

# APOSTOLIC TIMES

St. Andrew the Apostle School

PRINCIPAL'S NEWSLETTER September 1, 2009

“Our Catholic schools summon young people to holiness. We see Christ reflected in the faces of our Catholic school children as they are nourished academically, physically and spiritually. It is their energy that we strive most diligently to preserve and increase.”

- Cardinal Daniel DiNardo, *bishop of Galveston-Houston,*  
*speaking at the NCEA annual convention April 16, 2009*



## 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 at least 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.

## H1N1 FLU UP-DATE

Please read the enclosed letter from the Will County Health Department about the H1N1 flu. More information can be found at [www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu/schools](http://www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu/schools). Schools are **not** closing when reported and confirmed cases are identified. Please make sure kids are kept at home when they are sick! School policy is to keep kids who exhibit symptoms and other signs of illness (not feeling well) away from the general population. Kids at SAS will not be in class if they are ill/sick. Thank you for your cooperation.

## PICTURE DAY

On Thursday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>, we will be having our school pictures taken. Students are allowed to wear dress clothes for their pictures, according to the Handbook guidelines. They will not have to dress for PE on this day. The payment envelope is included in this family folder. Picture packages cannot be ordered if payment is not received.



## PARENT COORDINATOR

Melissa Davis is a School Board member and she also serves on Sister Dorothy's committee. Melissa has agreed to serve as the Parent Coordinator for the upcoming year. Basically, she is the "clearinghouse" for all school parent requests for service hours and also for special events. If you submit your request through Melissa, she can help announce it in the Parish Bulletin (school section), our TeacherEase program, our Tuesday school newsletter, hallway bulletin boards, and even the local newspaper. If you need school parents for any parish activity or event, please contact Melissa Davis at [msdavis761@yahoo.com](mailto:msdavis761@yahoo.com) or phone 847.212.1776. Thank you to Mrs. Davis for her willingness to serve in this capacity and for her overall dedication to St. Andrew School.

## ART PROGRAM

Ms. Triner will be teaching Art this year to all grades. She will be using a program called "Arts Attack". If you have any questions about the Art program please see [www.artsattack.com](http://www.artsattack.com) or e-mail Ms. Triner at [jtriner@standrewromeoville.com](mailto:jtriner@standrewromeoville.com).



## CLARIFICATION

We regret the confusion on the blue parent sign-up sheet for service hours. The paper distributed at the Parent Meeting on 8/24 included some language about attaching a \$150 check and also some words about levels of service. Ignore and omit entirely the middle section. All parents need to do is check the boxes of the activity that you are interested in performing and return the blue paper ASAP so we can plan the year. We apologize for the error. Any questions, please call the school office.

### EXTRA COMPUTER/LAPTOPS

Have a working computer or laptop around your house or office that is collecting dust? Why not donate the equipment to the school. We will recycle the computer and give it to a student that is without a computer. The computer/laptop can be dropped off at the computer lab just around the corner or at the school office from 9 A.M. to 3 P.M. If you need to bring it by in the evening, e-mail Mrs. Zilka @ [jzilka@standrewromeoville.com](mailto:jzilka@standrewromeoville.com) or call 815-886-5953 Ext. 401. Thank you always for supporting our school.



### COMPUTER HELP NEEDED

Do you like to work with computers? Do you have some technical experience that you can offer once or twice a month? If you do, you are the perfect person we are looking for to be on the school Technology Team. If you are able to help, please e-mail Mr. Leppert at [JLeppert@standrewromeoville.com](mailto:JLeppert@standrewromeoville.com).

### E-MAILS NEEDED

Please take a moment to ensure the school office has your accurate e-mail on file. If you have not been receiving e-mails from the school, please call the school office. We have a few e-mail addresses that have been rejected. Please make sure we have the correct e-mail address on file to set up your TeacherEase account.

### THANKS PTO

Thank you to PTO for providing the assignment books and pencil pouches this year. I know everyone appreciates the gifts!



### ADVERTISE YOUR SCHOOL

Lawn signs are available, at no charge, in the school office to promote St. Andrew School. The School board and the Marketing Committee have created small yard signs to help us reach other families. Stop by the school and pick up a sign this week. Too busy to stop by? Get in contact with the school office and we will deliver one to your house. Lawn signs are a proven and effective way to market a school. We are very thankful to Mr. Martin and Mrs. Zilka for developing creating the signs. Please let us know if you are willing to advertise St. Andrew School by placing a lawn sign in your yard. Thank you for your support.

### BEGINNING OF THE DAY

\*Doors open at 7:45 A.M. – Please don't drop off your children before this time. If they arrive too early they will be sent to Morning Day Care and you will be charged.

\*Tardy at 8 AM. Students must be in their classrooms at 8 A.M. They will be issued a tardy slip if they arrive as the 8 A.M. bell rings. Tardy = detention at lunch on a one-to-one basis.

### MANDATORY FORMS

It is extremely important that we have the emergency cards on file in the office. If your child's card is not turned in they will be kept out of class starting Tuesday, Sept. 1<sup>st</sup>, until we receive it. We need 2 cards filled out/student. One is kept in the Day Care room.

### DUCT TAPE AND TISSUE PAPER WANTED

If anyone would like to donate a roll of color duct tape or some colored tissue paper, please drop it by Mrs. Zilka's room. This will be used for a creative project in the next few weeks.



