



St. Andrew the Apostle Catholic School

E-Notes



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For thus said the Lord God: "...In quietness and in trust shall be your strength."
Isiah 30:15

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March Virtue of the Month: Honesty

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Upcoming Weekly Activities

Mon, Mar 1

***Re-Registration Forms Due Today**

***Formation in Christian Chastity Make-up Session, 1:00 pm**

***Computer Club, 3:15-4:15 pm**

Tues, Mar 2

***Open House for Prospective Parents, 9:00-10:30 am**

***Career Day—Students May Dress in "Career Attire" (optional)**

***Tiny Twirlers, 3:15-4:15 pm**

***Advanced Band, 3:15-4:00 pm**

Wed, Mar 3

***Grades 1 & 2 bring in Bagged Lunches for Lamb Center to Feed the Homeless**

***Crusader Cupboard**

***MathCounts, 7:00-8:00 am**

***Blanket Buddies, 3:15-4:15 pm**

Thurs, Mar 4

***Battle of the Books, 3:15-4:15 pm**

***Majorettes, 3:15-4:15 pm**

Fri, Mar 5

***Interims Go Home**

***Children's Choir, 7:25-8:00 am**

*** All School Mass/Mass Prep Grade 6**

***No Confessions**

***Science Club, 3:15-4:00 pm**

***Stations of the Cross, 2:30 pm**

***Lenten Soup Supper, 5:00-6:30 pm**

Sat, Mar 6

***Diocesan Spelling Bee at St. Thomas More Cathedral School, Arlington, 9:30 am**

Sun, Mar 7

***Scout Sunday, 8:45 am Mass**

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Principal's Notes

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Yesterday Mrs. Eileen Hanley, Admissions Director at Pope Paul VI Catholic High School, called to inform me that out of twenty of our 8th grade students who applied for admission to PVI, ten of them scored in the top 10% on the High School Placement Test and will be recognized as “*scholars*” at PVI. Mrs. Hanley shared that she had never witnessed such high percentages from any one diocesan school. Congratulations to our 8th grade students and our teachers who prepared them academically and spiritually!

Five of our 8th grade students applied for admission to Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology, and I am happy to report that *all five students* are now semifinalists: Andrew Corzo, Stephanie Ibanez, Stephanie Keener, Madison Nguyen, and Aaron Skouby. Congratulations, Students! We are very proud of their accomplishment!

Spelling Bee Participants and Winners

Yesterday our 3rd through 8th grade students participated in our school's Annual Spelling Bee. The following students won their class competitions:

Grade 3: Scott Wallis and Julianna Silva

Grade 4: Natalia Lopez and Tommy Remington

Grade 5: Andrianna Starnes and Rebecca Skouby

Grade 6: Mark Pilipczuk and Claire Gasser

Grade 7: Miles Mayer and Sami Hundessa

Grade 8: Gregory Brainard and Madison Nguyen

In the 3rd—5th grade competition Andrianna Starnes came in 1st place, followed by Tommy Remington in 2nd place and Natalia Lopez in 3rd place. Our winners in the middle school competition were Madison Nguyen in 1st place, Gregory Brainard in 2nd place and Miles Mayer in 3rd place. Congratulations to all of our student participants!

Wednesday is Career Day

On Wednesday our school community will celebrate *Career Day*. **On Wednesday students may come to school dressed in “career attire” if they wish.** Our students are looking forward to our parents' presentations! We thank our parents for their flexibility in rescheduling due to the Blizzard of 2010.

Activities on Saturday, March 6th

➤ **Diocesan Spelling Bee**

Miles Mayer has graciously accepted to be our school representative at the Diocesan Spelling Bee on Saturday, March 6 at St. Thomas More Cathedral School. Our prayers and well wishes are with him!

March 6th Activities (continued)

➤ **Odyssey of the Mind Competition at Falls Church High School**

5th and 6th grade team, coached by Mrs. Mary Beth Pilipczuk at 10:30 am in the Auditorium: Team members – Camille Phillips, Nick DiGrado, Mark Pilipczuk, Skyler Behn, Erica Markel and Rebecca Skouby

2nd, 3rd and 4th grade team, coached by Mrs. Skouby at 11:25 am in Back Little Theatre: Team Members – Natalia Lopez, Elizabeth Picha, Scott Wallis, Michael Mancuso, Nathan Skouby, Paul Pilipczuk and Stephen White

8th grade team, coached by Mrs. Skouby at 1:55 pm in the Cafeteria; Team Members – Max Snyder, Maryssa Mancuso, Mary Moynihan, Stephanie Keener, Anna Markel and Aaron Skouby

Good luck and may God be with all of our school teams. Many thanks to Diana Skouby and Mary Beth Pilipczuk for their dedication to this program.

➤ **Majorettes in Old Town Alexandria's St. Patrick's Day Parade**

Our school's Majorettes Team will be performing at the Annual Alexandria St. Patrick's Day Parade on March 6th. The parade starts at 12:30, if you would like to join in the fun!

