

APOSTOLIC TIMES

St. Andrew the Apostle School

PRINCIPAL'S NEWSLETTER October 6, 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:

The GOOD NEWS at St. Andrew School reflects the wonderful partnership between parents and teachers to give the children the very best education opportunities and curricular programs to provide them with a well rounded Catholic education. I wanted to share some recent developments with you about the school at-large. Clearly, we are headed in the right direction, thanks be to God.



- * Successful Fall Fundraiser & Culver's Night
- * 12 students joined band program
- * Junior High class is putting on a play "Peter Pan"
- * PTO room parents to coordinate the Halloween parties/parade
- * Strong and vibrant in-school Faith Formation with weekly Liturgy and prayer services as well as monthly Adoration and Benediction
- * Installation of white boards
- * Preschool room renovated

These collective achievements speak well of the faculty of SAS. We aim to provide you and your families with the very best, especially to promote our core values of FAITH, FAMILY, and EDUCATION. Please accept my best wishes for continued success this year. I have seen and heard many wonderful things from the classrooms. If you have any questions, concerns, or praise, please e-mail me because I value your input as Catholic school parents.

ITBS TESTING

All students in grades 3 through 8 began and finished the Iowa Test of Basic Skills (ITBS) last week. The ITBS is a standardized achievement test taken by students nationwide. The main purpose of the test is to provide the school with information that can be used to help teachers make sound educational decisions about student learning. The score results allow us to monitor student growth from year-to-year, and also help us identify areas of achievement as well as needed areas of improvement. Special thanks to the PTO & Melissa Davis (Parent Coordinator & School Board Member) for providing the kids with inspirational treats each day. We expect the results by early-November, and they will be shared with you during your conference time in the fall.

A SPECIAL WORD FROM MR. LEPPERT ABOUT SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

Please work with us to build the church of tomorrow. Parents of children in grades 1 & 2 (First Holy Communion & Reconciliation) and 7 & 8 (Confirmation) still have time to register their children in the sacramental life of the Church. Parents need to register through the Faith Formation office by the end of this week to join the already-in-progress Generations of Faith sessions. Contact DRE, Mary Tibble, at 815.886.5962 or mtibble@standrewromeoville.com for more information.



SURVEY INFO

The school has not heard back from the survey company or the Diocese so we do not yet know the numbers for the Jeans Day for the kids. As soon as we know, parents will be notified in writing if/when the kids have a Jeans Day. The tentative date of October 6 will **NOT** be a Jeans Day. Thank you for your patience.

HOT LUNCH FORMS

Enclosed are the Hot Lunch forms for November. The deadline is Oct. 15th. No late orders will be accepted!

TAFFY APPLE SALE

You received the order form last week. Help support the 8th grade by purchasing these delicious treats. All orders must be in by October 21, 2009.

PICTURES

Enclosed are the school pictures that were taken on 9/3/09. Picture Retake Day is October 16th. If your child was absent on 9/3 or if you want them to retake their picture please return the packet on 10/16.

TARDY POLICY

Thank you to the many parents who are supporting our tardy policy (no tardies unless there is an emergency). The number of tardies has plummeted and our children and teachers are benefitting from this change. The teachers and I ask your continued support to have your children in their seats and ready to learn at 8:00 A.M.

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.



PRAYERS NEEDED

Prayers are requested for Mr. Irwin and his family. Mr. Irwin's father is ill and is not doing well, according to the doctors. Mr. Irwin is traveling this week and will be away from school. He is asking for prayers from the St. Andrew community. Please keep him and his family in your thoughts and prayers.

MANNA PROGRAM

Our Manna program is starting to gain momentum. Please remember to purchase Manna before you go shopping. Remember, this costs you nothing and helps support our school programs. This is especially important for Catholic education in today's economic climate. Forms are available on-line for your convenience.

ROOM PARENTS NEEDED

We need 2 parents for the 6/7 gr. room parents. Please call Mrs. Martin at 815-953-3418 if you can do this.

SCHOOL STORE

School Store will be open the first Tuesday of every month. An assortment of folders, pencils, pens, and other school supplies found on the school supply lists can be purchased by students at this time for a nominal fee.



