

Hello Everyone!

Happy Friday! We made it! We had a great week. Our STREAM initiatives are moving along nicely. Our book fair was a great success! A huge thank you to Mrs. Braunstein and all of her wonderful parent volunteers! Our Open House was a great success as well. We had 6 new families come through. They were looking for next year, but that is great! The word is out - St. Andrew's is the place to be! Thank you is not enough for Miss Traina, who works so hard every morning advancing our school! Thank you to our advancement team that pushes us to the forefront so that people know who we are! It takes a village - and we are growing!! Thank you for all of your support and positivity!!!

This weeks reminders:

Monday is Halloween. Kids can come dressed in their costumes. Please remember no blood, gore, guts, or weapons, and make sure that your costume does not "dip" in the wrong areas. It should be appropriate, or have some kind of shirt/leggings/shorts, to cover up what the costume may not. Once the parade, which is at 9:30, is over, kids can change into dress down clothing. They can stay in costume if they want. I hope that you join us for the parade - it will be short - but adorable! Remember to keep in mind peanut allergies if you bring in candy for the class!

Miss Hill was not here today and didnt get to announce what the Spring Musical will be. I was supposed to announce it, but I was helping Deacon Terry hand out Progress Reports - so here is the announcement: This year's musical will be.....DISNEY'S THE LION KING. i cant wait to see how wonderful this will be!

Progress Reports - These were published on line today. These reports take into account grades up to October 14th only. The student's grade may be different on the portal because that has new grades put in. Students in grades 2-4, and 7 and 8 had their reports handed out to them by Deacon Terry. We sadly ran out of time and didnt make it to grades 5 and 6. However, they are not out of the woods! He will hand their paper copy to them on Monday, but they can look online at their grades today.

Visitors/volunteers - We love having visitors, however, we have to have a specific place and purpose to the visit. For the safety and security of the students and staff, we cannot have visitors/volunteers roaming the hallways. We also need to have prior approval of the visit so we know who is in the building and why.

Water Testing - There have been many asking questions about water testing in the school. New York State required public districts to test the water at the start of this new school year. Private schools were not required to do so. However, the safety of your children is important to us. The Diocese has put out for bids and just recieved a few today. We will be looking at the bids and chosing the best one for the school. We will update you as we progress.

AFTER SCHOOL CARE/STARCAST - There will be no after school care program/Starcast on Veteran's Day. Ms. Stainsby staffs the program based upon the returned calendars. If your child is not signed up for other days off or the half days, then they cannot attend. We must make sure we have enough staff. You can email Ms. Stainsby at [maria.stainsby@standrewscds.net](mailto:maria.stainsby@standrewscds.net)

Veteran's Day - We would like to honor our Veterans. We will be creating a "Wall of Heroes" in our school. Please send in pictures and a small write up (no more than an paragraph, typed if possible, but written is okay) of your American Hero. Please send them in with your name on the back of the picture so it can be returned. Send it to school to the attention of Mrs. Wojtaszek (PK4).

Colvin Cleaners - Colvin Cleaners will be placing a bin in our school for their "Coats for Kids" program. Bring in your unwanted coats, and they will be collected, cleaned, and distributed to children in need.

LUNCH - A reminder that you MUST sign up for lunch. We are only able to order the number of lunches put into the signup program. Students that have not had lunch ordered will receive a peanut butter and jelly sandwich. signing up on the signup genius is FREE and does not cause your FACTS to be charged. It is

simply to order the food. It gives us a count. The same goes for snacks. Please make sure you sign up for snacks. If your child isn't signed up for a snack then Mrs. Newman CANNOT give a snack to them.

SAVE THE DATE - March 25th will be a Volunteer Dinner, given by Father Matt. Anyone who volunteers will be invited. Bingo, parent volunteers, etc. will all receive an invitation. I have heard it was a wonderful event last year - unparalleled with the choice of food. Father Matt hopes you will be able to join us this year!

Have a great night and weekend everyone!

Peace,

Mrs. P