



St. Andrew the Apostle Catholic School

E-Notes



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Probe me, God, know my heart; try me, know my concerns; See if my way is crooked, then lead me in the ancient paths.
Psalm 139:23—23

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[Upcoming Weekly Activities](#)

Mon, Mar 22

- * **Book Fair, 10:00-3:30 pm**
- *Mathathon Booklets Due Today
- *Computer Club, 3:15-4:15 pm
- *Field Trip to Franciscan Monastery (7-8th Gr)

Tues, Mar 23

- Book Fair, 8:30-3:30 pm**
- *Tiny Twirlers, 3:15-4:00 pm (**Note time change**)
- *Advanced Band, 3:15-4:00 pm
- *Golf Tournament Meeting, 7:00 pm

Wed, Mar 24

- Book Fair, 8:30-3:30 pm**
- *Grades 7 & 8 Bring in Bagged Lunches for Lamb Center to Feed the Homeless
- *Blanket Buddies, 3:15-4:15 pm
- ***Book Fair for Parents in Parish Hall, 7-9 pm**

Thurs, Mar 25

- Book Fair, 8:30-3:30 pm**
- *Battle of the Books, 3:15-4:15 pm
- *Majorettes, **3:15-4:00 pm (NOTE time change)**

Fri, Mar 26

- Book Fair, 8:30-3:30 pm**
- *Children's Choir, 7:25-8:00 am
- *All School Mass/Mass Prep Grade 3
- *Confessions Grade 3
- *Talent Show Auditions in Parish Hall, 3:15 pm
- *Stations of the Cross, 2:30 pm
- *Lenten Soup Supper, 5:00-6:30 pm

Saturday, Mar 27

Diocesan Band Festival at Bishop Ireton H.S.

[Principal's Notes](#)

Dear Parent/Guardian,

On Monday our students thoroughly enjoyed *Etienne, the Mad Scientist*, a school-wide, PTO funded cultural arts assembly. The Mad Science program is designed to spark the imagination and curiosity of children with fun and exciting science experiments and demonstrations—where students learn ways that science affects our world. Students raved about the presentation and all eyes were focused on the *Etienne, Mad Scientist*.

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On Tuesday Paige and Rachel Travers, our “***Principals of the Day***”, helped run our school. They were eager leaders who experienced the inner workings of school life. Other students praised their efforts as they announced a “no homework” night. I want to thank Guy and Kirstin Travers for their winning bid at the Parent/Teacher Dinner-Auction in February.

On Tuesday our school participated in the statewide Tornado Drill as part of **Tornado Preparedness Day**. During this time, our school had the opportunity to practice our tornado safety plan as if a tornado warning had been issued in the local area. Our students cooperated beautifully, as we continually work on safety first.

Celebrate Calm CD's Available

On Wednesday after school Mr. Kirk Martin, the nationally-recognized expert of *Celebrate Calm*, gave a two-hour presentation for our faculty and staff, with humorous and very practical insights for dealing with strong-willed students. From 7—9 pm that evening he tailored his workshop to address parents, as he discussed ways to reduce anxiety and stress in families. Thanks to the generous sponsorships of Francisco Lopez [www.supplylineinc.com, SupplyLine Professional Imaging Solutions] and Bob Gallagher [www.sundesigninc.com, Sun Design, Design and Remodeling], we were able to enjoy the talents, knowledge and expertise of Kirk Martin at no cost! Kirk has trained over 75,000 parents and teachers throughout the United States.

With PTO funds we have purchased four of Kirk Martin's CD's for the library:

Calm Kids Parenting Program

STOP Defiance & Disrespect NOW

Brain Boosters for School Success

Calm Couples Marriage Makeover

These CD's will soon be cataloged in the school library for school staff and parents to check out during regular library hours, 9:00—3:00 pm on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. You may check out one CD at a time for a one week period so I hope you will avail yourself of these wonderful resources. Please note that the *replacement cost* of a lost or damaged CD is \$100.

St Joseph Table

Our beautiful St. Joseph Table tradition was celebrated today on the Solemnity of St. Joseph. Students, faculty and staff, parish office staff and parishioners were able to partake in some wonderful European traditional foods and delicacies. Mrs. Vicki DiGrado coordinated this year's celebration, and this year's Table

was a school-wide parent effort. Special thanks to Mrs. Joanne Bahr, who has helped with the St. Joseph Table since its inception. To all of our volunteers today, the school and parish community appreciate your good works.

Spring Book Fair Starts Next Week

Our spring Book Fair begins on Monday, March 22nd at 10:00 am in the Parish Hall and it will close on Friday, March 26th at 3:30 pm. Informational flyers are in today's Friday folders. Please tell your family, friends and neighbors to come by for a look-see and possible purchase.

Spring Picture Day

Our students' Spring Picture Day is Wednesday, March 31st. Younger siblings of students are most welcome to be photographed on that day. Younger siblings will be photographed in between our classes so we ask for your patient understanding. Hopefully, the wait time will not be too long. You will find picture order forms in your Friday Folders. Please fill out and return forms to your child's homeroom teacher. Forms are due on Tuesday, March 30th.

Lenten "Brown Bag Lunch" Service Project

On Wednesday, March 17th 7th and 8th grade students will 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 to have 100% participation from all of our students in our Lenten project to feed the homeless in our local area.

Faculty/Staff Departures at the End of the Year

I am a huge proponent of keeping parents informed of any changes at our school. Two of our faculty members will be leaving us at the end of the year. Mrs. Yehl, second grade teacher, will be retiring after 25 years of teaching, with 18 years in the Diocese of Arlington. What an accomplishment for her! Mrs. Deurmeier, our middle school Language Arts, Study Skills and Social Studies teacher, Majorettes and Tiny Twirlers' Head Coach, will also be leaving us as her husband is being transferred to Salt Lake City, Utah. We thank Mrs. Yehl and Mrs. Deurmeier for their devoted service to our school and wish them Godspeed as they continue their journey in God's Light.

I am in the process of interviewing teachers for these vacancies. Many very qualified teachers attended the Job Fair at PVI last Saturday. I was impressed and very excited! I will advise you when vacancies are filled.

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 in this position, and you feel that your training and experience are in line with the job requirements, please contact Mrs. Glenda Sigg, Principal, at gsigg@standrew-clifton.org, or call 703-817-1774 for further information.

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.

News from the Nurse

Help Your Child Get Organized – Most kids generate a little chaos and disorganization. But if you'd like yours to be more organized and to stay focused on tasks, such as homework, here are 3 steps that make it possible. To read more, go to:

http://kidshealth.org/parent/growth/learning/child_organized.html?ETF=child_organized

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, the day students return to school after Easter Break. 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.
- The Father/Daughter dance will be held on Friday, April 16th in Monsignor Hannan Hall from 7:00 – 9:00 pm.
- Tiny Twirlers last day of practice is April 27th. We will not have Majorettes practice during the week of Terra Nova testing.

As we continue on our Lenten journey, may we be reminded of the gifts of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Have a wonderful weekend.

**Sincerely yours in Christ,
Glenda M. Sigg**