### BOARD BRIEFS

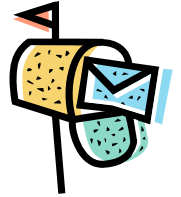
Outgoing Board members, John Kramer & Judy Cisco, were honored at Back-to-School Night. Mr. Leppert and Fr. Gregor presented them with a certificate from the NCEA for their years of service to St. Andrew School. Mr. Kramer served for 3 years and Mrs. Cisco served for 6 years. Saying goodbye to long-term leaders is always hard. Mr. Leppert and Fr. Gregor thank both of them for their diligent, caring, and productive efforts. They made some tough and significant decisions during their terms and the school is a better place because of their involvement.

## FAMILY FOLDERS

Every Tuesday all school communication will be sent home in the family folder with the oldest child enrolled at St. Andrew School. Each time the folder is sent home, please remove and carefully read all the contents. We ask that you respond to any items that require your attention, sign the folder, and return it to school with your child the next day.

## LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Due to lack of funds (among other troubles in Springfield), the State of Illinois did not fund any new applicants for the Pre-School for All grant for the 2009 – 2010 fiscal year. We did apply for the grant and devoted resources, time, and money to submit the bid. The School Board played a key role in the submission of the grant. We plan on re-submitting the grant, if it's available. Please take a moment to contact your local legislatures to let them know that the kids in our area deserve the very best. Urge them to fund the Grant and other educational services. This is not a "school" issue it's a taxpayer issue. For more information contact Board President April Pearson at [pearson.april@comcast.net](mailto:pearson.april@comcast.net).



## PARISH PICTORIAL DIRECTORY

Volunteers are needed to sit and check people in to have their pictures taken for the Pictorial Directory. The first week will be Sept. 8, 9 10, & 12<sup>th</sup>. The times will be from 2:30 P.M. until around 9:00 P.M. If you are able to volunteer for any amount of time please call Bernadette at 815-886-4165, ext. 303.

## LUNCH HELPERS

We will be needing *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.



## MANNA

Manna certificates can be purchased at the Parish Office Monday – Friday, 8:30 A.M. – 4:30 P.M. or on Sunday mornings at the Café from 7:30-11:30 A.M. The second sheet of the insert is the list of vendors Bernadette has on hand. The long sheet is the list of all vendors available. If you want to order any certificates **ALL ORDERS MUST BE IN TO BERNADETTE NO LATER THAN 8:00 A.M. MONDAY MORNING ALONG WITH THE CASH, CHECK OR MONEY ORDER.** Any questions, call Bernadette 815-886-4165 x303.

## PARENTS NEEDED FOR PTO

An active and dedicated PTO is an asset to any school. 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 15<sup>th</sup> 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. Please share your time and talents with the children!

## MARKET DAY

Two great offers - one big thank you! Purchase 3 qualifying items on page 7 of the September Order Guide (in this week's family folder) and receive a FREE Car Organizer. You can also qualify to receive a FREE 4-pack of Turkey Tournedos when you order \$90 at [marketday.com](http://marketday.com) and enter the promo code listed in the September Order Guide during online checkout.



Order online at [marketday.com](http://marketday.com) until 11 P.M. on Monday, 9/14 (account #1997) or return the order form to school by Thursday, Sept. 10<sup>th</sup>. Pick-up is Thursday, Sept 17<sup>th</sup> from 4:30 - 5:30 P.M. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer to help, please call Jodie Nelson at 815-407-0748.

## ROOM PARENTS

Thank you to all the parents who have volunteered for room parents so far but we still need someone for Kindergarten, Grades 1 & 2. Please contact Mrs. Martin at 815-372-2917 or email her at [Pilotdance@aol.com](mailto:Pilotdance@aol.com) if you could help.

## PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN CLASS

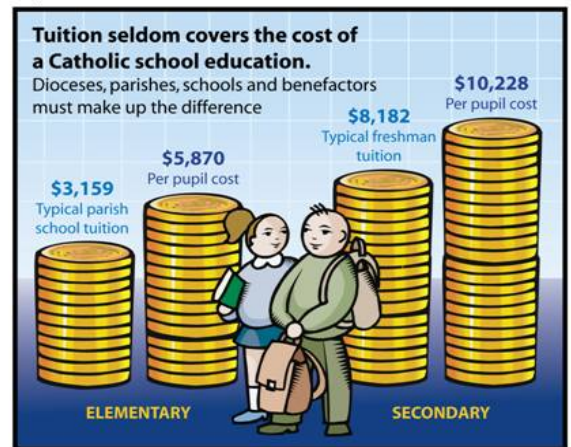
The next Protecting God's Children Class will be on Saturday, September 12<sup>th</sup> from noon to 3 P.M. at St. Andrew. Please arrive 10 minutes early to fill out paperwork. No one will be admitted late. You need to take this class if you want to help at lunch, in the classroom, field trips, etc. Please call Andrea Vasquez x 504 to register.

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



## **CATHOLIC SCHOOLS SNAPS**

A quick take on issues and statistics



Source: Financing the Mission: A Profile of Catholic Elementary Schools in the U.S. 2008. NCEA, 2009; Dollars and Sense: Catholic High Schools and Their Finances: 2008-2009. NCEA, 2009.

## **A Parent's Prayer**

Lord,  
as a new school year starts,  
please bless my child.  
Holy Spirit,  
Please give my child's  
teachers the inspiration  
to instill in their students  
the joy of learning,  
and give me the  
courage to support them.  
Brother Jesus,  
remembering your childhood,  
fill my child with  
imagination and wonder,  
laughter and giggles.  
Father, source of all love,  
fill my child with a  
love for others,  
a song of praise,  
a desire for service,  
and the living water of faith. ✚