



ST. ANDREW CATHOLIC SCHOOL

The official e-newsletter for St. Andrew Tigers!

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Father and Son Dodger Game!



"No love is greater than that of a father for his son."

On September 20th our fathers and sons enjoyed their annual Dodger Night Out. A special thank you to our PA board for organizing such a fun and enjoyable evening!

SAVE THE DATE

10/5/19
Pasadena
Pre-School Fair

10/7-9/19
8th Grade Catalina
Science Trip

10/7/19
No School: Pupil Free
Day

10/8/19
Christian Service for Life
(6th and 7th Grade Field
Trip)

10/14-18/19
Respect Life Week

10/16-25/19
PJ Drive for CAN

10/17/19
Emergency Drill:
Earthquake

10/18/19, 6:00 PM
Trunk or Treat

10/21-25/19
Red Ribbon Week

10/22/19, 6:00 PM
Family Dinner Night:
Islands at the Paseo

10/25/19, 8:15 AM
Our Lady of the Rosary
School Mass

10/25/19, 9:15 AM
Picture Make-up Day

10/31/1, 8:15 AM
Halloween Assembly
Noon Dismissal

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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Respect Life Week

We are pleased to be again participating in Respect Life Week (October 14-18) for the fifth consecutive year. Respect Life Week is an Archdiocesan project for our students in grades K-12 presented by the Office of Life, Justice and Peace and the Department of Catholic Schools.

Respect Life Week always looks at the various issues in society and assists students in viewing these issues from the point of view of our Catholic faith. It invites our students, at a grade-appropriate level, to understand why we believe what we do and what we can do to build a Culture of Life right here in L.A.

From the earliest years of childhood, we seek to instill in our children a deep love for our Heavenly Father and for every member of the human community He created – from conception until natural death. God loves each person into existence and calls upon each one of us to show love and mercy to every person. We strive to treat each person with the dignity of a child of God. In theory, this is easy. But as St. Teresa of Calcutta said, “It is easy to love the people far away. It is not always easy to love those close to us.”

It is for this reason that Respect Life Week looks at different topics each year and asks, “what is our role as Christians in this particular topic?” How ought we to love the people involved? What is justice and what is mercy in these particular instances? For the youngest children, the focus is on gratitude and kindness. For our older students, they will begin to grapple with topics they hear discussed in the news and online. Within this context, being pro-life becomes more than just a slogan and finds its meaning in the way we live every day, from our family interactions in the home, to looking out for people who are lonely, to the way we vote.

Respect Life Week is not just for students. We encourage our parents to access resources online at www.respectlifeweek.com to learn more about the role our Catholic faith plays in these important issues. And, we invite you to talk with your students each day about what they are learning. Have discussions around the family dinner table. If you watch the news together, begin to talk about current events in the light of our faith. In this way, our children will grow up pro-life, and their perspective will begin to change our community and our world.

Our school's Respect Life Week service project is collecting pajamas for one of the local foster agency. Our drive will begin on October 16 until October 24. We'll present our items to the agency at our Friday, October 25 morning assembly.

Should you have any questions or concerns about Respect Life Week, please contact the office. Or, feel free to contact Kathleen Domingo, Senior Director of the Office of Life, Justice and Peace at KDomingo@la-archdiocese.org or 213-637-7236.

Fr. Marcos Gonzalez,
Pastor





FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Conversations About School

When you think of parent involvement, do you picture moms and dads volunteering in the classrooms? That's one way to help – but research shows that supporting your child's education at home is even more important. At our Back to School Night, an overriding theme I heard in all the classroom –from PK to 8 – was help in engaging students talk about school.

Asking “How was school today?” doesn't always elicit the best student responses. How about asking these questions for a better picture of your student's day:

- Name three goods and a bad that happened at school today.
- Pretend you're the teacher. How would you describe the day?
- What made you laugh?
- What part of the day would you like to repeat?
- How were you kind or helpful today? How was someone kind or helpful to you?
- Tell me about a conversation with a classmate or friend that you enjoyed.

