Tuesday Update: March 20, 2018

Mass tomorrow at 9am: 5th grade will host us. Parents are welcome to attend.



PTO Meeting Tonight: Our final PTO meeting is slated for tonight, 6:00pm in our school cafeteria. Thank you to 8th grade parents for providing us with snacks and drinks for this evening's meeting. Please join us in thanking parents who have gone the extra mile this year. We will discuss vital information about schedule and Math curriculum changes. We will also review plans for the use of TOT money for next year.

<u>CHEER AND BASKETBALL PHOTOS ARE COMING HOME TODAY!</u> - Please remove your photos from your child's Tuesday folder as soon as possible so the photos do not get damaged. Thank you.

<u>FACTS Tuition Assistance Applications are due by April 1</u>: If you plan to apply for financial aid for the 2018-2019 school year through our school, please be sure your application is complete. *FACTS Grant and Aid Application can be accessed on the FACTS Tuition Management Website*. Click on the Grant and Aid link at the top of the page. The FACTS Application needs to be completed by **Sunday, April 1**. Please contact the school if you have any questions or need additional help.

<u>Scoliosis Screening:</u> McLeod Health did a simple screening today for our middle school students this morning. If a follow-up is needed, Jenna Cunningham will email parents. Please call Jenna if you have any questions.

Quarter ends on Thursday March 22! Report cards will come home on Tuesday, March 27. 3 or less demerit lunches will take place on Tuesday, April 10th (8th grade), Thursday April 12 (7th grade) and Friday, April 13 (6th grade). Stay tuned for details.

<u>Holy Week Retreat:</u> Our 8th graders and staff are working hard on preparing another spiritual experience for all the students in the school. Mark your calendars for Tuesday, March 27th for this beautiful time to participate fully in the Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Rice Bowls: Rice Bowls are due on Monday, March 26. Students will offer them at Mass on Wednesday, March 28. Thank you for donating to this worthy cause and remaining true to the practice of almsgiving during the Lenten season.

<u>Congratulations to our newest citizen!!</u> Rita Hayek is the newest citizen of the United States of America! We know you are so proud of this accomplishment. What a fine example for your own family and for our school family.

<u>Thank you to Deirdre O'Rourke Hemingway:</u> Deirdre provided the teachers with a delicious authentic Irish luncheon. We so appreciate her sharing her time, talent, and heritage with us. Thank you to Gina Barrier for helping Deirdre set up, serve and clean up.

Help 4 Kids: Each class will collect a certain item for Easter Baskets to be delivered to children before Easter. Aftercare will help us assemble the baskets. We always thank you for your generosity! The Help 4 Kids van will be parked at the CLC this Friday, March 23 from 8:00-3:00 pm. Please consider donating any gently used household items or clothing. Students can continue to bring in Easter supplies until Tuesday, March 27.

<u>Cheerleading News:</u> Cheer Camp forms went home last week for rising 1st through 5th gr. Please be sure to return them and money by Friday, April 13th. Today we will send home forms for 6th-8th grade girls who would like to be cheerleaders for the 2018-2019 school year. These forms are due by this Thursday, March 29th. Thank you.

VISIT FROM AN AUTHOR: On Monday, April 9, Meghan Bausch (daughter of our Bookkeeper, Kathy McCormick, and St. Andrew Alumnus) will visit our school and speak with the students about her newly published book, *Saintly Rhymes for Modern Times*. She will see grades 1 and 4-8. Kindergarten will have that day off due to testing incoming Kindergarteners and grades 2 and 3 will be on a field trip. As part of our S.T.R.E.A.M. initiative, Meghan's talk with the middle school students will include a demonstration on how she uses technology with Photoshop for her illustration process. Meghan will do a book signing that morning for anyone that has purchased her book. She will not have copies available during a visit, but they can be ordered on Amazon. If any students in Kindergarten, 2, or 3 would like their book signed, they can leave it at school, and we can get them signed for you. This is a charming book that students of all ages will enjoy. We thank Meghan for taking the time to come visit St. Andrew!

Registration 2018-2019 is Open: All current school families received an invitation via email to register from RenWeb. Registration for the next school year and records sent to high schools will be held until all fees and incidentals are rectified. If you have a question about your account balance, please call Kathy McCormick @ (843)-448-6062. Please be sure you have returned your Parish Affirmation Forms (for those Catholic families who applied for Parish subsidy). Thank you.

Please note a \$50.00 late fee will be assessed for packets submitted after April 13, 2018. After the 15th of every consecutive month an additional late fee of \$50.00 will be assessed.

S.T.R.E.A.M. School Wide, In-House Field Trip: We have a fabulous opportunity to work with Publix Grocery stores on a S.T.R.E.A.M. initiative. Representatives from Publix are coming to our school to do a special Mother's Day baking class for students. The cost is \$8.00 per student. Students will learn a bit about baking and will create a wonderful Mother's Day present! *Order forms and money were due today; if you still want to participate, please return your order form and money tomorrow. Thank you.*

<u>Yearbook News:</u> Don't wait until it's too late ... order your child's yearbook today! It's easy, just visit <u>www.TreeRing.com</u> and place the order. You also have the option of customizing two FREE pages in your child's yearbook. **All orders are due by Monday, April 16th.** Please contact Mrs. Tyndall with questions.

We Need Your Pictures! *Please* send in any photos that can be used in the yearbook. Photos needed are class events, school events, sports, club activities, field trips, etc. Photos can be emailed to ktyndall@standrewschoolmb.org, sent on a flash drive (will be returned), or uploaded to www.TreeRing.com. Please contact Mrs. Tyndall with questions by Tuesday, March 27.

2018 Lip Sync News: Mark your calendars for Friday, April 20th for our annual Lip Sync. 4-8th graders are invited to participate. Please email Coach at trollings@standrewschoolmb.org to sign up a group. One parent per group has the responsibility of signing up the group. Please note, students are not signing up groups this year. Coach will be looking forward to hearing from the parents. Thank you!

No School: on Friday, March 30th for Good Friday. Spring break begins Monday, April 2. School resumes Monday, April 9.

<u>No School for Kindergarten:</u> on Monday and Tuesday, April 9th & 10th. Mrs. Kosydar and Mrs. Erickson will be testing incoming Kindergartners.

<u>Calendar Change:</u> Please note changes in the May calendar to make up for our last snow day. Tuesday, May 29 will be a full day for our first field day! Wednesday, May 30 will be a full day with Athletic Awards in the afternoon. Thursday and Friday will be half days with the 8th grade Baccalaureate Mass on Thursday with awards dinner to follow.