



Happy Friday Everyone!

We have lots going on! It is a busy weekend and 1/2 week ahead! Most notably, next week is Holy Week. For me, Easter is actually the most joyous time. Yes, Christmas is wonderful, and full of so many blessings, but Easter fills me

with hope. Can you imagine seeing our risen Lord? Knowing that he died for us, yet, also showed us the ultimate power of God. It is a joyous time. What are you doing with your family to celebrate? Aside from the "Easter Bunny" - what are you doing for God? Have you given something up? Have you given back? Have you prayed? We know that there is much to pray for in this world. This year has been particularly hard on the staff. Not because of students, but because of the losses we have had. Between us we have lost over 15 immediate, or close family members. We have many immediate family members that are facing serious illnesses. However, we know God has a plan, and we know that Easter brings us the realization that one day, just like Jesus, we will see them again. In all of the hubbalo, do not forget the real reason for Easter.

Principal Appraisal - This year, the Diocese is changing things up for the principal's appraisal. They are asking all parents to take a survey to help each building principal build on strengths and work on weaknesses. Please help me to be a better principal, develop goals for myself in a professional capacity, and move the school forward. I am asking each parent to please take a moment and complete the survey at the link below. The survey is anonymous and results will be sent to myself and the Diocese. Board members and teachers will also be asked to fill out a different survey. Surveys are due by April 20th. Thank you for your help.

Parent survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/C7HR3LJ>

Book Fair - Students should have come home with a flyer for the Scholastic book fair which begins on Monday! It will be open during the Bunny Breakfast as well.

Bunny Breakfast: Just a reminder that the bunny breakfast is tomorrow! The book fair will be open. Scholastic sent A LOT this time, so come and take a look. You may find some books to fill baskets with, share, donate, or to give to a child on your street!

Spring Flower Sale: Students received their spring flower sale sheets in their backpacks today. Help God keep the earth beautiful and spruce up your yard at the same time! The wonderful thing about this sale is all the bulbs are sent directly to the customer!! [Flower Sale Letter](#)

Transportation Forms are due April 1st to your respective districts. If you receive bus transportation now, or have a new kindergarten student for next year, be sure to send in your form or they could deny you busing.

Special Education Forms are also due! If your child receives services from the district, you must send a letter stating that you want the services to continue next school year. Ken-Ton is being a stickler about this for next year. Make sure your letter is in by April 1 as well. If they do not receive this letter, they can deny services.

Registration - Thank you for those that turned in your registration forms! Next week is the last week to turn in your registration to the school before the April 1 deadline to avoid a \$200 late fee. Please continue to share the good news of St. Andrew's! We have had more than a few students from other schools coming to take a look and a few have already registered for next year.

Sports - Sports forms were sent home with spring athletes today. Please complete them and send in asap. Also, we are in need of a 1/2 and 7/8 outdoor soccer coach please contact Mrs. G if you are able to help.

Musical - Our musical is fast approaching! We are collecting advertisements for the Musical Program. The prices are as follows:

\$100 for a full page

\$75 for a half page

\$50 for a quarter (Business Card Sized)

\$25 for an eighth

\$10 for a line (up to 100 characters)

The final date to have everything emailed to me is Wednesday, March 28th. Please contact Mrs. Panna if you have questions! Thank you!

Parking Lot protocol - Just a reminder that the first 4 spots with the handicapped sign by them are designated for handicapped parking. Also, please remember that St. Andrew's is a school, and as such is a smoke free environment - this includes the parking lot.

Catholic School Advocacy -

Catholic schools need your help

Lawmakers are in the final days negotiating the 2018-19 State Budget, and aid for Catholic schools is at stake. Despite the support of legislators last year and this year to restore the "instructional time" formula upon which our schools receive mandated services reimbursement, there is stiff competition for limited resources. Unless this formula is restored, many of our schools will suffer a cut in their state funding.

Knowing that lawmakers will provide an increase in support to public schools and charter schools, we need your help in a last, minute push to ensure that aid to our schools is not cut. Please send the editable pre-written message provided. Your correct representatives will be selected automatically based on your address.

Time is of the essence; please act now. <http://www.nyscatholic.org/nys-catholic-conference-action-center/?vvsrsrc=%2fcampaigns%2f56389%2frespond>

Have a great weekend!

Peace,

Mrs. P

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