



St. Andrew the Apostle Catholic School

E-Notes



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All must test their own work; then that work, rather than their neighbor's work, will become a cause for pride. For all must carry their own loads.

Galatians 6:4—5

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March Virtue of the Month: Honesty

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[Upcoming Weekly Activities](#)

[Fri, Mar 12](#)

School Not in Session; Teacher Professional Development Day

[Sat, Mar 13](#)

Confirmation Retreat, 8th Grade, 8:15—3:30 pm

[Mon, Mar 15](#)

Last Day to Submit FACTS Applications and Additional Required Information Online
Lunch Orders Due Today

[Tues, Mar 16](#)

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

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

PTO Board Meeting in Faculty Lounge, 7:00 pm

[Wed, Mar 17](#)

*Grades 5 & 6 Bring in Bagged Lunches for Lamb Center to Feed the Homeless

Math Counts, 7:00-8:00 am

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

Parent Workshop "Celebrating Calm" in the Parish Hall, 7:00-9:00 pm

[Thurs, Mar 18](#)

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

*Majorettes, 3:15-4:15 pm

Parish Penance Service, 7:30 pm

[Fri, Mar 19](#)

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

* All School Mass/Mass Prep Grade 4

*Confessions Grade 4

*St. Joseph's Day Table in Parish Hall, 10:00 am

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

*Stations of the Cross, 2:30 pm

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

[Principal's Notes](#)

Dear Parent/Guardian,

I want to thank our student participants at last Saturday's events: Diocesan Spelling Bee, Majorettes, and Odyssey of the Mind. I am grateful for their dedication and spirit in their undertakings!

Faculty

Preschool

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On Tuesday Mrs. Hubbell, parent chaperones, 8th grade students and I attended the Annual Vocations Mass at Holy Spirit Catholic Church in Burke. Bishop Loverde, Fr. Bashista, Office of Vocations, and priests from around the diocese gathered for the concelebration of the Eucharist.. It was a beautiful Mass, and Bishop Loverde and Fr. Bashista delivered thought provoking messages to our students. Mrs. Hubbell and I were very proud of our students at this holy service.

New Computers for the Lab

We had a wonderful turnout of parents for our PTO General Meeting on Wednesday. Our school parents approved the purchase of a new computers for the computer lab, to be installed over the summer, and the current lab computers will be migrated into each homeroom class (PK—8th grade) for student use. Currently, we have two student computers in 4th—8th grade homerooms. This is wonderful news for our school, and I thank you for your fundraising efforts that will make this purchase possible. If you know of any business that is getting rid of tables that could be used for classroom computer stations, please contact the school office. Thank you!

Diocesan Tuition Assistance Program/FACTS Tuition Aid Deadline Is Monday

A last reminder that the final date for families to submit elementary school applications *and* all supporting documentation for 2010-2011 Diocesan Tuition Grant Program is Monday, March 15, 2010. Given the deadline, to be considered for tuition assistance, you must apply online at www.factstuitionaid.com to make Monday's deadline. Thanks to the generous support of diocesan parishes and the Rooted in Faith Endowment, the total Diocesan Tuition Grant Program funds will be \$2,150,000 for the 2009-2010 academic year. *****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.**

St. Joseph's Day Table on March 19th

On March 19th we 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 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.

“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. Jude Mathathon March Service Project

Please remember to have your children complete the *Mathathon* booklet. 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 their booklets. God bless you for your continued generosity.

Lenten “Brown Bag Lunch” Service Project

On Wednesday, March 17th 5th and 6th grade students are to bring in brown bag lunches to feed the homeless at the Lamb Center in Fairfax. Please contact Sherma White at sherma1245@yahoo.com or Heather Van Scoten at logbramat@hotmail.com if you have any questions. We hope that we have 100% participation from all of our students in our Lenten project to feed the homeless in our local area.

Preschool Program

We now have five preschool offerings:

- Two-Day 3-Year Old Program, 8:10-11:10am on Tues/Thurs
- Two-Day 3-Year Old Program with Lunch, 8:10-12:30 pm
- Three-Day 4-Year Old Program, 8:10-11:10 am, M/W/F
- Three-Day 4-Year Old Program with Lunch, 8:10-12:30 pm, M/W/F
- Three Day 4-Year Old Program, Full Day, 8:10-3:10 pm, M/W/F

Please contact Mrs. Anne Sisson in the school office at 703-817-1774 or asisson@standrew-clifton.org for more information, and spread the word to others in our local community. Please remember that referrals will net you dollars off next year's tuition costs.

Search for Development and Marketing Director Needed

St. Andrew the Apostle Catholic School is searching for a "part-time" Development and Marketing Director. If you are interested and you feel that your experience may qualify you for this position, please contact Mrs. Glenda Sigg, Principal, at gsigg@standrew-clifton.org or call 703-817-1774 x 1201 to discuss salary and responsibilities.

Cell Phones

School policy states that students may not have cell phones in their possession at school or on school property. Recently, we have had issues with students' texting during the school day. Cell phones are a distraction to the instructional process. If your child requires a cell phone at the end of the school day, he/she may leave it in the school office for safekeeping.

Request for "Snow Photos" for Yearbook

Since this year was record setting for snowfall in our area, Mrs. Sisson would like to do a "snow" page in the yearbook. Please submit digital photos to Mrs. Sisson in the school office.

Adult Confirmation – St. Andrew Parish

Confirmation for adults of St. Andrew the Apostle parish will take place at the Cathedral of St. Thomas More in Arlington on Saturday, May 22, 2010, at 7:30 pm. All parishioners of St. Andrew's parish who are baptized Catholics, 16 years or older, who wish to be confirmed on May 22 will be required to attend a series of three Monday classes in the Padre Pio Room on April 12, 26 and May 10 from 7:30-8:30 pm. You must take a commitment to attend all classes and provide the Parish Office with a recent copy (dated within the last six months) of your baptismal certificate with notations, and if married, a copy of a marriage certificate issued by a Catholic Church.

For more information and to obtain a registration form, please stop by the Parish Office or call Donna at 703-817-1770. You may also download a registration form from our parish website, www.st-andrew.org under the "Our Parish" tab. The registration form and all required paperwork must be submitted to the Parish Office by Thursday, May 6, in order for our parish to meet the Diocesan registration deadlines.

FundingFactory® Recycling Program

St. Andrew the Apostle Catholic School continues to participate in the FundingFactory® Recycling Program! This fundraiser is FREE and simple because there's nothing to sell, no paperwork to fill out and no deadline. The program runs year-round and we accumulate constant income for our efforts. Please donate your empty printer cartridges and used cell phones to our school and we will recycle them through FundingFactory to earn new technology and educational resources.

The FundingFactory also sponsors a businesses support program, where your employer can help out our school without spending a cent. FREE prepaid shipping labels can be sent, free of charge, directly to any business, organization or other facility within the continental United States. Business supporters simply need to load boxes, apply a FREE prepaid shipping label and leave them for the next UPS pickup. If you work for a company that may be interested in supporting us, please call FundingFactory toll-free at 1.888.883.8237. Give the customer service representative our school identification number, #2519 and they'll set up an account to benefit our school.

If you have any questions about this great opportunity, please feel free to call Mrs. Arduini in the school office or e-mail me at sarduini@standrew-clifton.org. Thank you for your support!

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 Monday, April 12th 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**.

Our teachers will be participating in a professional development day tomorrow. It may be a soggy weekend, but please enjoy your three-day weekend. Our school staff continues to pray for our school community, and we ask for your prayers.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Glenda M. Sigg