

APOSTOLIC TIMES

St. Andrew the Apostle School

PRINCIPAL'S NEWSLETTER October 27, 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*

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.



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

St. Andrew School is seeking volunteers to assist us in serving our students and community more effectively. We need several people to assist in classroom activities throughout the school day, and in the lunchroom from 10:45 - 12:30 daily. Any time would be much appreciated. The work is light and consistent, and even a small investment of time would pay great dividends in the benefit to our students and school community. If interested, please contact Linda Bitzer at lbitzer@standrewromeoville.com or 815-886-5953 x420.

RED RIBBON WEEK

This year Red Ribbon Week will be celebrated October 26-30, 2009 at SAS.
Wednesday, 10/28 is Good Character, Good Choice Day (wear your Sunday best, no jeans allowed).
Thursday, 10/29 is Drugs Give you the Blues Day (wear blue jeans & a St. Andrews shirt).
Friday, 10/30 is Hocus Pocus Drugs Aren't My Focus Day (Halloween costumes).



TEACHERS UPDATING TECHNOLOGY SKILLS

On Saturday, October 17, Mrs. Syrios, Mrs. Snow, Mrs. Caposieno, and Mrs. Zilka attended the Illinois Conference of Computing to LEARN new and exciting advances in Technology Education and additional ways to increase student skills and advance learning. These teachers learned to use a variety of new and upcoming technology and various computer programs and websites to assist students.

SAVE THE DATE

November 23 & 24 - Mark the 2-day period for mandatory Parent-Teacher Conferences. Parents are asked to be mindful of the importance of conferences when making travel plans and other Thanksgiving-related plans. Conferences are right around the corner, and the teachers are planning for them already. We are excited to share information and assessments with you about your child(ren). Sign-ups will begin week of November 9. Thank you for choosing Catholic education at SAS.



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.

MONTH OF THE ROSARY

The children will be reciting the rosary after Wednesday Mass during the month of October, the month of the rosary. Please remind your child to bring their rosaries to Wednesday Mass. Parents are encouraged to come and share in prayer with their children.



MY COKE REWARDS

This means that every time you enjoy a participating Coca-Cola product (and there are lots of them), you can donate the My Coke Rewards points to our school. The donations will help give our students things they need, like sports gear, creative supplies, books, classroom tools and more. How do you help?

- Purchase your favorite Coca-Cola drink to get codes.
- Go to mycokerewards.com (register if you aren't a member).
- Enter codes to collect points – choose “Donate to Your School” from the six ways to spend points.
- Find our school by Zip Code. When our school's page comes up, click “Donate Points Now” and enter the amount you'd like to donate.

Codes can also be dropped off at school in the bin outside of Mrs. Zilka's room. All points donated in October are worth double!



We have many Coke rewards that have been given to the school. Help is needed now to enter codes that have been dropped off so we can take advantage of the **double points**. This is something you can do at home if you cannot get to the school. Please contact Mrs. Zilka if you can help 815-886-5953 x401.

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.

SAS HEALTHY & WELLNESS INITIATIVE

In an effort to promote healthy living, SAS is encouraging families to choose a healthy alternative for classroom parties and to the traditional birthday treats. Birthday treats are optional at school. Classroom guidelines can be discussed with specific teachers, especially food restrictions of students due to allergies. Please keep the treats simple and healthy, and do not feel pressured or obligated to send cupcakes, donuts or homemade treats. This will help our efforts to keep all students healthy. Non-food treats are also welcome.

IDEAS FOR HEALTHY, OR NON-FOOD RELATED TREATS:

1. Frozen fruit/juice popsicles
2. Trail mix
3. Sliced fruit
4. Low-fat muffins
5. Goldfish
6. Cereal party mix
7. Pretzels
8. Granola bars
9. Apple slices with caramel dip
10. Pencils/pens
11. Bubbles
12. Stickers



On behalf of the School Faculty, PTO, and staff, we look forward to helping each child have a year filled with positive growth, success and new friendships, and good health!

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

PTO NEWS

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 or 847-212-1776.



FUNDRAISING ORDERS DELIVERED

The items that were ordered for the Fall Fundraiser will be delivered to the school on Tuesday, November 3rd. Please stop in at the end of the day to pick up your order. If your order is not too big it will be sent home with your child.

CULVER'S RESULTS

The following are the totals for the Family Night at Culver's on September 24th:

Ms. Triner's Preschool class: 4	Mrs. Caposieno's Kindergarten class: 14
Mrs. Ceci's 1st Grade class: 18	Ms. Dalton's 2 nd Grade class: 9
Mrs. Kurbis' 3 rd Grade class: 9	Mrs. Syrios' 4 th Grade class: 8
Mrs. Ellerman's 5 th Grade class: 17	Mr. Irwin's 6/7 Grade class: 4
Mrs. Snow's 8 th Grade class: 7	
Congratulations 1 st Grade!	

PTO MEETING

Our next PTO meeting will be on Thursday, November 19th at 6:00 P.M. in the St. Mary Center.



LET'S GO SHOPPING

When you shop at the Promenade in Bolingbrook we can earn a portion of \$10,000.00 in gift cards. 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 name written on the back & we will turn them in. Receipts have to be dated between 10/1/2009 & 4/30/2010. Remember this when you do your Christmas shopping.

RED ROBIN FAMILY NIGHT

Thank you to everyone that participated in the Red Robin Family Nights. We earned \$491.00!!

MARKET DAY

Don't forget to place your Market Day order and help us earn extra profit! Dessert Bonus Days are back with fourteen high quality pies, cheesecakes and individual desserts that are perfect endings to holiday meals. Order today and help us reach our goal of 250 desserts! Order online at marketday.com (acct. #1997) until 11:00 P.M. on Nov. 9th or return the order forms to school by Nov. 5th. Pick up is Nov. 12th from 4:30 - 5:30 P.M. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer to help, you can call Jodie Nelson at 815-407-0748. Thank you supporting our school!



ROOM PARENTS NEEDED

We still need 2 parents for the 2nd grade room. Please call Mrs. Martin at 815-953-3418 if you can do this.

HALLOWEEN HAPPENINGS

The Halloween parties in the classrooms will begin at 1:15 P.M. & the parade will begin at 2:00 P.M. (weather permitting). The students will be walking around the perimeter of the school. Only the Room Parents are allowed in the classrooms for the class parties. So if you want to see all the creative costumes, come out & see the parade.



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