief tutorial or a refresher? Mrs. Zilka will be on hand in the computer lab during Parent-Teacher conferences to help parents.

## YEARBOOK HELP NEEDED

Is there anyone who would be willing to coordinate or help with the yearbook this year? Please call the school office or email [lbitzer@standrewromeoville.com](mailto:lbitzer@standrewromeoville.com). We could really use your help.

## FLAG MISSING

Mr. Wagner gave the Vatican flag to someone when they dropped off their children in the morning a couple of weeks ago. They said that they would hem it & return it to the school, but we don't know who that was? If you have the flag please call the school office & let us know if you will be able to fix it.

## CURRICULUM UP-DATE/NEW READING BOOKS

This year the faculty will be reviewing samples from different publishers for a new reading series. We will be purchasing a new textbook package for grades K-6. This is for reading (literature) only. Mr. Leppert values the opinion of the parents and wants their feedback. During Parent-Teacher conferences samples from textbook publishing companies will be on display for parents. Please look through the samples and complete an evaluation form (on pink paper). The textbooks will be set up in the administrative wing and will be out on November 23 & 24. Parent input is welcome.



## FEDERAL EDUCATION ISSUES

Please contact your Senators and Members of the House of Representatives and urge them to pass health care reform which:

- excludes mandated coverage for abortion and maintains the longstanding prohibition of federal funding of abortion
- protects the rights of conscience of health care workers and institutions
- makes health care coverage affordable and accessible to everyone
- includes measures to safeguard the health of immigrants and their children

The Catholic bishops of the United States have supported health care reform which includes the above principles for many years. It is crucial that members of Congress hear from the Catholic community at this crucial time. **Please call or e-mail those who represent you ASAP.**

You may locate contact information for those who represent you either at [www.senate.gov](http://www.senate.gov) or [www.house.gov](http://www.house.gov).

For more detailed information about the USCCB and health care reform, I encourage you to look at the excellent website that has been created at <http://www.usccb.org/healthcare/>.

Thank you for your advocacy on this important issue.

### COKE REWARDS

Thank you to all who are participating in the Coke Rewards program, especially Mrs. Galon and Mrs. Nelson for inputting all those codes. Keep sending in codes.

### DECEMBER HOT LUNCH

The deadline to order hot lunch for December is Friday, November 13<sup>th</sup>. No late orders will be accepted.

### BATTLE OF THE LIBRARY CARDS

The 11<sup>th</sup> Annual "Battle of the Library Cards" will run until December 12<sup>th</sup>. Please return your form to the library in Romeoville, Crest Hill or Lockport & receive a small prize or return to your classroom teacher & we will turn them into the library. Any questions, please call Laura Lowe at 815-725-0234.



### FOURTH GRADE FIELD TRIP

The fourth graders are going to Naper Settlement on December 11<sup>th</sup>. Please do not order Hot Lunch for this day. They will be eating at the Settlement & should bring a sack lunch & a drink. The students should dress for cold weather. More details will be sent home with them closer to the trip.

### BAND NEWS

Band continues on Fridays. There is still time to join if your child is interested. Please contact Music on the Run at 630-271-8091 for further questions.

### SCHOOLBELLES SALE

Enclosed is a flyer from Schoolbelles. They are having their Annual Winter Sale through January 3, 2010.

### ATTENTION CHOIR MEMBERS

Please read the enclosed note from Mrs. Psenicka with important choir information.



### HARVEST SATURDAY

Please return your student's permission slips by November 12<sup>th</sup> for Harvest Saturday, November 21<sup>st</sup> from 11 A.M. – 4 P.M.

### TAKE EVERYDAY ACTIONS TO STAY HEALTHY

Influenza is thought to spread mainly person-to-person through coughing or sneezing of infected people, after you use it.

1. Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when you cough or sneeze. Throw the tissue in the trash after you use it.
2. Wash your hands often with soap and water, especially after you cough or sneeze. Alcohol-based hands cleaners are also effective.
3. Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth. Germs spread that way.
4. Stay home if you get sick. CDC recommends that you stay home from work or school and limit contact with others to keep from infecting them.
5. During School Liturgies only, Father Gregor has temporarily suspended handshaking at the Sign of Peace and the Precious Blood will not be available
6. Follow public health advice regarding camp/school closures, avoiding crowds and other social distancing measures.
7. Call 1-800-CDC-INFO for more information.

We encourage all of our students to remember the three Cs:

**Clean** – Wash your hands frequently to prevent the spread of germs;

**Cover** – Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue or sleeve, not your hand; and

**Contain** – Contain your germs by staying home if you are sick.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact your health provider, a nurse, or teachers.

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

# PTO NEWS

## PTO MEETING

Mark your calendars for Thursday, November 19<sup>th</sup> for the next PTO meeting at **7:00 P.M.** in the St. Mary Center. It was previously listed at 6 P.M. but 7 P.M. is the correct time. We hope to see you there.



## UNIFORM RESALE

The PTO will be having a uniform resale during Parent/Teacher Conferences on Monday, 11/23 from 4-8 P.M. & Tuesday, 11/24 from 9-12 P.M. If you have uniforms at home you would like to donate please bring them to the office. Thank you to everyone that has already donated their items. If you would like to help at the sale please contact Melissa Davis at [msdavis761@yahoo.com](mailto:msdavis761@yahoo.com) or 847-212-1776.



## 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. Remember this when you do your Christmas shopping.



## SYMPHONY OF LIGHTS AT THE PROMENADE

Starting Saturday, November 14<sup>th</sup> at the Promenade Bolingbrook you can view 250,000 LED lights illuminated to the music of the Trans-Siberian Orchestra. You can catch the show every hour on the hour from 3-9 P.M. on 11/14. After that date the light show will be 6-9 P.M. until 12/31/09.

## MARKET DAY

Get your Thanksgiving and Christmas pies now. There's still time to get your Market Day order in and help us earn extra profit! Order online at [marketday.com](http://marketday.com) (acct #1997) until 11PM on 11/9. Pick-up is on Thursday, 11/12 from 4:30-5:30 P.M. We appreciate your support and we're looking forward to seeing you at our Market Day Sale!



## FALL FUNDRAISER WINNERS

Congratulations to Alissa Araneta, grade 3! She had the highest \$ amount sold for the Fall Fundraiser. The Kindergarten class was a double winning class. They had the most items sold & they were the class with the highest \$ amount sold. They will get to keep the stuffed snake for their classroom & they will get a jeans day, date to be determined.





### T-SHIRT FORM

Please see the t-shirt form included in this newsletter. **Please return it by this Friday, November 13<sup>th</sup>**. List the correct size for each child, the size will be estimated if you do not provide one. The order has to be put in right away. PTO is providing these t-shirts for the SAS students. Thank you PTO!

### RED ROBIN FUNDRAISER

Thanks to everyone who participated in the Red Robin fundraiser in October. The PTO received a check in the amount of \$491.56. Look for upcoming dates for Family Nights at other area restaurants & please try to participate to help your school earn some money.



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