Catholic Virtue for March is "Honesty"

During the month of March our school community focuses on the Catholic Virtue, *Honesty*. Please review the Honesty attachment for further information and suggestions.

Re-Registration for the 2009-2010 School Year Due Monday

The deadline for student *re-registrations* for the 2010—2011 school year, for K—8th grade students currently attending St. Andrew School, is Monday, March 1st. A non-refundable application fee of \$50.00 per child is required to guarantee your child's class placement next year. On Monday we will begin to fill any student vacancy.

St. Jude Mathathon March Service Project

Our school-wide Service Project for March is the *Mathathon* for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. St. Andrew School has participated in the *Mathathon* for 16 years, and during that time we have contributed \$15, 309.49. Every year St. Jude Children's Research Hospital marvels at the generosity of our small community and is very grateful for our donations. Many local families have been recipients of cancer treatments at the hospital. Presently, there are 264 children from Virginia who are being treated at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital and 6 of those children are from Fairfax County.

Please have your children complete the *Mathathon* booklet, which can be found in your Friday folder. The Grade Level can be found in the lower left hand corner of the book. Please return each booklet, with or without a donation to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, to your child's homeroom teacher by Monday, March 22, 2010. The donation is your choice, but we ask that all students complete and return the booklet. God bless you for your continued generosity.

Scout Sunday March 7th

Scout Sunday Mass will be held on Sunday, March 7th at 8:45 A.M. All Girl, Cub, Boy, Venture and Campfire Scouts, along with Scout Leaders and families, are encouraged to attend. Scouts and Leaders are to wear their uniform or vest/sash/apron and meet in the Parish Hall at 8:15 A.M. We will proceed into the church together and sit in a reserved seating area. Direct questions regarding Girl Scouts to Deb O'Grady at 703.530.9831 or ddogrady@verizon.net, Cub Scouts to Anita McCaskey at clan.mccaskey@verizon.net or 703.369.9114, and Boy Scouts to Deb Zeller at deborahzeller@yahoo.com or 703.266.4265. Any leader who has not ordered patches, please contact Deb O'Grady.

ST. ANDREW SCHOOL SCOUTS RECEIVE RELIGIOUS MEDALS March 7th

Congratulations to our scouts on their achievements to learn more about their Catholic faith and serve God, Country, Community, Parish, and School. The following scouts will receive religious medals at Scout Sunday Mass on March 7:

GIRL SCOUTS:

GUARDIAN ANGEL: Bailey Gallagher, McKenzie Gallagher, Sofie Hunter, Isabella Shafer

FAMILY OF GOD: Ava Burkat, Bailey Gallagher, McKenzie Gallagher, Amelia Metcalf, Julianna Silva

I LIVE MY FAITH: Natalia Lopez, Andrea Paulson, Audrey Phillips

CUB SCOUTS

GUARDIAN ANGEL: Joseph Marshall, Patrick McCaskey

LIGHT OF CHRIST: Andres Lopez, Paul Pilipczuk, Vincent Roth, Garret Mayer, Eric Paulson

Congratulations to these students and their parents for these wonderful achievements!

PTO General Meeting March 10th

The PTO General Meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 10th at 7:30 pm in the Parish Hall. Parents of children who attend the PTO General Meeting will receive a dress down day coupon for their child/children to be used the next day, Thursday, March 11th.

PTO Executive Board Nominating Committee Needed

The PTO Executive Board is seeking volunteers for a three-person nominating committee. The committee will be task with helping the board to find and nominate parents willing to serve on the 2011-2012 Executive Board. Please contact Paula Shervanick (Paula@pbti.com) or Jacki Wallis (jmbw1000@aol.com) if you would like to help.

"Celebrate Calm" Workshop for Parents on March 17th

St. Andrew the Apostle Catholic School's PTO is sponsoring a workshop for parents entitled "**10 Secrets to A Stress-Free Home & School**" on March 17 from 7—9:00 pm in the Parish Hall. Please join us for a humorous, practical workshop with nationally-recognized

expert Kirk Martin, who has trained over 75,000 parents and teachers. This workshop provides helpful tips on reducing anxiety and stress in all families.

- Create a calm home—eliminate yelling and arguing.
- Improve focus, attention and behavior in school.
- Eliminate defiance and disrespect
- Create stress-free mornings and homework time.
- Reduce anxiety and sensory issues.

The Workshop is FREE to our community thanks to the generosity of the following sponsors:

Supplyline @ www.supplylineinc.com and Sun Design @ www.SunDesignInc.com

Please visit the “Celebrate Calm website at www.CelebrateCALM.com to learn more about the workshop. If you have questions, please contact Moira Klos at moira@ethics.org. I know that every family will find this workshop beneficial and well worth the time commitment. Thanks to our sponsors, our teachers and staff will get to enjoy Kirk Martin’s “10 Brain-Boosters™ Interventions for Educators” in that afternoon. Many thanks to Moira Klos for coordinating these wonderful opportunities for our school and parent community.

