



# ST. ANDREW CATHOLIC SCHOOL

The official e-newsletter for St. Andrew Tigers!

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# All Saints Day!



On the Feast of All Saints, we honor all those who have passed and entered Heaven.

Our 8th Grade class, under the direction of Ms. Peralta, did an amazing job with the Living Saints Mass and Museum!

Thank you to Ms. Peralta and Mrs. Ortiz for organizing this amazing celebration of Saints.

## SAVE THE DATE

11/4-21/19

St. Vincent de Paul Food Drive

11/14/19, 6:00 PM  
Culture Project Middle School Assembly

11/15/19  
Spirit Dress Day  
Disney Theme

11/15/19, 6:00 PM  
Mother/Daughter  
Paint Night

11/17/19, 9:30 AM  
Family School Mass

11/19/19  
Family Dinner Night:  
BJ's Restaurant

11/21/19  
Emergency Drill:  
Lockdown

11/21/19  
Second Trimester  
Begins

11/21/19, 10:30 AM  
Culture Project -  
Middle School  
Assembly:  
Human Dignity

11/22/19  
Dollar Free Dress

11/25-29/19  
No School  
Thanksgiving Break

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## FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

### Parent Teacher Conferences

On behalf of our faculty, I invite you to attend our Parent-Teacher Conferences on Friday, December 6. School will not be in session allowing you to meet with your child's teacher during the day. Attending Parent-Teacher Conferences is an important part of assuring your child that their education is important to you. At least one parent, although it's even better if both parents attend.

We will be using Sign-Up Genius to schedule appointments. The link will be on our school website as well as distributed through our social media accounts. Requests will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. Conferences are 15 minutes each with parents having the option to schedule the first conference at 8:00 AM and the last conference at 4:30 PM.

For those parents that do not have internet access, please schedule your conference in the office. It is the expectation of the school that every parent has an opportunity to meet with their child's teacher(s) during parent teacher conferences. For those parents that are unable to meet that day, the site gives them an option to schedule a telephone conference when they register.

Parent-Teacher Conference is not just a time to listen to what the teacher has to tell you about your child; it is your chance to clearly communicate your ideas, concerns, problems, suggestions, praises and thoughts. Your conference should not be full of surprise information. You should have a clear picture of your child's progress from helping with their homework and looking over returned work and tests.

Below are a few recommendations you can do to help create a beneficial conference for both you and your child's teacher. Please keep in mind that each conference is for only ten minutes.

- Talk with your child before about any concerns or questions. Ask what they would like you to talk about and what they think the teacher will say.
- Think about questions you would like to ask and write them down. Some suggestions might be grade level curriculum, homework expectations, work habits, social skills, attendance, and home support.
- Keep an open mind – remember both you and the teacher want your child to succeed.
- After the conference, talk with your child about what was discussed. Emphasize the positive and discuss a plan to make needed changes.

Teachers spend six to seven hours a day, week in and week out, with your child and may see things from a different perspective. However, no one knows your child as well as you. If there are events or situations happening at home that will affect your child's academic performance, please share those with their teacher. This information will be kept confidential.

In addition, you may want to inform the teacher about: school activities your child talks about at home—likes and dislikes, your child's responsibilities at home, classmates your child sees or talks to regularly, how you discipline your child, and your child's strengths and weaknesses.

Parent-Teacher Conferences is an opportunity to discuss any challenges as well as successes your child may be experiencing in class. It is a time for parents and teachers to plan and work together, so your child will gain the most out of their education. At the conclusion of the conference an understanding should be determined on how to keep each other informed.

The main goal of the conference is to develop a plan together to help your child be successful.

Sincerely,  
Rocky Domingo  
Principal

# We Are Thankful For...

In a few short weeks, Americans across our great nation will gather around the dinner table and enjoy an amazing Thanksgiving feast. Families will pause from the chaos of their daily lives and spend a day enjoying the gift of each other's love and presence. During this season of thanks, I would like to begin by showing my gratitude for the many people who make our school a community

I am thankful for our students who come to school every day ready to learn – they give us all a daily reminder of what is important and why we are here. To hear their stories, to see their learning, to witness their evangelization to adults is a powerful image. Their smiles, innocence, and unconditional love reinforce that peace and happiness can exist in a world of chaos and turmoil. It is because of our students that I am truly thankful for the opportunity to serve in a role that helps bring children closer to God.

I am thankful for the support of our parents in creating an outstanding partnership for our students. I am thankful for the parents that have kept the faith in us. They continue to share their most valued treasure and work hard to be a partner in their children's academic, social, emotional, spiritual, and physical growth and development. Their partnership enlivens our children's education and enriches our school.

