

ST. ANDREW CATHOLIC SCHOOL

The official e-newsletter for St. Andrew Tigers!

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From the Pastor's Desk

This week we highlight the importance of a Catholic education. Statistics and history prove that the surest and best way to bring a child out of poverty and equip him with the tools necessary to succeed is a Catholic education. In our parish, we want to make the promise of an excellent education available to all children. Sadly, the primary reason many parents do not send their children to a Catholic school is simply money. Because we receive absolutely no funding from the government we must rely entirely upon tuition. Nevertheless, money is never a reason for us to turn away a child from our school.

Right now is the time to apply for tuition grants from the Catholic Education Foundation. Each applicant may receive assistance if the family qualifies. This is a tremendous help for those parents who cannot afford the full tuition. However, we will work with any family who desires to send their children to our school. Please stop by anytime this week and obtain more information at the school. Request the enrollment form as well as the application for the tuition grant and complete them as soon as possible. Remember we want each child to have a Catholic education and thus "an advantage for life."

Fr. Marcos Gonzalez, Pastor

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SAVE THE DATE

1/26-31/2020 Catholic Schools Week

1/27 Faculty Appreciation Day

1/28 Clergy Appreciation Day

1/29 Student Appreciation Day

1/30 Parent Appreciation Day

6:00 PM
Family Dinner Night
at Domenico's Italian
Restaurant

1/31 8:05 AM School Wide Mass

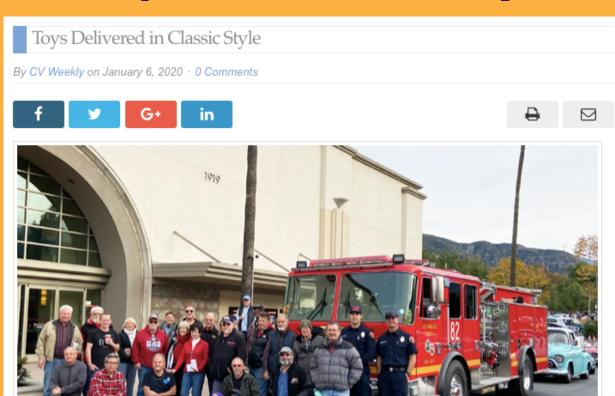
Grandparents and Special Friends Day

1/29-2/7 Valentine Grams Sale

2/1/2020 Academic Decathlon Quiz Bowl at Cathedral H.S. JANUARY 2020 ISSUE 5

Schoolwide Service Projects TIGERS AT WORK

Sparks of Love Toy Drive



Photos by Mary O'KEEFE

Getting ready to leave the parking lot of the Regal UA La Cañada theaters.

By Mary O'KEEFE

For 13 years the Early Rodders car group has donated items for the firefighters' Spark of Love toy drive.

Early Rodders members are classic and hot rod vehicle enthusiasts who are seen at a lot of events throughout Crescenta Valley including the CV Chamber of Commerce Hometown Country Fair and the Montrose Annual Car Show.

Every Saturday, the Early Rodders meet in the parking lot of the Regal UA La Cañada theaters but once a year they turn that meeting of "gear heads" into a meeting of Santa's helpers. They fill their classic cars with toys and drive them to Los Angeles County Fire Dept. – Station 82. For eight years students and staff from St. Andrew Catholic School in Pasadena have donated many of the toys delivered to the fire station by the Early Rodders.

We can not thank our Tiger community enough for your generosity this past Christmas season during our Sparks of Love Toy Drive.

Please read this feature article found in the Crescenta Valley Weekly to see where the toys went!

Thank you Tigers!

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Donation boxes were placed around the school where students, parents, teachers and staff could donate, said Raphael "Rocky" Domingo, St. Andrew principal.

"It makes me feel good to help," said second grader Mason Alexander who was at the Regal UA La Cañada theaters parking lot recently to help deliver the gifts to the fire station.



St. Andrew principal Raphael "Rocky" Domingo with Mason Alexander and Owen Domingo.

Teacher Maria Rennard spearheads the collection of toys at the school.

"The school participates in a lot of service projects," she said. "We start collecting after Thanksgiving."

In November, the students at the school donated food to the St. Vincent de Paul food bank in LA and in October they donated teddy bears to the California Dept. of Social Services for children in foster care.

Domingo's son, second grader Owen Domingo, was also at the parking lot to help with the toys.

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Members of the Early Rodders delivering toys at the fire station.

"It makes me feel good to give," Owen said. "And I like seeing the cars."

Domingo said members of Early Rodders bring Santa to the school with a police escort.

"They do a really good [thing] for the school," he said.

Glendale Fire Dept. Spark of Love also recently received toys, this time at Station 29 in Montrose. These were donated by the Armenian Community and Youth Center. The organization donates every year to the Spark of Love program. The youth from the Center brought the toys to firefighters who accepted them on behalf of the program. To find out more about what the Armenian Center does, and is doing, for the community, visit page 6.



CATHOLIC Schools WEEK!

January 26th 31st

Sunday, January 26th Family Mass, 9:30 AM Open House 10:30 AM

Come join us and see what St. Andrew School has to offer! Every student that attends Mass and Open House dressed in their appropriate school uniform will receive a pass for free dress. The class with the highest attendance percentage will earn a pizza party!

Monday, January 27th
Faculty Appreciation Day

Show your gratitude to those who shape and help build the minds of your students!

Tuesday, January 28th
Clergy Appreciation Day

Assembly, 9:00 AM for all St. Andrew Clergy Holy Family Performing

Wednesday, January 29th
Student Appreciation Day
(Students can wear free dress)

Extended lunch and a treat for all students!

No homework of tests for this day!

Thursday, January 30th
Parent Appreciation Day
(Parents welcome to join their children for lunch)

12:00 PM - 1:00 PM: Grades 1-8 lunch outside in big yard Early Childhood lunch inside classrooms La Salle Jazz Band Performing Friday, January 31st
Grandparents and Special Friends Day
School Mass 8:05 AM

Special performances from the St. Andrew School Choir and the Salesian High School Mariachi Band

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Save the Date!

Reading increases knowledge and vocabulary, lowers stress, and supports your child's emotional growth. But perhaps the best benefit is the lasting bond you create with your child when you read with them.

Visit the Book Fair with your child to discover new books together!

Book Fair dates: January 26th, 29th, 30th & 31st

Shopping Hours

Sunday, January 26th 10am-1pm (Open House) Wednesday, January 29th 9am-2pm (Student Appreciation Day) Thursday, January 30th 9am-4pm (Parent Appreciation Day) Friday, January 31st 9am-2pm (Grandparents Day)



St. Andrew Catholic School Family Dinner Night!

January 30th

St. Andrew Catholic School will receive 20% of the proceeds! Domenico's Italian Restaurant 2411 E Washington Blvd Pasadena, CA 91104 (626) 797-6459