



Happy Friday Everyone!

It has been a long week! I am hoping that the weather stays nice! Today we had some helpers from Sacred Heart for their Day of Caring. They helped in some of the Pre K rooms. It was a great day!

We have a few reminders:

Dress Code Refresher - As a reminder, as the weather warms up, students may wear their uniform shorts anytime it is supposed to be 65 or warmer. They may wear sneakers with their shorts only and not with their dress pants. If students are not wearing dress shorts, then they must be in dress shoes. Sneakers, sperry style loafers/slip ons, etc. are not allowed with the regular uniform. A belt is still required. Shirts must still be tucked in. Ladies hair cannot be dyed or highlighted and makeup may not be worn. Gentlemen's hair must be off the collar, ears, and above the eyebrows. For gym, students must have black shorts and the St. Andrew's grey t-shirt. Students will be given dress code violations by their homeroom teacher if they are found to be in violation.

5K and Lancer Leap - We are just 3 weeks away from our 5K & Lancer Leap event! We are looking for many volunteers on Saturday May 19th to help keep our runners safe by manning the corners throughout the route. If you are available from 8:00a.m-10:15a.m please contact: Sabrina.braunstein@standrewscds.net We will also need some help here at school during the after party and the kids fun run. This event is truly a good time, with all around family fun! Don't forget to register for the 5k on standrews5k.com . We also have copies of the 5k and Lancer Leap Kids Fun Run registration if you need one. Please don't forget to send in your donation envelopes that were sent home before Easter break. Mrs. Sortino's class is in the lead this week! Remember if a prek class wins they will get a special treat day and if a class in grades K-8 wins they will get a special dress down day. We will also have a gift card giveaway at the 5k, every \$10 raised by an individual student gets them a chance to win!

NJHS News - Please remember that our National Junior Honor Society students are sponsoring a collection for patients at Roswell Park Cancer Institute. The items collected will be used to make **Kids Care Packages** for those receiving radiation/chemotherapy treatments. Items will be collected by homeroom teachers & this drive will run from Monday, April 16-April 30. Specific information is available on our school website if you need another copy. Students in grades K-8 that bring in an item, will receive a dress down day. PreK students that participate will receive a "freezie pop" treat. The specific dates for these incentives will be announced at a later time. We would LOVE 100% participation from all!

Career Day - We are having a Career Day on Friday, May 18th from 12:30-2pm. We are looking for volunteers to speak about their professions to our students. A flyer was sent home this week. We would love for you to come in and speak to our PK-8th grade students! Share your job, what you do, what education you needed, etc. The students love it and learn so much. Please return the career day flyer if you are interested.

Technology - Kids today know more about technology than we do sometimes. They are quick with apps, deleting things, and checking out things that perhaps they shouldn't. Yellow, Kick, Ask FM, Instagram, Snapchat, Musically, Facebook, etc. are all examples of apps where kids can connect with complete strangers, share their locations, and read things that are inappropriate. Some of these apps have also been at the center of human traffic rings. Even if your child does not have data, they can still access these apps through wifi in almost any public location. You do not need a phone to use these apps. Texting and group chats are also a place of name calling, picture sharing, and inappropriate use of language. Again, students do not need a phone to text. They can get an app on their Nook, their Kindle, their Ipad, etc. It is important for us to remain vigilant.

SAVE THE DATE - May 16th will be St. Andrew's night at BLAZE Pizza, the new fast fired pizza restaurant in the Target/Christmas Tree Shop plaza on the blvd.

Principal Survey - Parents I need your help. Please complete the following survey. It is used to help me become a better principal! Click on the link to be directed to my specific survey. Results are anonymous. <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/C7HR3LJ> Thank you to those that have already helped out and completed the survey!

Spiritual Adoption - As I had indicated in an earlier email. our school is the pilot school for Spiritual Adoption. Our goal is to impress upon our students the value of all life, especially the lives of the unborn. We have our Spiritual Adoption board in the hallway that shows the growth of a baby over 9 months, we pray for the unborn, families, and the sanctity of life each day, and we have small prayer cards where you can "adopt" an unborn baby and pray for it. These will be sent home Monday as well so you may have a copy at home. At the end of the school year we will also be holding a "baby shower" for the St. Gianna Molla Pregnancy Outreach Center and Mother Teresa Home to help mothers with the overwhelming needs of a new little one. I would like your feedback on this, how we can improve, changes you feel could be made, etc. I will be meeting with Sister Carol and the Vine and Branches Committee of the Diocese of Buffalo on Tuesday to discuss the program. Your parental input is important to our discussion.

Thank you everyone! Have a wonderful and blessed weekend!

Peace,

Mrs. P