



Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these" (Matthew 19:14).

Hello St. Andrew Catholic School Families,

Countdown to Christmas Break

Monday 12/04	Tuesday 12/05	Wednesday 12/06	Thursday 12/07	Friday 12/08
Crazy Holiday Sock Day -Wear your most festive socks to start our countdown to Christmas Break countdown 	Mad About Plaid -Wear your favorite plaid/flannel shirt with jeans 	Advent Kindness -Donate school supplies for Evans High School 	Favorite Christmas Shirt -Wear your favorite christmas shirt with uniform bottoms. 	Holiday Headgear -Wear Reindeer Antlers, Christmas Hats etc. 
Monday 12/11	Tuesday 12/12	Wednesday 12/13	Thursday 12/14	Friday 12/15
Spirit of the season -Wear the colors of the season:red, Green, purple, pink 	Merry and Bright -Wear Light up Necklaces, garland, tinsel etc. 	Holly Jolly Christmas Buddy Meet Up -Mass Buddies work on Advent Craft together 	Ugly Sweater Day -Wear your ugly Christmas Sweater with uniform bottoms 	Festive is always in style -Dress up in your best Christmas outfit 

Blessings,
Mrs. Gipson

St. Andrew Catholic School

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Sunday, December 10, 2023-Saturday, December 16, 2023

<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Sunday, December 10, 2023</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> St. Andrew Catholic School Mass at 11:00 a.m. in our St. Andrew Catholic Church 5th Grade Basketball game at 7:00 p.m. at Bishop Moore Catholic High School Gym 	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Monday, December 11, 2023</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Front Office Open from 6:30 a.m.-6:00 p.m.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Step practice from 3:30pm-4:30pm. Students not picked up by 4:35pm will go to aftercare for a fee. CreativeU for 5th-8th Grade registered students from 3:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m. in art room. CreativeU Shareformance at 5:30 p.m. in St. Andrew Catholic Parish Hall & Gymnasium.
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Tuesday, December 12, 2023</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Front Office Open from 6:30 a.m.-6:00 p.m.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> SACS Breast Cancer T-shirt Tuesday Ensemble Elite Choir Practice from 3:30 p.m.-5:00 p.m. in St. Andrew Catholic Church. Students not picked up by 5:05 p.m. will go to aftercare. Basketball practice from 3:30 p.m.-5:00 p.m. for all registered 4th & 5th grade basketball players. 	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Wednesday, December 13, 2023</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Front Office Open from 6:30 a.m.-6:00 p.m.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> St. Andrew Catholic School NJHS Induction Mass at 8:00 a.m. in our St. Andrew Catholic Church No after school extended care. All students must be picked up at 2:30 p.m. in car line. Any one late will be charged \$3.00 per minute per child.
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Thursday, December 14, 2023</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Front Office Open from 6:30 a.m.-6:00 p.m.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> SACS Throwback T-shirt Thursday Middle School Fieldtrip Basketball practice from 3:30 p.m.-5:00 p.m. for all registered 1st and 2nd grade basketball players. Ensemble Elite Choir Practice from 3:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m. in St. Andrew Catholic Parish Hall & Gymnasium music room. Students not picked up by 5:30 p.m. will go to aftercare. 	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Friday, December 15, 2023</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Front Office Open from 6:30 a.m.-6:00 p.m.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dress Up Day Christmas Program at 9:00 a.m. in St. Andrew Catholic Parish Hall & Gymnasium. All families are invited. Advent Christmas Celebrations at 1:00 p.m. Prayer with the Principal at 2:45 p.m. in St. Andrew Catholic Church <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Saturday, December 16, 2023</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2nd Grade Basketball Game at Annunciation at 9:00 a.m.
<p style="color: red;">Have you checked out Our Digital Resources?</p> <p>As always, we encourage our school community to go green by using our digital resources especially the school website. St. Andrew Catholic School is also on Facebook and Twitter so please like our Facebook page and follow us on Twitter at #sacsorlando to learn about what is going on at school.</p> <p>Please make sure that your email addresses are up to date with the school office.</p>	



can be found on our school website at <https://standrewcatholicschool.org/calendar/>.

Please mark your calendars now for important events.

