



ST. ANDREW CATHOLIC SCHOOL

The official e-newsletter for St. Andrew Tigers!

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St. Andrew Catholic School Welcomes Our New Pastor, Fr. Marcos Gonzalez



Gracious and loving God, we thank you for the gift of Fr. Gonzalez. Through him, we experience your presence in the sacraments. Help Fr. Gonzalez to be strong in his vocation. Set his soul on fire with love for your people. Grant him the wisdom, understanding, and strength he needs to follow in the footsteps of Jesus. Inspire him with the vision of your Kingdom. Give him the words he needs to spread the Gospel. Allow him to experience joy in his ministry. Help him to become an instrument of your divine grace. We ask this through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns as our Eternal Priest. Amen.

SAVE THE DATE

School Mass of Holy Spirit 9/6/19, 8:15 AM

Welcome Back BBQ and Movie Night 9/6/19, 6 PM

Renaissance STAR Testing 9/7-13/19

Metro Assembly 9/9/19, 9 AM

School Mass: Blue Mass 9/11/19, 8:15AM

Spirit Dress 9/12/19

L.A. County Fair (Grades PK-7)
8th Grade Retreat 9/13/19, 8:15 AM

Catechetical Sunday Family Mass 9/15/19, 9:30 AM

Family Dinner Night 9/17/19, 6:00 PM

Back to School Night IB Inquiry Night 9/19/19, 6:00 PM

School Picture Day (Grades PK-4) on 9/24/19
(Grades 5-8) on 9/26/19

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We Welcome Our New Teachers to the Tiger Family!

We are delighted to welcome Mrs. Colisto, Mr. Higuera, Mrs. Bonilla, Mrs. Butler, and Mrs. Santillan (not pictured above) to our community.

Mrs. Colisto is the new third grade teacher, she is certified in California as well as in the states of New York and New Jersey, where she has taught in both public and private school settings. Being a veteran teacher, Mrs. Colisto has had the opportunity to teach a variety of grade levels. Additionally, she has taught as a resource teacher for several years, and has been a mentor teacher and literacy coach. Mrs. Colisto is extremely thrilled to be teaching at St. Andrew Catholic School.

Mr. Higuera is a graduate of St. Andrew Catholic School (Class of 2007) and is also a graduate of Bishop Amat High School (Class of 2011). He continued his studies at Georgetown College earning a Master of Arts in Education and a Bachelor of Arts in Communications and Media Studies. He began teaching at St. Timothy Catholic School in Union, KY. Mr. Higuera relocate to Eagle Rock and taught at Santa Rose Charter Academy. He is also the Athletic Director at Community Charter High School and baseball coach at CalTech.

Mrs. Butler is thrilled to be joining the St. Andrew Catholic School community as the First Grade teacher! In 2015 she graduated with a Bachelor of Arts from the University of Portland. In 2017 she earned her California multiple subject teaching credential. In December of 2019 she will graduate with an M.Ed. in Inclusive Learning: Special Education and Universal Design from the University of San Diego. Mrs. Butler is passionate about education and truly believes that every child can and will learn. She is eager to implement the IB PYP program and help all of her students succeed to their fullest potential.

Mrs. Bonilla and Mrs. Santillan will be part of the EarlyChildhood team. They both come with years of experience working with PK and TK students as well as Catholic education. On behalf of St. Andrew School, welcome to the team and we look forward to a great year together!

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Dear St. Andrew Parents,

There are several times throughout each year that brings thoughts of starting anew and call to a time of spiritual growth – for example, when preparing for the seasons of Lent and Advent, or when a new school year begins.

Times such as these call me to reflect and share some concerns that I have – concerns that a number of teachers have also shared with me, both recently and in the past.

We share your desire for your children to grow fully into the person God calls each of them to be. One of the greatest gifts we can give them is to pass on the gift of faith and help them know Jesus better and so live a life of faith.

The celebration of Mass and receiving the Eucharist is talked about often in our classes. Many children share with us about coming to Mass with their families, and they tell us what they understand or need to understand better. However, there are many who say that they often never go to Mass. They explain how important games and practices are or sleeping late, etc. Basically, Saturday evenings, Sunday mornings, or Sunday afternoons are always times for other activities. We hear this in a variety of grades; even some who are preparing for First Eucharist share that they rarely or never go to Sunday Mass.

I mention this not as a judgment, but hopefully an opportunity as a family to reflect on why you choose not to attend Mass. We live in a society bombarding us with so many 'things' to do and choices to make, and it is easy to get caught up in other things.

The Mass and Eucharist are invitations to draw closer to God and help strengthen our lives to be followers of Jesus. God shares our joys and sorrows, walking with us. It is of utmost importance to help the children grow in faith by the example they see in their families, and there is no greater gift we can give to them.

If you already share the Mass with your children, please continue to grow in your faith together.

If your family is not participating in Sunday Mass, please reflect upon what changes can be made so that your children may share the marvelous gift of the Eucharist. I understand that not all of you may be Catholic, but your children are enriched in whatever ways you show them to celebrate and live your faith.

May God continue to bless our faith and grace our school community.

Sincerely,
Rocky Domingo
Principal



FATHER & SON DODGER
NIGHT!

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER
20TH

AT 7:10PM

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**BACH
TO
BROADWAY**

Friday, October 4, 2019
Concert starts 7:30pm
Doors open 7:00pm

Bach to Broadway

Please join us to celebrate our
25th Annual BACH TO BROADWAY
Concert.

Proceeds raised from this concert go
exclusively to the Restoration Fund
of St. Andrew Church, an
architectural and spiritual treasure
in Old Pasadena.

For further information on
purchasing tickets please visit the
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