

Good Morning Everyone!

Thank you for your patience as I recover from the trifecta of illnesses with a hint of pneumonia! I will be taking it a little slow the next couple of days. Having a poor immune system always leads to adventurous common illnesses! In any event, I am on the road to healing, and thankful for an amazing group of co-workers who can handle whatever happens flawlessly! I will be back on schedule with weekly emails this Friday.

Important Reminders:

VIRTUS - In order to volunteer and coach, you MUST be VIRTUS trained and certified. This is not optional. The Diocese requires it. Every few years the Diocese is audited and this happens to be the year. In these audits, parishes and schools are chosen to be more closely looked at. This would also happen to be one of those years for St. Andrews. So, I really need your help! If you are VIRTUS trained, please make sure that you are up to date with your monthly bulletins. If you are not sure, please feel free to contact me and I will look it up for you. Also, I have to make sure our background checks are up to date. Therefore, so of you may be getting a phone call from the school office. We will be looking to verify your name, phone number, address, and social security number. When you fill out your volunteer form, typically this is all on there, however, if your form is out of date, or missing information, we will send you a new one to fill out. If you are concerned about having your ss# given out (which I understand), please know that the information is kept locked up. However, you can also call into the Diocese Safe Environment office to give your number via phone, but again that is only if it is needed. This process will probably take about a month to complete, and your patience is appreciated. If you don't hear from us, then you are all set! If you wish to volunteer, and you are not VIRTUS trained, then please contact the office and we can send you the paper work you need to fill out to get started in the process.

REGISTRATION - Just a friendly reminder that any registrations received after April 1st are considered late and charged a \$200 late fee. We have only 43 students left to register for next year! Please also pass the word along that our PK4 is filling up really fast. We already have one full time class filled, with another only a few spots away from being filled. Our part time program is also starting to fill up! Tell your friends now is the time to register! Don't wait!

ESCHOOL PARENT PORTAL - Just a reminder from Eschool that your parent portal will lock after 5 failed attempts to get in. If, after 3-4 times you cannot get in, use the forgot password tab, otherwise eschool will have to be contacted to unlock your account.

FROM FATHER MATT -

In appreciation of the ministry participants & volunteers, Fr. Matt, Dcn. Terry, and the staff of St. Andrew's Parish & School invite you to a celebration.

If you volunteer for any parish ministry and/or school activity, then you are invited. The celebration is on Saturday, March 25th immediately following the 4 pm mass. Food & refreshments will be served from 5 - 8 pm in McNulty Hall. Please call the rectory office at 873-6716 with your name, phone #, and # attending. We hope that you can join us!

TRANSPORTATION REQUESTS - These must be completed by April 1st or you run the risk of losing bus service for your child(ren). Parents if you have not received the transportation request, please let the office know. The remaining requests will be going home in backpacks this week.

SHOPAROO - We have reached our goal of 30 Shoparoo users by today!! That is a great accomplishment, but there is no limit on how many Shoparoo users we have. Please consider joining in this effort. It is simple: download the Shoparoo app, and select St. Andrew's Country Day School. Then, simply use the app to take pictures of your shopping receipts to earn money for our school! Last year, we raised more than \$400 with only a small percentage of our parents using this tool. Anyone can sign up: parents, grandparents, relatives and friends...please help us spread the word! Let's set a goal of reaching 50,000 Shoparoo points by the end of this

month! Points are earned with receipts from grocery stores, convenience stores, drug stores, pet supply stores, liquor stores, super centers and more! Receipts from other retailers may count toward contest entries for our school. Happy shopping!

SUMMER STARCAST - Though we didnt receive many responses, we do have just enough to run the summer STARCAST program. We are still awaiting some more forms for the Summer Academic Program. If your child in grades 3-8 would be interested in that, please let us know asap.

THE LION KING, Jr. - Production of our musical, THE LION KING, Jr. is set for next Friday and Saturday!! Purchase your tickets ahead of time! Contact the office for information!

OPEN HOUSE and FAMILY FUN NIGHT - Dont forget that our family fun night and open house are March 29th from 5-7pm! We will have tours available for prospective families. The Scholastic Book Fair will be going on, we will have food, beverages, and fun activities! Join us and bring a friend to see our community!!

REMINDER - March 17th is a HALF DAY!!

SNOW DAY - With the potential for bad weather tomorrow and Wednesday, please remember that if Ken-Ton closes, we are also closed. I will utilize school messenger and it will be sent as an emergency announcement. The news stations will also be notified. Stay safe everyone!

Peace,

Mrs. P