

Happy Friday Everyone!

I am not sure if it is the weather, or if it was Halloween, but this has been a very long week! We are all in sugar comas at this point! A huge shout out and Kudos to our HSA for putting together the Trunk or Treat on Halloween, which was great, even if we were rained out. There was plenty of candy and lots of fun! There is a lot coming up in the next few weeks, so make sure you are keeping an eye on your monthly calendar! I want to also thank everyone for the prayers for my family. I was gone Thursday and Friday last week for my Uncle Pete's funeral back home on Long Island, and while home my sister was in a car accident and we dealt with a Nor'Easter. Thankfully my sister is okay, the Nor'Easter only produced crazy rain, and we were able to come together to celebrate a wonderful man. As I get older, the more I realize that life is too short - love often through words and actions, don't let people get you down, and live life to the fullest with God as your guide. Keep praying!

Reminders:

PROGRESS REPORTS - Progress reports come home today. These grades were closed a couple of weeks ago, and may have changed from that time so it is very important to stay up to date with your child's grade on the parent portal, especially for our upper grade students. Please contact the classroom teacher with any questions.

ST. ANDREW'S STORY TIME - Tomorrow at 10am we will be having our first Story Time with Mrs. Ficorilli and Ms. Stainsby. Students, ages 3-5 are invited to attend. It is a FREE event and only about an hour-hour and a half long. A huge thank you to Mrs. Panna and the advancement team for putting this together.

MASS - Monday is our school mass. Mass is always at 8:30 in the morning. Parents are always welcome to attend and share in the mass. Mass rotates during the week.

COATS FOR KIDS - We will be collecting unwanted winter coats again this year for the Coat for Kids drive. Please bring unwanted winter coats and drop them off in the school vestibule during the next two weeks. These will go to help those less fortunate.

UNUSED/UNWANTED HALLOWEEN CANDY?? - If you have any unused, or unwanted Halloween candy, please send it into school. One of our parents will be sending a shipment overseas to the soldiers! Please drop it off to the school no later than Tuesday during conferences.

PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES - Tuesday, November 6th are parent-teacher conferences from 7:30-6pm. There is NO SCHOOL that day for the students. There is after care available. Please let your child's teacher know if they will be using after care. If you have not signed up, but still wish to, please contact your child's teacher.

PICTURE RETAKES - Picture retakes are Thursday, November 8th. If you need your picture redone, or done for the first time, please dress to impress!

TURKEY TROT AND HALF DAY - Friday, November 9th is a half day with an 11am dismissal. We will be running after care. It is also our TURKEY TROT! Students in grades 1-8 received permission slips home this week. Please turn them in by MONDAY so that we can make sure we have enough number for each runner. Dress for the weather!

CRAFT SHOW - November 11th is our annual Fall Craft and Gift Fair from 9:30-3pm in McNulty Hall and the Gym. \$2 admission gets you in to see over 90 vendors! Come and get your Christmas shopping done!

VETERAN'S DAY - A reminder that there is no school on November 12th for Veteran's Day.

HSA MEETING - All parents are welcome to join our Home School Association meeting on November 14 at 6pm. We will meet in the Teacher's Lounge. Please enter through the afterschool entrance - someone will be there to greet you. We will have some middle school students available to help entertain little ones. If we have a big number of attendees (which would be great!) we will relocate to McNulty!

We will discuss upcoming activities and events that help build our community through engagement of students, parents and faculty! Go St. Andrew's!

FORMED - Take a look at the Kid's Korner from Formed. Remember that we have a parish membership to FORMED. Parents, teachers, parishioners can access the program at any time, including videos, prayers, stories, etc. It is like YouTube for Catholics!

SAVE THE DATE - December 1st is the 8th Grade Meat Raffle!! Tickets are available from the 8th grade students, the school office, or the rectory.

IMPORTANT STAFF UPDATE: I wanted to inform you all of some sad news that came to us today. Mrs. Panna will be leaving us in two weeks' time. She has been offered an amazing opportunity that will help her family grow and prosper, and she has taken it. She loves the students and St. Andrew's with her whole heart to be sure. We are incredibly sad to see her go, but the chance is one she simply can't pass up. We will be looking for a new music teacher that will also instruct lessons for band and choir, as well as drama. She will be sending home a note to the parents on Monday and will be talking with the students next week. We wanted you to know first. The public schools are finding out that our teachers are the best kept secrets!

Peace,
Mrs. P

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