ALUMNI

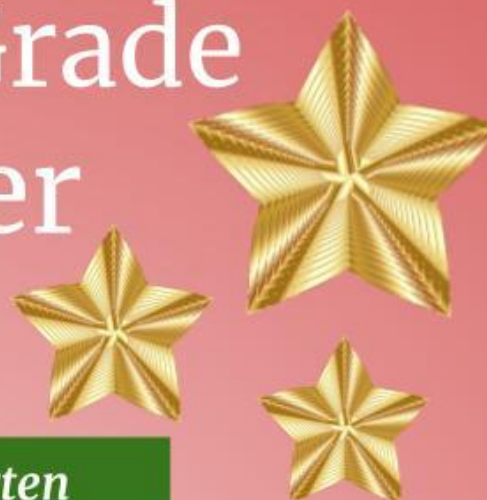
Do you have any news on an alumni that you would like us to know?

If so, please send it to Mrs. Johnson via email at ejohnson@standrewcatholicschool.org so we can put it in the newscast and let everyone at St. Andrew know what the SPARTANS out in the world are doing.

We would like to thank the Catholic Negro American Mission Board for providing our school with grant. You can find more about this organization at www.blackandindianmission.org.

**Here are a few friendly reminders:
Out for Christmas break from December 18, 2023-January 2, 2024!**

PreK4-1st Grade Newsletter



PreK - 4

Character Education:
Commitment, Loyalty

Literacy: Phonological
Awareness- rhyming words

Alphabet Knowledge: Mm, Nn,
Oo, Pp, Qq, Rr

Math: Number and Operation

Religion: Christmas

Kindergarten

Religion: Special Seasons and Days

ELA: Topic and central idea, key
details, text features, consonants /h/
and //, sight words and sentences

Math: Number Pairs

Science: Animals Have Needs

Social Studies: Earth

*"Glory to God in the highest, And on
earth, peace, good will
toward men."
Luke 2:14*



First Grade

ELA: Sight words, central idea, suffix -ed,

MATH: Addition and Subtraction

RELIGION: Advent

SCIENCE: Day and Night

SOCIAL STUDIES: Christmas Around the
world

Important Dates

December 15	Christmas Program at 9:00 AM
Dec. 18- Jan. 2	Christmas Break
Jan. 3, 2023	Classes Resume



2nd, 3rd and 4th Grade News

Important Dates

- **December 13th- no extended care...all students must be picked up at 2:30pm**
- **December 15th- Christmas Program at 9 AM**
- **December 18th-January 2nd- Christmas Break-NO SCHOOL**

2nd Grade

ELA: Suffixes, plurals, comprehension, fluency, opinion writing

Math: 2-digit addition

Social Studies: Using maps

Science: Identify how do plants grow

Religion: Advent

3rd Grade

ELA: Identify how inventions help athletes

Math: Multiplication concepts

Social Studies: Discuss the purpose of a government

Science: Discuss the roles of engineers

Religion: Discover how God forgives us when we're sorry, also discuss Advent

4th Grade

ELA: Working on understanding themes, conflict, plot, setting, and characters in a story

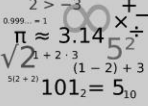

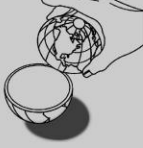




Math: Introduction to Division

Social Studies: Learning about the importance St. Augustine and about the day of the dead holiday

Religion: Learning about All Saints day

Spartan Press



<p>Mathematics</p> 	<p>English Language Arts</p> 	<p>Social Studies</p> 	<p>Science</p> 	<p>Religion</p> 
<p>5th Grade: Students will be able to divide with one and two digit divisors.</p> <p>6th Grade: Students will be able to understand the concept of ratio and rates.</p> <p>7th Grade: Students will be able to solve two-step equations using rational coefficients.</p> <p>8th Grade: Students will be able to write linear equations using tables, graphs and real world situations.</p> <p>***All logins and passwords have been given to students. Please allow them 30 minutes a day to review skills on IXL.***</p>	<p>5th: Students will be able to use conjunctions to write complex sentences and read informational text.</p> <p>6th: Students will be able to use conjunctions to write complex sentences and read informational text.</p> <p>7th: Students will be able to identify elements of Shakespearean language, interpret meaning and analyze a soliloquy.</p> <p>8th: Students will be able to identify methods of characterization in a biography and analyze the author's craft.</p> <p>Practice language arts skills on IXL.</p> 	<p>5th Grade: Students will continue Week 4 U.S States and Regions. They will have a Week 4 Exam on Friday 12/8.</p> <p>6th Grade: Students are currently on Chapter 3 The Fertile Crescent. They will learn about the first known civilization.</p> <p>7th Grade: Students will continue Chapter 3 Creating the Constitution.</p> <p>8th Grade: Students will continue Chapter 2 Europe Looks Outward.</p>	<p>5th grade will be learning Mass vs weight Also the conversion on gravity 10MS -1 Find Mass to weight using gravity on earth</p> <p>We will continue with the same lesson to have a quiz on Tuesday next Tuesday</p> <p>Students will be learning on dividing the elements and compounds Also they will be learning the chemical symbols Divide then in liquid, solid and gas</p> <p>7 th grade will be learning on cell reproductive and how microorganisms works on the animal Students will be continue with the same lesson</p> <p>8th will be learning on ocean level and slope on the earth. Students also will learn the latitude and longitude, the Ecuador line and weather changing depending on the earth Position. Students will continue with the same lesson adding the highest level on the earth Finding the higher mountains in North and South America</p>	<p>This week all of our Middle School students learned more about Mary and her Feast Day on December 8. On this day we celebrate her as the Immaculate Conception.</p> <p>The 5th-8th graders are paired with their Prayer Partners and have been practicing special Christmas songs for the school-wide Christmas program that will be held next Friday. One group of 8th grade students are working hard on Nativity story as part of the program!</p> 

