



# St. Andrew the Apostle Catholic School

## E-Notes



March 5, 2010

*This one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God.*  
 Philippians 3:13-14

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### March Virtue of the Month: Honesty

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#### Upcoming Weekly Activities

##### Sat, Mar 6

\*Diocesan Spelling Bee, St. Thomas More Cathedral School, Arlington, 9:30 am  
 \*Odyssey of the Mind Competition, Falls Church High School starting at 10:30 am  
 \*Majorettes in St. Patrick's Day Parade, Old Town Alexandria, 12:30 pm

##### Sun, Mar 7

Scout Sunday, Religious Emblems Awarded, 8:45 am Mass

##### Mon, Mar 8

Computer Club, 3:15-4:15 pm

##### Tues, Mar 9

Grade 8 Vocations Mass at Holy Spirit Church, 11:00 am  
 \*Tiny Twirlers, 3:15-4:15 pm  
 \*Advanced Band, 3:15-4:00 pm

##### Wed, Mar 10

\*Grades 3 & 4 Bring in Bagged Lunches for Lamb Center to Feed the Homeless  
 \*Blanket Buddies, 3:15-4:15 pm  
 \*PTO General Membership Meeting in the Parish Hall, 7:30 pm

##### Thurs, Mar 11

Dress Down Day for Students Whose Parent(s) Attended PTO General Meeting  
 \*Battle of the Books, 3:15-4:15 pm  
 \*Majorettes, 3:15-4:15 pm

##### Fri, Mar 12

**No School; Diocesan-Wide Professional Development Day**

##### Sat, Mar 13

Confirmation Retreat to Basilica of the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, 8:15-3:30 pm

## **Faculty**

Preschool

[Mrs. Ralston](#)

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Kindergarten

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Grade 1

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Grade 3

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Grade 4

[Miss Angus](#)

Grade 5

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Art

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Computer

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Spanish

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Resource Teacher/

Lunchroom

[Mrs. McCullough](#)

## **Principal's Notes**

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Our school held another Open House on Monday, March 1 from 9—10:30 am. We continue to have a steady flow of parents call or visit our school, who are very interested in having their children receive a Catholic education for preschool and grade school. I am grateful to Ingrid Ibanez and Aida Tashjian, our parent volunteer tour guides, for their assistance with our visitors.

On Wednesday our school community celebrated *Career Day*. Students came to school dressed in “career attire,” and you could feel the excitement as they entered the school doors. Many moms and dads came to classrooms all over the school to educate our students on a wide variety of careers. Students enjoyed the presentations. We thank our wonderful parent presenters for providing this experience for our students, and thanks to Paula Shervanick and our room moms for coordinating our speakers twice [during the Blizzard of 2010 and today].

We had a wonderful Crusader Cupboard Food Collection on Wednesday! Thanks so much for your generosity. I want to thank Mr. Jim Bailor who has been delivering our donations to SERVE in Manassas for many years!

Please review your child/children’s interim reports, which are being sent today. Due to the snowfall in February and school closings, teachers had a smaller sample of work from which to base grades.

## **Afternoon Carpool Issues**

When the teacher on staff blows the whistle at afternoon dismissal, **all parents and children** need to get into their cars. For the protection of students and toddlers, the teachers on duty are instructed not to allow *any* car to leave the parking lot until all parents and children are safely in their cars. Thank you for your cooperation, and your fellow school parents thank you, as everyone wants to go home or to their next activity. A reminder: If your student is in the late line, you must drive around the school building to get into the late line of cars.

## **Activities Tomorrow, Saturday, March 6<sup>th</sup>**

### **Diocesan Spelling Bee**

Miles Mayer will represent our school at the Diocesan Spelling Bee at St. Thomas More Cathedral School. Our prayers and well wishes are with him, and I look forward to seeing him compete!

### **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. The parade starts at 12:30, if you would like to join in the fun!

## **Tomorrow (continued)**

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

5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> 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

2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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

8<sup>th</sup> 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 Odyssey teams. Many thanks to Diana Skouby and Mary Beth Pilipczuk for their dedication to this program.

## **Scout Sunday March 7<sup>th</sup>**

Scout Sunday Mass will be held on Sunday, March 7<sup>th</sup> 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 [ddograd@verizon.net](mailto:ddograd@verizon.net), Cub Scouts to Anita McCaskey at [clan.mccaskey@verizon.net](mailto:clan.mccaskey@verizon.net) or 703.369.9114, and Boy Scouts to Deb Zeller at [deborahzeller@yahoo.com](mailto:deborahzeller@yahoo.com) or 703.266.4265. Any leader who has not ordered patches, please contact Deb O'Grady.