St. Joseph’s Day Table

On March 19 we will celebrate the Feast of St. Joseph with a blessing of the altar after the 8:45 am mass in Monsignor Hannan Hall. All school students will participate and school families, parishioners and guests are invited to attend. As tradition requires the altar must not incur any expense or any personal financial gain. As this St. Andrew School tradition grows, we are in need of the following contributions for our altar: Grapes, Orange Wedges, Cream Puffs, Forks/Spoons, Plates, Soup Bowls, White Napkins, White Tablecloths, Breads, Cookies, Pastries, Goldfish Crackers, and Oyster Crackers. If you can assist with item donations, please contact Vicki DiGrado (703)803-9373 or Anita McCaskey at (703)369-9114.

Lenten “Brown Bag Lunch” Service Project

The Lenten “Brown Bag Lunch” Service Project is well under way. Each week specific grade levels bring to school a bagged lunch that will be brought to the Lamb Center to feed the homeless. On Wednesday 1st and 2nd grade students will bring in lunches. If you have any questions please contact Sherma White at sherma1245@yahoo.com or Heather Van Scoten at logbramat@hotmail.com. We hope that we have 100% participation from all of our students in our Lenten project to feed the homeless in our local area.

Magazine Sale Ends

Our Magazine Sale has ended with orders placed totaling \$786. At 40% profit, our portion is \$314! We are pleased to award 6 prizes that were randomly drawn from the students who participated in the sale.

Magazine Subscriptions Winners:

Shelby Tashjian, 2nd grade--\$25 gift card to Ruby Tuesday

Alexander Horan, 3rd grade—Flying Orangutan Stuffed Animal
Andrianna Starnes, 5th grade—Arena Lamp

Reach Out Program Winners:

Anthony Nelson, preschool--\$25 gift card to Ruby Tuesday
Amelia Metcalf, 2nd grade—Flying Orangutan Stuffed Animal
Sam Bermudez, 2nd Grade—Arena Lamp

Diocesan Tuition Assistance Program/FACTS Tuition Aid Deadline Approaching

The Diocesan Tuition Grant Program is intended to provide financial assistance to families seeking a Catholic education in Arlington diocesan high schools and elementary schools. It is open to all qualified students whose parents might not otherwise be able to pay the full cost of tuition. The program receives approximately \$2.3 million annually from parishes in the Diocese and from the *Rooted in Faith—Forward in Hope* endowment. For expediency you are encouraged to apply online for tuition assistance at www.factstuitionaid.com. It is imperative that you meet the deadlines specified below. Please read the attached flyer for more information. The DEADLINE to submit your FACTS application is March 15, 2010.

*****PLEASE NOTE:** If you have been receiving financial assistance from St. Andrew the Apostle Parish, you must apply to FACTS to be considered for parish assistance next year. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Sharon Arduini, Office Manager at 703-817-1774 x 1202.

News from the Nurse

Please find attached information on healthy food for hungry children.

Blanket Buddies Needs Clean Egg Cartons

Mrs. Bailor is in need of *clean* egg cartons to use for a Blanket Buddies Easter project for a nursing home. Donations should be submitted to the school office. Thank you!

Lenten Soup Supper

Soups and Bread are desperately needed to cover all six Soup Nights! Please contact Mr. Corey Morgan, Youth Minister at cym.standrew@gmail.com or call the parish office if you would like to donate a pot of homemade soup. Generous donations of bread are also welcome and needed. Please remember that Lenten Suppers are Friday nights from 5—6:30 pm during Lent.

An Open House for the New Diocesan Retreat Center

The San Damiano Spiritual Life Center, 125 Old Kitchen Road, White Post, VA, is now open! Come see the newly renovated center during an Open House on March 7 from 1-3 p.m. Volunteers and staff will be available to offer tours, a video presentation and refreshments. Parishioners of the Diocese of Arlington contributed generously to making this retreat center a reality. Please plan to visit and see the fruits of your faithful stewardship. For more information, visit www.arlingtondiocese.org or call 540-868-9220.

Reminders

- Please continue to use your Giant A+ Bonus Bucks card and save ink cartridges, old cell phones, Campbell's Soup Labels and General Mills *BoxTops for Education* coupons, and periodically submit them to the school office for collection. These "free" fundraising efforts earn a significant amount of revenue for our school!
- Our next Open House for prospective parents is Tuesday, March 2nd from 9-10:30 am. Parent volunteers are needed to serve as tour guides at the Open House.
- **United Way /CVC Combined Virginia Campaign:** Please consider designating St. Andrew the Apostle Catholic School as a recipient of your 2009 end-of-year United Way, CVC (Combined Virginia Campaign), or Central MD's Campaign donations. St. Andrew School's United Way number is **#9469**, CVC number is **#8509**, and Central MD Campaign is **#75170**.

Have a wonderful weekend and stay warm. Hopefully, spring is just around the corner. God bless!

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Glenda M. Sigg