

Hello Everyone!

What a wonderful week we had! Halloween was fantastic! The kids were great and had so much fun! Though we need to work on our parade skills, it was a great experience for all the kids to parade in their costumes! We got a kick out of the variety of ideas! The homemade costumes were simply marvelous! Such creativity!! We may have to have a contest for those next year!! Thank you for all of your support and thank you to those that came to watch! It was just a great day!

Yesterday the teachers and staff met with our school resource officer from the Town of Tonawanda Police. We were discussing the best ways to prepare for unforeseen emergencies. The state requires the school to complete 4 lock down drills. Though this is a difficult topic, we can never pretend that it wouldn't happen here - not to us. We must be prepared. We have developed a school safety team to create new emergency procedures and to practice them as a school. Our resource officer will be assisting us in developing the best plans and practicing them. I will let you know as we get closer to our first drill, so that you may prepare the children at home for what they will see and hear (knocking on doors, jiggling of door handles etc.). We will have our first drill prior to Christmas Break. Starting to speak with your child now is very important so that they would always know what to do in the event of an emergency - no matter where they are.

Reminders for the week:

Dont forget the 8th Grade Class fundraiser at Applebee's is this SUNDAY from 8-10am. Come and enjoy some yummy flapjacks for a good cause!

Do you have some sweaters hanging around? Take a look at the attached flyer from Marian Ministries. They are looking to collect 500 gently used sweaters for those in need. Please consider helping!

We are still looking at having a ST. ANDREW's SKI CLUB! Please see the attached price list. Let Mrs. P know if you are still interested. We need at least 15 people to join. Remember that your family and friends can also join our club! This is not just for the kids! This is a St. Andrew's community ski club! It would be Sundays in the AM.

Just a reminder that being TARDY can seriously effect a student's academic progress. Additionally, it can be a reason for having a child repeat a grade level if the tardy's become too much. Students must be in the building by 7:30. Please make it a point to be on time.

ART CLUB is starting up! Please see the attached flyer and permission slip, as well as a message from Miss Hughes below:

-The Facebook page for the art room is officially up and running. It is listed under 'St. Andrew's Country Day School Art Room.'

We'll be needing a few things in the art room:

*Styrofoam trays

*A variety of small 3D objects (for example bottle/jar caps, spools of thread, buttons, puzzle pieces, old tiny toys, disposable silverware, etc.); really anything will work as long as it is small and clean.

*Clementine boxes (wooden)

*Wire coat hangers

*appropriate old magazines

-The Art Club is open for sign-ups! There will be 2 separate art clubs: grades 3-5 (Tuesdays) and 6-8 (Thursdays). Art club will run until 3:30 on both days, starting the week of 11/14. The cost will be \$20 per person (this fee will cover the cost of materials). If students are interested, they need to return their signed permission slip with their fee by 11/10 (Thursday).

Our Turkey Trot is ready to move! It will be held November 21st at 9am. We will be in need of volunteers for this event. Students in K-8 will be participating. Students in K-1 will have the ability to walk. Grades 2-8 will run. Permission slip and the flyer are attached!

The BLACK AND GOLD GALA will be held on January 28th (the original date). The 29th will be our Open House and kick off mass for Catholic School's Week. We hope the date allows for more people to join us at this amazing event! I cant wait to be a part of it.

SNOW BALL REPRESENTATIVE - I am in need of a parent from grades 5-8 to be our school representative for the SNOWBALL dance. This dance is held at ST. Gregory the Great in Williamsville. The dance is a way for students to help raise money for the BISON scholarship fund, which helps to send over 300 students to private and religious schools, like St. Andrew's. If you are interested, please let me know. Parents need to be available for approximately 10 total hours of volunteer time and a few preparatory meetings that are typically held in the morning during the week. The parent should also be available to chaperone the dance in January. Please contact me asap if interested!

There is NO SCHOOL TUESDAY or FRIDAY next week! Please pray for our country on election day - that we elect the best leader for our country and our people. Please dont forget to thank the VETERANS in your life on Friday. Veteran's Day is to celebrate those Veterans that are still with us and that are true American Heroes that walk among us. They are super heroes without the cape. Remember that these are people that are willing to give their lives for us and for others in pursuit of freedom. God Bless them! Shake their hands and say thank you when you see one!

Remember that Parent Teacher conferences are Nov. 16th (11am dismissal for ALL STUDENTS) and there is no school for any students on Nov. 17th due to Parent Teacher conferences.

Have a great weekend everyone!

Peace,

Mrs. P