Tuesday Update: January 8, 2019

Mass tomorrow hosted by 8th grade. Parents are welcome to join us!



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<u>MAP testing</u> began today for Elementary students and continues through next week. Please arrive on time and eat a healthy breakfast! *Middle School begins next week!*

8th Grade Parent Meeting: If you are confused about applications for high school programs, please plan to attend an informational meeting this Thursday, January 10, 3:10 in the Science room.

<u>Congratulations to our classroom Spelling Bee Champions and alternates!</u> The following students won their classroom spelling bees and will compete in the school competition TODAY @1:00 pm in our school cafeteria: 5th: Winner, Mark H., Alternate, Sophia R. 6th: Winner, Rachel P., Alternate, Erin M. 7th: Winner, Seth R., Alternate Jake S. 8th: Winner, David H. and Alternate Jaden S. Congratulations! Go Crusaders!

<u>Congratulations to the Geography Bee Finalists!</u> The top 10 finalists in this year's Geography Bee are 8th graders: Jack C., Sarah H., Lizzie M., Brey M., and Paul V. The 7th grade finalists are Gill B. and Summer S. 6th graders are Gaby D., Erin M., and Ben M. Congratulations! We are looking forward to the school Geography Bee in the school cafeteria this Thursday, January 10th @1:00 pm!

<u>New Aftercare Phone Policy</u>: Parents please text the aftercare phone number @843-582-6578 instead of calling. Please state your name and the child(ren) you are picking up. Thank you for your cooperation.

We are in the process of forming our 2018 Kindergarten list. If your child will be 5 years old by Sept. 1, 2019, as a sibling of a current student, he/she will have priority status for this list. You must have an application on file. Please call Ms. Ferrari if you have any questions. Spread the word to any of your family members or friends that may be interested in enrolling their children at St. Andrew. This will also give them a priority status. *Applications are found on our website www.standrewschoolmb.com*.

Thank you to Mrs. Slawecki and the children's choir for their beautiful service Christmas Eve! Come join us for the next Children's Mass on January 27th at 9:15. **Annual Christmas Show**: Another big thank you to our talented students and Mrs. Slawecki for a beautiful Christmas program. The delightful music put us all in the Christmas spirit and focused our attitudes on the reason for the season, the birth of our savior!

<u>Childhood Cancer Awareness</u>: Thank you to all who supported our PJ day! We will send a contribution to the Cancer Partners through the Optimist club of approximately \$225.00. We always appreciate your support!

Go Crusaders! Come support our basketball teams tomorrow (1/09) v. St. Michael @ St. Michael and Monday (1/14) v. Palmetto Academy @PA. Jr. Boys (4pm), Girls (5pm) & Sr. Boys (6 pm). Good luck Crusaders!

<u>Basketball Pictures:</u> Please have <u>FULL UNIFORMS</u> for practice on the following days for team basketball pictures.

Junior Boys: SUNDAY, Jan 13th 2pm

Girls Basketball: TUESDAY, Jan 15th 2:45pm Senior Boys: WEDNESDAY, Jan 16th 2:45pm

<u>Catholic Schools Week is coming! January 28 - February 1.</u> 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!

Beach Walk to fight Hunger, Wed., Jan. 30: Each year as a part of our mission and school wide service program, we organize a 1 ½ mile walk on the beach to demonstrate our solidarity with the poor and raise money for Helping Hand and the Community Kitchen. Students are asked to obtain sponsor donations before the day of the walk. The three students collecting the most money will earn a special prize. Start early to obtain donations from family and friends! Your sponsorship envelope is in today's Tuesday folder. More information will come home soon. Thank you for your support of this project!

<u>Family Prom:</u> Save the date for our annual Family Prom, Friday, February 1, 2019. Dress up in anything you feel comfortable in and come join us in celebration of our families here at St. Andrew!

A Day of Giving: St. Andrew Catholic School will be participating in a national day of giving from 9:00 AM on January $29^{th} - 9:00$ AM on January 30th. More information to come.

Important Financial Notice: Beginning January 3, 2019, a 3% late fee will be assessed each month if tuition or incidental charges are not paid by the due date. We recommend, if you have not already, enrolling in auto pay to pay incidental charges. Please be sure to have easy access to your account with FACTS Tuition Management and that FACTS has your correct email. FACTS notifies all families four days before a tuition payment is drafted, and there are two notices given before incidental charges are drafted. The first incidental draft notice is 10 days before the draft, the second is 4 days before the draft. If you ever need assistance accessing your account, or with a payment, please call the school or FACTS directly. FACTS has live chat between the hours of 8:00am and 5:00 pm Central, and a 24/7 phone line (866) 441-4637.

2019 Lip Sync News: Mark your calendars for Friday, March 1st 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!

GREAT NEWS! Through the Chapin Foundation, we have been awarded an \$8,000 grant! This grant will be used to fund our special subjects and STREAM time! Some purchases will include PE equipment, the rights to a music program, a new drying rack for our Art Room, a dedicated camera for social media purposes, a casual seating area for the library, and more! We will make that money count! Thank you, Chapin Foundation, for believing in our school! THANK YOU Mrs. Sedota for applying for this Grant!

<u>Library Notice</u>: Please check with your child to determine if he/she has any school library books that must be renewed or returned before the end of the quarter on Monday, January 14. *Report cards will be held for any books that have not been returned/renewed or paid for, if lost.* Thank you for your help. Each and every book means so much to us!

Box Tops 4 Education Competition: Thank you for sending in those box tops! Our school received a check for \$349.40 from General Mills! What an easy way to earn money for our school.

Lost & Found: Parents please check the lost & found basket in the front foyer. There are many items in the basket. We will donate those items left in the basket when Help4Kids comes on Friday, Jan. 18

"But as for me, I will watch expectantly for the Lord; I will wait for the God of my salvation. My God will hear me." ~Micah 7:7