

Hello Everyone!

We all survived our first few days. We may all be a little melted, but we made it! The kids have been great. We are working on getting routines down, understanding the dress code, and finding our way through all the kinks that the start of school always brings.

Thank you to all who joined us for our Welcome Back Dinner and Meet the Teacher Night! Yummy spaghetti and meatballs were had by all. I heard the cookies were delicious - but I believe they were eaten by all the kiddos (and maybe a few parents) there! A HUGE thank you to our Spaghetti Dinner Team - Head Chef, Brooke Yazbeck and her two Sous Chefs, Anne Figueroa and Jessica Bracco. The night couldn't have gone any smoother and it was also greatly in part to the rest of the team, Maria Voelker, Ryan Voelker, Joe Zgoda, Kristen Zgoda, Kim Robert, Sabrina Braunstein, Courtney Biesik, Karen Terech, Michelle Gomes, Alex Fussell, Maureen Cline, Kim Cassatta, Michelle Gomes and Amy Matikosh. Thank you to all for making our new families feel welcome, filling everyone's tummies with delicious food, and sharing smiles and good vibes!

A few quick reminders:

Please feel free to contact the teachers if you have questions. They are the ones that are with your students every day. Teachers are asked to return your emails/communication within 24-48 hours. There are times they may simply not be able to sit down at their computer, so please be patient for their contact. If you do not hear from them within 48 hours, please then contact me. The only exception is emails on the weekends and breaks. Teachers may not email over the weekends or on breaks.

FACTS - If you have questions regarding your FACTS account. Please contact our business manager, Mr. Ed Hans at extension 106. You may also email him at [edhans@standrewscds.net](mailto:edhans@standrewscds.net).

Morning Drop Off/Afternoon Pick Up - Parents, please remember to park your car in a designated spot in the parking lot for drop off and pick up time. The fire lane in front of McNulty, in front of the donation bins, and the bus loop are not to have parked cars. These areas have moving traffic and we don't want anyone to get hurt, or any car to be hit, which has happened in the past. Drop and Go is available in the bus loop out front and in Lowell St. parking lot. If you wish to walk your child in, we ask that you park in the Lowell St. lot and walk your child in.

Ramp at Dismissal - Parents, please be extra careful about children running down the ramp in front of McNulty. We have had a few take nasty spills and we have also had a few unable to stop in time and run right into a car. For the safety of all, we would prefer they not run down the ramp.

GIRL SCOUTS - Girls in grades K-5 are invited to join St. Andrew's own Girl Scout Troop! Girl Scouts will meet on the first Friday of every month from 2:30-4 p.m. in the cafeteria. For more information on how to sign up your daughter, please email Alex Fussell at [fussellalexandra@gmail.com](mailto:fussellalexandra@gmail.com). Our first meeting will be in

October, so sign up soon!

**LUNCH** - Paid lunches begin on Monday. Parents, you no longer have to sign up on the school website for lunch. Simply have your child order their choice each morning. Lunch is \$2.75 and includes the main lunch, a fruit/veggie, a snack, and a milk.

**Volunteering** - If you wish to volunteer at any time where children will be present, you **MUST** be VIRTUS certified. In order to be VIRTUS certified, you must attend a 3-hour workshop (located at numerous parishes around the Diocese at various times), have a background check, and complete monthly readings and questions. In order to start this process, please go the Diocese of Buffalo's website and click on Protecting God's Children. Follow the prompts to sign up for the best place and get the ball rolling!

Thank you for a great first week! We are thrilled to have everyone back!

Peace,  
Mrs. P