How and when we ask these questions makes a big difference in the quality of our child's response. For Kathleen and myself, the optimal time is during the drive home or around the dinner table. You want to ask these questions when you have the time to focus on them and they know that they have your full attention.

The following may also help your conversations be more positive and interactive:

- Don't interrupt. This is a good rule for any conversation, but especially with children. Once your child gets started talking about their day, hold off more questions and let them talk.
- Ask for more. A simple, “I'd love to hear more about that ...” can extend the conversation
- Ask about feelings. After your child describes an experience, ask, “How did you feel at that moment?”
- Thank them for sharing with you. Always appreciate their honesty and willingness to share the highlights and successes, as well as those challenging moments.

Once our children start school, we can fall into the trap of focusing most of our conversations on school. Taking an interest in school is important, but we also need to remember that our kids still spend a lot time outside the classroom. Conversations that have nothing do with school are just as important. Sharing family stories, talking about their personal interests, what's happening in the world, builds your child's sense of connection, culture, and belonging.

Sincerely,
Rocky Domingo
Principal

October, The Month of the Most Holy Rosary

This month is dedicated to Our Lady, Queen of the Most Holy Rosary, by Catholics. In particular, Our Lady of the Rosary is the Madonna of the Dominican Order. Plan on praying your Rosary, better yet, a family Rosary, every day this month. By praying over the Mysteries of the Rosary, which comprise an outline of the Gospel, we are growing in the Word of God.

The four mysteries of the Rosary are: Glorious, Joyful, Luminous, and Sorrowful.

The Glorious Mysteries are the Resurrection, Ascension, Descent of the Holy Spirit, Assumption, and Coronation of Mary. These mysteries teach us about Jesus' resurrection and the glorious life that awaits us in Heaven. These are recited on Sunday and Wednesday.

The Joyful Mysteries are the Annunciation, Visitation, Birth of Our Lord, Presentation, and Finding Jesus in the Temple. These mysteries teach us about Jesus' birth and His early Life. These are recited on Monday and Saturday.

The Luminous Mysteries are the Baptism of the Lord, Wedding in Cana, Proclamation of the Kingdom, Transfiguration, and Institution of the Eucharist. These mysteries teach us about Jesus' ministry when He went out to teach people about God. These are recited on Thursday.

The Sorrowful Mysteries are Agony in the Garden, Scourging at the Pillar, Crowning of Thorns, Carrying of the Cross, and the Crucifixion. These mysteries teach us about the suffering and death of Jesus on the cross. These are recited on Tuesday and Friday.

<https://www.rosarycenter.org>



JOIN US ...

THE PASADENA PRESCHOOL FAIR

OCTOBER 5, 2019
10AM-1PM

A FREE COMMUNITY EVENT

- ENRICHMENT AND PRESCHOOL PROGRAM INFORMATION
 - ENTERTAINMENT
 - FOOD
- FUN ACTIVITIES FOR THE KIDDOS
- COMPREHENSIVE INFORMATION BOOKLET OF PASADENA AND SAN GABRIEL VALLEY PRESCHOOLS

LOCATION: **ST. ANDREW CATHOLIC SCHOOL**
42 CHESTNUT STREET
PASADENA, CA 91103

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Special Thanks To:  Vice Mayor Tyron Hampton

PASADENA




Save the Date: Pajama Drive!

Our PJ Drive will be October 16-24th.

Please remember to bring in new pajamas sizes infant to 14 years old. All donations will be given to the Children's Action Network. Thank you so much for your generous contribution.

Children's Action Network (CAN) uses the power of the entertainment community to increase awareness about children's issues and to make them a top priority in everyday life.

CAN is currently dedicated to finding homes for more than 107,000 children in the United States who are waiting for an adoptive family and improving outcomes for more than 500,000 children in foster care.

Save the Date!!!

St. Andrew School

Trunk or Treat:

October 18, 2019

6:00 pm - 9:00 pm

