Wednesday Update: September 19, 2018



Praise God! I think our prayers downsized Hurricane Florence from a Cat. 4 to a Cat 2!

We sincerely pray all of you are reunited with family and there was limited amount of damage to property. We so appreciate your receptiveness to receiving work while you were away. Not having to make up so many days of school will hopefully alleviate stress for all of us! We are so thankful to be back in school, safe and healthy!

Auction and PTO: Our first parent evening is slated for next Tuesday, September 25th @6:00 pm in the CLC. This year we will hold our Annual Auction at this PTO meeting. Please plan to attend this year's opening event. Last year we had a lot of fun and shared a lot of laughs with your local auctioneers! Proceeds of the auction will benefit the scholarship fund. There will also be some special baskets offered at the auction along with beautiful classroom projects. Thank you for your support! Bid sheets are going home in today's folder. Bids will be taken by emailing Michelle Glenn mglenn@standrewschoolmb.org until 12:00pm on Monday, September 24th. The highest bid will be listed on the bid sheet at the Auction. Bids will be taken from 6:00-6:30pm Tuesday evening, then all bids will close until we go live! We expect to announce the winners at the end of the meeting. Thank you!

<u>Childcare Available for 1st PTO:</u> Leslie Prince and the aftercare team will provide childcare in the conference room of the CLC the night of our 1st PTO meeting. <u>Please note:</u> this is for St. Andrew students only. You may drop your child off at 5:45pm and pick up after the event. **You must call the front office and reserve a place for your child. 843-448-6062. Thank you!**

Aftercare Policies: Parents, it is extremely important the Aftercare staff has a completed up to date emergency form on file prior to your child attending Aftercare. This form can be found on RenWeb or one can be picked up in the front office. Please make sure the "authorized" pick up people on this form are the same authorized pick up people in your RenWeb account. A written note, email, or phone call are required stating who is picking up your child(ren) if they are not listed as one of your authorized pick-ups. Drop-ins are welcome but you must contact the school office in advance either with a phone call, email, or note to your child's classroom teacher prior to your child attending. On occasions when situations occur (car trouble, traffic problems, etc.) your child is more than welcome in Aftercare.

<u>Thank you to the Women's Club:</u> The St. Andrew Women's Club presented the school with a generous scholarship donation today after Mass. We so appreciate their charity and willingness to support our school!

<u>Help4Kids:</u> The Help4Kids van will be parked outside the CLC this Friday, Sept. 21st from 7:30 am until approximately 2:30 pm. They are in need of new underwear and socks. Other gently used donations of clothing and household items are also greatly appreciated.

<u>TOT Update: Ad Committee</u> will still accept ads from parents for our event program! Please submit your ads by this Friday. Our deadline is here. If you have questions email the committee at <u>totads@standrewschoolmb.org</u> we offer several package options to suit your needs!

<u>Attractions Book</u> sales are off to a great start! Thank you for supporting our school! Reminder to please collect all orders along with payment and return to school in the folder provided. We will fill your order and return the appropriate # of books to you within 2 days. This fundraiser has such a great return AND it is a real money saver! It's a win win! Attraction books or money is due by Oct. 1st.

<u>TOT Auction</u> will be held at the event this year (*please do not confuse with the PTO auction*). We are asking for gift cards/certificates for services this year only. Tangible items create a security issue with such a large event. Restaurants (not participating in TOT), nail salons, golf packages, hotel stays, theater tickets, vacation packages, etc. are what we are looking for this year. Please contact Caryn Coury, Chair 910-499-1033 or Stacey Fortier, Co-Chair 843-424-9636 for more information.

<u>TOT Committee Help:</u> We are still in need of parents to round out our wonderful, fun, hard-working committees! We would love to have you join us...we promise it's not too late! We encourage you to just sit in our meetings and listen and learn about our school's biggest fundraiser. After you are comfortable we will find you a home you will enjoy! We hope to see you on Tuesday mornings at 8am in the CLC! Bring a friend! Many hands make for lighter work!

We have a 12:00 Noon Dismissal scheduled for Friday, September 28! We will plan to dismiss at 12:00 noon Friday as our calendar indicates. This half-day will not be counted against our attendance. Teachers will use this time to evaluate MAP testing scores and make plans to best serve our students.

<u>Individual student photos of children in grades K, 1,2,3,4,</u> will be taken on Friday, September 28. Students may dress up for these pictures, or, they may choose to wear their uniform. Please be sure to wear athletic shoes for playground recess.

<u>Individual student photos of students in grades 5,6,7, and 8</u> will be taken on Monday, October 1. Students may dress up for these pictures, in appropriate clothing. Please pay special attention to skirt/dress length; all skirts are to be 2" above the knee. Wear only tops that have sleeves and are not low cut. No spaghetti straps. Wear athletic shoes as usual.

<u>Sibling photos</u> will be taken on the day the oldest sibling has their day scheduled (example- if the oldest sibling is in 5th grade, the family will take their photo together on Monday). If it is not their scheduled day, they will bring their uniform to change back into.

<u>New! Student Council Snack Sales on Mondays and Tuesdays:</u> Continuing on Monday, 9/24 and Tuesday, 9/25, the Student Council will be selling chewy granola bars (with nuts), and bags of Pepperidge Farm Cheese Goldfish Crackers for .50/each (one snack per customer). On Mondays grades 1,2,3, & 4 may purchase snacks (no Kindergarten). On Tuesdays, the upper grades 5,6,7 & 8 may purchase snacks. *Students will be charged through RenWeb. Thank you!*

<u>Title 1 Parent Meeting</u> will be held next Thursday, September 27th at 3:00pm. The Title I teachers will discuss what the Title I program is, how Title I operates within the school, and topics for future meetings. If your child qualifies for the Title I program please look for an invitation to the meeting coming home today.

Mark your calendars for the 3rd Sunday of the month! This year we will have a children's Mass most 3rd Sundays of the school year. The choir will sing and we will have student lectors and gift bearers. Unfortunately, Hurricane Florence did not cooperate for our September Mass, but we will look forward to seeing everyone on October 21st!

"Yesterday is gone. Tomorrow is yet to come. We have only today, let us begin." ~ Mother Teresa