COKE REWARDS

During the month of October, Coke is offering double points! Don't forget to bring those codes in for the school to get credit. There is a bin outside Mrs. Zilka's classroom to put them in. If you are available to help enter the codes during the day, please contact Mrs. Zilka at zjilka@standrewromeoville.com

UNIFORM RESALE

The PTO will be having another uniform resale in October. If you have uniforms at home you would like to donate please bring them to the office.

CANDY SALE

One box of candy per child was sent home on Monday, 10/5. The bars are \$1.00 each & the money has to be returned by Monday, October 26th.

BAKERS NEEDED

We need volunteers to bake for the October Birthday Celebration on Friday, October 16th. Please contact Melissa Davis at 847-212-1776 or msdavis761@yahoo.com



QUO VADIS GROUP

For young men grades 7-10, we will be gathering at the Fiat House to discuss what it means to be a man of God and how to grow in virtue and holiness. Parents are welcome. Seminarian Steve Borello will be leading at the Fiat House, 113 N. Ottawa St., Joliet, IL 60432, from 9-10:30 A.M. This group will continue to meet throughout the year. Please RSVP to Fr. Burke at 815-834-4404 or frburke23@aol.com if you plan to attend.

LET'S GO SHOPPING

Last week we send home a flyer about school rewards from 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. Receipts have to be dated between 10/1/2009 & 4/30/2010. There are other fun events listed that are happening at the Promenade, too. Check them out.



LUNCH HELPERS

We need *consistent* parent volunteers to assist in the lunch room each day. If you are interested in helping, and know that you can consistently help one day each week throughout the school year, please call the school office at 815.886.5953 x420 or Bernadette at x303.

PARENTS NEEDED FOR PTO

Please consider an active role in your child's education by joining the PTO. We need people to work behind the scenes and assist in various ways, so it's not just about attending evening meetings! Speaking of meetings, the first PTO meeting will be on October 15th at 7 P.M. in St. Mary Center. We want to extend an invitation to all parents to join the PTO by contacting the school office.

MARKET DAY

See the insert in this newsletter from Market Day. Order online at marketday.com (acct. #1997) until 11 P.M. CST on Monday, Oct 12th or return the order form to school by Thursday, October 8th. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer to help, please call Jodie Nelson at 815-407-0748.



PUTTING THE BAND BACK TOGETHER

Band will start on **Thursday, October 7th**. There were 12 students that signed up. Those students will have a schedule in their Family Folders today. They are responsible for making up the work that they miss during their Band time. Contact the teacher for more info. If there is an important lesson or test scheduled, the lesson time will be changed for that week. Contact Music on the Run at 630-271-8091 for further questions.

FREE COMPUTER TUTORING

Did you know, every Thursday afternoon from 2:30 p.m. until 4 p.m., there is FREE COMPUTER TUTORING in the computer lab, and every morning from 7:30 until 7:55 a.m. offered by Mrs. Zilka, our E-Learning Coordinator? Mrs. Zilka is here to help those students that are struggling to learn the keyboard without looking at the keys and complete classroom technology projects.



How do you sign up? Just register the day before by e-mailing Mrs. Zilka @ jjzilka@standrewromeoville.com and then come prepared to work hard and develop your skills.

HELP WANTED

Mrs. Zilka is looking for some help on Thursday afternoons from 1 to 2:30 or on Fridays from 1 to 2:30. If you can help, please e-mail her directly at jjzilka@standrewromeoville.com.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER TRAINING

Anyone interested in being trained to be an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion (EM) is invited to come to the Church on October 8 at 6 PM. Any questions, please contact Sue Psenicka x314 or spsenicka@standrewromeoville.com

LOOKING AHEAD

There are Manna gift cards available for Red Robin in the denomination of \$10.00 each. These will have to be ordered so place your order early so you will have them in time for the Family Night at Red Robin on October 20 & 22. Mark your calendar for Oct. 20 & 22 at Red Robin!



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.

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

May your homes become schools of prayer for both parents and children.