I am thankful for my teachers and staff members who continue to be Christ for their students on a daily basis. It is an amazing feeling to see so many individuals going above and beyond in helping our students to be saints. Their hard work ensures that the needs of all our students are being met.

We invite you to join us at our parish's Thanksgiving Mass on November 28 at 9:00 AM. Everyone always comments that Mass on Thanksgiving Day is one of those occasions that seems particularly special, meaningful and uplifting. It might be because although it is not a Holy Day of Obligation on the liturgical calendar, it is a kind of "natural Holy Day." Thanksgiving is embedded in our national identity, and what the day celebrates makes it a natural occasion to gather to celebrate the Eucharist, as we acknowledge God as the source of every grace and blessing for which we should be thankful.

Please be assured that you and your family remain in my thoughts and prayers as I gather around my table and offer my prayer of thanksgiving.

On behalf of Fr. Gonzalez, teachers and staff, our Parent Association and School Board at St. Andrew Catholic School, I wish each of you and your entire family a Happy Thanksgiving.

Sincerely,  
Rocky Domingo  
Principal



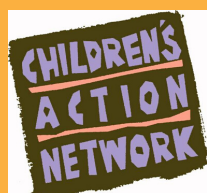
# Schoolwide Service Projects

## TIGERS AT WORK

### *St. Vincent de Paul Food Drive*

Thank you for your generosity. To ensure a variety, classes are asked to bring the following items:

- Early Childhood (PK, TK, and K): Cereal, Oatmeal and/or individual breakfast bars
- Grade 1: Soups
- Grade 2: Fruit cups and/or fruit snacks
- Grade 3: Canned meats (chicken or tuna)
- Grade 4: Peanut butter and/or jelly
- Grade 5: Bottle water (individual sizes)
- Grade 6: Rice and/or beans
- Grade 7: Toiletry items (individual sizes of soap, shampoo, deodorant, hand wipes)
- Grade 8: Treats (individual wrapped cookies, rice crispy treats)

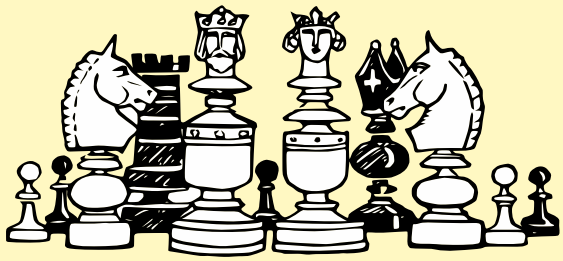


## Children's Action Network Visits St. Andrew Catholic School

Thank you so much for all your generous giving during our annual Pajama Drive! We proudly presented these PJ's to the Children's Action Network (CAN) on behalf of the entire St. Andrew Catholic School community. Once again, we thank you so much for your generosity!







## ChessMates Catholic School Tournament



Congratulations to all our students who participated in the ChessMates Catholic Schools Tournament at Bridges Academy.

We are proud of each and every one of you!

A special congratulations to the following students:

- 1st grader Nicolas Bravo won 1st place for the 1st grade division
- 2nd grader Owen Domingo won 4th place for the 2nd grade division
- 8th grader Matias Toro won 1st place for the 8th grade division

## Dia de Los Muertos Celebrated at St. Andrew Catholic School



The history and meaning of *Dia de los Muertos* (the Day of the Dead) go back to before the Spanish Conquest. The festival, celebrated across Latin America on November 2nd, includes a mixture of indigenous Latin American and Christian beliefs. Often compared with Halloween, *Dia de los Muertos* is a unique festival with its own history and traditions not to be thought of as scary but rather a celebration of life. Today, *Dia de los Muertos* is celebrated in different ways and in various countries.

Ms. Peralta's Spanish classes celebrated *Dia de los Muertos* by remembering their loved ones who have passed on from this life. They created their very own *ofrendas* to honor their loved ones. The students placed pictures of their beloved deceased, along with items that belonged to them and objects that serve as a reminder of their lives.

Long live the dead!





# Tiger Sports!



Congratulations to our Varsity and Junior Varsity Volleyball teams for an amazing season! Our teams performed amazingly under the guidance and leadership of Coach Jon and Coach Sandy.



Our Cross-Country team closed out their amazing season! It was a gorgeous Veteran's Day outside and perfect running weather for our last meet of the season. A special thank you to Coach Peter on a job well done!