SPECTACULAR SPECIALS



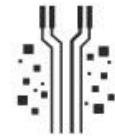
Mrs. Bharath



Mrs. Strudwick



Mr. Marcello



Mr. Abega

Art	Music	Physical Education	S.T.R.E.A.M
<p>During December, both Upper and Lower Elementary will be looking at Art Nouveau and Art Deco styles for a Graphic Design project. Pre-K4 and Kindergarten students will continue working on seasonal arts and crafts while Middle school will be finishing their handmade sketchbooks.</p>	<p>For December the students are preparing for the Christmas program. They will concentrate on Rehearsal and Performance techniques.</p>	<p>In the month of December our PE classes will be covering Football. Everything from how to throw, catch, kick, punt, and snap a ball. Students will use these skills to play in a game. In health we will be discussing nutrition and the benefits of a healthy diet plan.</p>	<p>Our STREAM Middle School will Start Real-time Programming with PYTHON; Python is the text-based programming language used by millions of professional programmers around the World. places like Google, IBM, Facebook, YouTube and even NASA quickly discovered that Python was the answer for the 21st-century Data Applications platform. K-1 Will understand how the Solar System works. 2-4 Will use Tinkercad tools to create Rocket Simulator codes using Codeblocks.</p>

St. Andrew Catholic School

Middle School Volleyball Registration



December 4th -
December 15th
[clubs.bluesombrero.com](http://clubs.bluesombrero.com/cysorlando)
[/cysorlando](http://clubs.bluesombrero.com/cysorlando)

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TRACK & FIELD

Register: 12/15 -
1/5

[clubs.bluesombrero.com/cys
orlando](https://clubs.bluesombrero.com/cys/orlando)

For additional questions contact:
cmarcello@standrewcatholicschool.org

Creative U: Arts for Empowerment Sharing Night!



Please join us for this exciting presentation and celebration!

DATE

**Monday, December 11th
5:30 - 6:00 pm**

LOCATION

**St. Andrew Catholic
Parish Hall & Gymnasium
801 N Hasting St. Orlando, FL 32808**

Creative U participants engaged in drama, creative writing, and visual arts throughout the semester in this after school program.

Through their participation in the arts, students explored identity, empowerment, social issues, and community. We are thrilled to share some of their powerful work in a short presentation at school.



For more info, please contact Mrs. Jones at jjones@standrewcatholicsschool.org.



Breast Cancer Shirt

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**LUNCH WITH
THE CHRISTMAS
CHARACTERS**



**December 17, 2023
Following the 11:00am Mass
12:15 pm till 1:30 pm**

For kids of all ages.
We will have lunch and crafts and activities in the gym. Bring your camera for pictures with our guests. Let's celebrate the Advent Season as we prepare to receive Christ this Christmas.



CHRISTMAS DAY

Early Enrollment

\$175

(Plus FACTS Processing Fees)

Application FACTS fee is \$10.00 for returning students

Credit/Debit card processing fee is 2.95%.

DECEMBER 25, 2023

12:00 a.m.-11:59 p.m. (Only)

Must have 10 service hours.



Get fingerprinted NOW so you can volunteer during the 2023-2024 school year if you aren't already!!



Office of Human Resources

Safe Environment Certification Instructions

Thank you for your interest in becoming a diocesan employee and/or volunteer! Please note the Safe Environment Certification process consists of 2 Steps:

Step 1: Safe Environment video and quiz

Step 2: Fingerprinting

Begin by visiting <https://www.orlandodiocese.org/safe-environment/english/>. Please read the instructions carefully. **You cannot submit fingerprints until you have completed the Safe Environment video and passed the quiz.**

Step 1: Safe Environment Video and Quiz

1. Watch the Safe Environment Certification video. The video is about 25 minutes long.
2. When the video is complete, read the Diocesan Standards of Conduct and agree to terms. Proceed to quiz.
3. Enter the Entity Code provided by your parish/school office: 259
Choose your role/applicant type: **volunteer, employee, vendor, clergy, or deacon.**
Click "next" to take the 20 question quiz.
4. Passing scores are 80% and above.

