Tuesday Update: January 9, 2018

Welcome Back! We are looking forward to a fabulous New Year with you and your families!



But those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint. ~Isaiah 40:31

<u>No Mass This week or Next.</u> We will not celebrate Mass on Wednesday, January 10 or January 17 due to MAP Testing. *Please note, there is a convocation of priests January 9, 10,11. Mass will be said at St. Andrew at 6:00pm on those evenings. All are welcome to attend. It is quite an experience to celebrate Mass where most of the priests in our Diocese are convened!*

<u>Please mark your calendars:</u> School make-up days are scheduled for January 15, the MLK holiday, and February 19, Presidents' Day.

Spelling Bee and Geography Bee: The Spelling Bee is this afternoon in the Cafetorium at 1:00 p.m. The Geography Bee is on Thursday at 1:00 p.m. Parents are welcome to attend.

No Running Club this Thursday!

BASF is coming! As part of our STREAM initiative, the company BASF is coming to teach chemistry to elementary and middle school students in January. BASF creates chemistry for a sustainable future. They advertise that they combine economic success with environmental protection and social responsibility. BASF Corporation is the largest affiliate of BASF SE and the second largest producer and marketer of chemicals and related products in North America. Google them to find out more! The lessons they plan to teach our students will center around water and the effects of using too much or too little in mixtures. Students may be making small amounts of concrete!

WELCOME TO THE AR 100 POINT CLUB FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER! Evan in 3rd grade; William in 4th grade; Joseph and Christian in 5th grade; and Logan in 7th grade. Keep up the good reading!

<u>Congratulations to the Dharmadasa girls!</u> Mirna and Sasha welcome a new baby brother, Lucas Nathaniel Prenatt. Lucas was born on 01/07/18 at 6lbs 2 ounces. May God Bless them all!

Art Club: Please plan on coming to Art Club this Thursday, January 11 until 4:00.

<u>Child ID Kits Coming Home Today:</u> Please see the kits coming home today and use them at your discretion for the protection of your children.

<u>Correction to Spelling Bee</u>: Evie was the winner in 5^{th} grade and Erin was the runner up. Good job girls and good luck this afternoon!

<u>Congratulations to the 2017-2018 Jr. Scholars!</u> It is exciting to recognize that over 20% of our 8th graders were identified as Jr. Scholars for the 2017-2018 school year. We are proud of these 8th grade students and their hard work and dedication toward academic success. *Congratulations Mason, Gianna, Christine and Lane!*

<u>**Request for Pictures**</u> Mrs. Slawecki would love for anyone who has pictures of the beautiful Christmas program to share them with her. Please email them to <u>kslawecki@standrewschoolmb.org</u>. Thank you!

Piano available: If you are interested in an upright piano, or know a charity that would like to take it, we have one in the music room we are willing to donate. The right leg needs to be repaired and it needs to be tuned, but otherwise, it is a working piano. Call the front office if interested!

PJ Day was a great success! Thank you to all who participated. We will update you with pictures of the horseshoe pit the Girl Scout Troop plans to build with the proceeds.

Library Grant: Our school library has been awarded a \$5,000.00 grant from the Chapin Foundation. The money will be used to purchase books and possibly some casual student seating. Thank you Chapin Foundation!!! And Thank You to Cheryl Sedota who spent the hours involved in applying for this Grant!

<u>Support your Crusaders:</u> Purchase your CLC Advertising Sign today! What a great way to advertise your business for the upcoming school year! Please contact Jenna Cunningham if you are interested at jcunningham@standrewschoolmb.com

Box Top News! Our school just received \$450.00 from Box Tops for Education! Thanks to all of you who diligently cut those little box tops. As you can see, they add up to benefit our school! Keep sending them in!

Myrtle Beach High School is hosting a Program Informational Session on Wednesday, Feb 7th at 8:45am in the MBHS Media Center. This session will include a brief overview of our programs in academics, arts, and athletics, along with a tour of the campus and time for questions. Please let us know if your student will attend. *A note must be submitted if your child is attending.*

Basketball this week: Our teams will play at St. Michael's this Thursday. Jr. Boys begin at 4:00 pm, Girls at 5:00 pm, and Sr. Boys at 6:00 pm. Come support your Crusaders!

<u>Catholic Schools Week is coming! January 29- February 4.</u> Take special note of the information coming home today about our Family Prom. Stay tuned for important information about one of the most important weeks on our school calendar. We are looking forward to lots of fun and participation!

<u>A Day of Giving:</u> St. Andrew Catholic School will be participating in a national day of giving from 9:00 AM on January 30th – 9:00 AM on January 31st. We'll be celebrating the many benefits of Catholic education and raising funds to offer tuition assistance. Our goal is to welcome every family desiring a Catholic education for their child. Your gift can make an impact! Please accept this invitation to invest in our children and our school. Visit <u>www.ncea.org/manygifts/csw</u> during this 24- hour giving period. You'll find St. Andrew on the drop down list. For more information, please contact Jenna Cunningham or Mrs. Wilfong #catholiceducationnow #nowmorethanever. *Please note, this is Nationwide! You will see our advertisements in many places as we are trying to reach businesses, alumni, parishioners and prospective families in this campaign. Share this information with all you know!*

Best wishes to St. Andrew's students: Gianna in 8th grade and Alyssa in 5th grade. They will compete as part of Coastal Youth Ballet Theatre's group ensembles in this Saturday's Youth America Grand Prix U.S. Regionals in Tampa, FL. YAGP is the world's largest and one of the most prestigious ballet competitions, with regionals held in 18 U.S. cities and 6 international locations each year. Good luck, girls!

National Religious Freedom Day is this Saturday, January 13.

When Jesus becomes the clear center of your life, then your mind, your will, your emotions, your private life, your public life—all of it—finds its harmonious place around that center. ~Bishop Baron