## **PTO General Meeting March 10<sup>th</sup>**

The PTO General Meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 10<sup>th</sup> 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 11<sup>th</sup>.

## **"Celebrate Calm" Workshop for Parents on March 17<sup>th</sup>**

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](http://www.supplylineinc.com) and Sun Design @ [www.SunDesignInc.com](http://www.SunDesignInc.com).

Please visit the "Celebrate Calm website at [www.CelebrateCALM.com](http://www.CelebrateCALM.com) to learn more about the workshop. If you have questions, please contact Moira Klos at [moira@ethics.org](mailto: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<sup>th</sup>**

On March 19<sup>th</sup> 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.

### **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 10<sup>th</sup> 3rd and 4th 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](mailto:sherma1245@yahoo.com) or Heather Van Scoten at [logbramat@hotmail.com](mailto: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 Changes**

We have restructured our preschool classes, as we did not get enough interest in the three-day 4-year old 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

Prices are listed on the Preschool Tuition Rates attachment. Please contact Mrs. Anne Sisson in the school office at 703-817-1774 or [asisson@standrew-clifton.org](mailto:asisson@standrew-clifton.org) for more information.

### **Development and Marketing Director Opening**

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](mailto:gsigg@standrew-clifton.org) or call 703-817-1774 x 1201.

### **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.

### **Re-Registration for the 2009-2010 School Year**

The deadline for student *re-registrations* for the 2010—2011 school year was Monday, March 1st for K—8<sup>th</sup> grade for students currently attending St. Andrew School. At this time, we will begin to fill any student vacancy. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Mrs. Sisson in the school office at 703-817-1774.

### **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](http://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.**

### **Talent Show**

St. Andrew the Apostle 2010 Talent Show will be held on Tuesday, April 27<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm in the Parish Hall. Sign-up forms came home in your Friday Folder last Friday. Please be sure to fill out the form if your child/children are interesting showing their talents and return to the school office. If you have any questions please contact Jean Mancuso at [jmancuso@cox.net](mailto:jmancuso@cox.net) or Gail Moynihan at [mfmoyni@verizon.net](mailto:mfmoyni@verizon.net).

### **News from the Nurse**

Please view the attachment on Dental Injuries. For the basics on how to care for your child's teeth, go to <http://kidshealth.org/parent/general/teeth/healthy.html?ETF=healthy>.

### **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 needed to cover all Lenten Soup Nights, and we are seeking volunteers to assist each Friday at the supper. Please contact Mr. Corey Morgan, Youth Minister at [cym.standrew@gmail.com](mailto:cym.standrew@gmail.com) or call the parish office if you would like to donate a pot of homemade soup or help set up/serve this Friday. Please remember that Lenten Suppers are Friday nights during Lent from 5—6:30 pm.

### **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](http://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.

### **Parish Hall Kitchen Disposer and Trash**

The facilities manager asked that I inform all school groups using the parish kitchen that food cannot be thrown into the kitchen sinks. There was a huge back-up of refuse last Sunday. A disposer is located to the far right, but this should be used judiciously. The trash can is the preferred method of disposing of food wastes. Thank you for your cooperation.

### **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!

- Lunch Orders for April will be coming home in your Friday Folder today. Please note that the due date for orders is Monday, March 15<sup>th</sup>. Late orders will not be taken.
- 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**.

### **Paul VI High School Wrestling Clinics**

Paul VI Catholic High School will host a series of wrestling clinics taught by world-renowned wrestler Wade Schalles every Monday and Wednesday from 6:30 - 9:00 p.m. The clinics start March 1<sup>st</sup>, but you may register at any time.

Please contact Mr. Tom Healy, PVI Wrestling Coach, at [thealy@paulvi.net](mailto:thealy@paulvi.net), for more information and to register for this unique opportunity. These clinics are meant for middle and high school students.

### **The Light is On for You**

Catholics in the greater DC metro region, especially those who have been away from the Church or the sacrament, are invited to experience God’s mercy and forgiveness through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. This Lent, all Catholic churches in the Archdiocese of Washington and Diocese of Arlington will be open on Wednesday evenings, 6:30 p.m.—8:00 p.m. for confession and quiet prayer. Visit: [http:// www.adw.org/parishes/tlio/](http://www.adw.org/parishes/tlio/) for more information.

Our students will soon be able to return to fields for recess and P.E. classes. It has been a long winter for all. Please enjoy the weather this weekend, and I look forward to your children’s return on Monday.

Sincerely yours in Christ,  
Glenda M. Sigg