If you pass, you may immediately download your certificate. Results will also be emailed to your diocesan entity and to the office of Human Resources. Once the Safe Environment Certification quiz is complete, a Fieldprint code will appear specific to your entity. Please copy or write down this Fieldprint code as you will need to enter it in the next step. If you fail the quiz, you will be directed to Step 1.

Step 2: Fingerprinting

Visit www.fieldprintflorida.com to register for your fingerprinting appointment. You will need an email address for this part of the process. **If you do not have an email address, please contact the Safe Environment Coordinator in your diocesan entity (parish/school office) for assistance.**

Please enter the Fieldprint Code on the "Reason for Fingerprinting" screen when prompted. Then complete Fieldprint registration and schedule your appointment.

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SCAN ME



St. Andrew Catholic School is now hiring for the 2023-2024 school year.
If you would like to join our team, please forward your resume to lgipson@standrewcatholicschool.org.
Work the days and hours your child is in school or after school!

St. Andrew Catholic Home and School Association

The St. Andrew Catholic Home and School Association is an organization comprised of all parents and guardians of St. Andrew Catholic School students. Their purpose is to promote open communication, goodwill and cooperation among the parents, teachers, and administration by providing an opportunity for parents and teachers to work together for the good of the children. HSA also directs and coordinates parental education and supports St. Andrew Catholic School through assistance activities, social functions and fundraisers.

Membership is open to all parents and guardians of students of St. Andrew Catholic School and the faculty of the school. A voting member shall consist of the entire family unit and the member must be in good financial standing with the association to cast a vote.

We are in the process of looking for the following officers for the 2023-2024 school year:

President

- a. The president shall be the chief executive officer of the association. He/she shall have authority over the general and active management of the business and affairs of the association, subject to the direction of the board.
- b. The president shall call and preside over all regular and special meetings of the association and executive board.

Vice President

- a. Acts as an aide to the President
- b. Performs the duties and exercise the powers of the President in the absence of the President
- c. Performs such duties as assigned by the Home and School Association Board of Directors

Secretary

- a. The secretary shall be responsible for keeping a true and accurate record of meetings of this association and of the executive board.
- b. The secretary shall be responsible for keeping a current and accurate listing of members.
- c. The secretary shall be responsible for notifying all board members of regular or special meetings of the board. He/she shall be responsible for sending notification of regular or special meetings of the association to all members.
- d. He/she shall handle such correspondence as the president or executive board shall direct.

Treasurer

- a. Works with the President to create an annual budget for the Home and School Association
- b. Presents the budget to the Home and School Association Board for approval
- c. Keeps an accurate record of receipts and expenditures

Homeroom Parent (HR) Coordinator

- a. Update and prepare HR Parent notebook for distribution annually to new HR Parents and assist with the HR Parent meeting at the beginning of the school year.
- b. Assist or serve as Chairperson of the Teacher Appreciation Committee and assists with disseminating HSA and other information via HR Parents.

According to our HSA bylaws regarding elections, HSA board members are elected for a 2-year term. If you are interested in one of the open board positions above please email me your name, position desired, and contact information to Latrina M. Peters-Gipson at lgipson@standrewcatholicschoo.org.

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<https://playlikeachampion.wufoo.com/forms/mhwg1p5036xjyp/>

Proof of attendance in one of the below will allow you to receive 1 hour of volunteer hours towards your Render Unto God volunteers hours needed to reenroll for the 2024-2025 school year. All families need 10 hours to re-enroll.



OCPS NON-PUBLIC SERVICES

2023-2024 online parent workshops

Behavior Management

September 14, 2023 - 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm

Workshop Link - <https://tinyurl.com/BM091423>

Strategies for Improving Nightly Homework Routines

November 09, 2023 - 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm

Workshop Link - <https://tinyurl.com/Strats110923>

Supporting Students During Testing

January 25, 2024 - 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm

Workshop Link - <https://tinyurl.com/Testing012524>

Transitioning from High School to Post High School

April 11, 2024 - 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm

Workshop Link - <https://tinyurl.com/PostHS21124>

REGISTER NOW



<https://tinyurl.com/2324NP-Parents>

