



*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 Community,

This letter is to notify you of the Terra Nova Assessments and InView Test for grades 2-8 will be administered this week beginning Tuesday, February 20<sup>th</sup>. Please remember that it is important for students to be on time for school so that they have enough time to get settled and ready for the tests. Testing will be administered in the morning, so it is important that your student(s) is at school no later than 7:50 a.m.

There is no need to study for this type of test; however, below you will find some tips on how to help your child(ren) perform to the best of his or her ability:

- Please try to ensure that your child gets a good night sleep and gets up in time to have breakfast. A good night of rest entails 8 – 10 hours of sleep. Students should eat a healthy breakfast, including some protein and healthy carbohydrates for in person students and virtual students should make sure they have lunch before arriving to school.
- Encourage your child to prepare the night before by laying out clothing, packing their backpack, lunch, healthy snack, etc., or anything else they may need to avoid a rush in the morning. The snack may be eaten at a time designated by the teacher.
- The only supplies your child will need to have available for the test are two #2 pencils with erasers which will be given to them and a book to read if there is time remaining when finishing the test.
- Help your child to relax and remain positive. If your child is prone to anxiety, practice a few relaxation techniques, such as counting from one to ten or taking deep breaths, which can help them relax and concentrate during the test.
- Physical activity relieves anxiety. If it is possible for your child to engage in some type of physical activity daily, it may be beneficial.

Due to the time constraints placed on us by Data Recognition Corporation, your child(ren) must be present for all days of testing. Thank you in advance for your cooperation as we conduct this very important assessment of your child(ren)'s academic progress.

Blessings,  
Mrs. Gipson

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# Sunday, February 18, 2024-Saturday, February 24, 2024

<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Sunday, February 18, 2024</u></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Monday, February 19, 2024</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Front Office Closed</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Registration begins for Middle School Girls Soccer &amp; Middle School Boys Basketball.</li> </ul>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Tuesday, February 20, 2024</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"> <li>SACS Breast Cancer T shirt Tuesday-Flyer below with information with prices for shirt.</li> <li>Mini cheer practice from 3:30 p.m.-4:45 p.m. Students not picked up by 4:50 p.m. will go to aftercare for a charge.</li> <li>Ensemble Elite Practice from 3:30 p.m.-5:00 p.m. in St. Andrew Catholic Church. Any student not picked up by 5:05 p.m. will be sent to extended care for a fee.</li> <li>Basketball Open Gym for 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade boys from 3:30 p.m.-6:00 p.m. in St. Andrew Catholic Parish Hall &amp; Gymnasium.</li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Wednesday, February 21, 2024</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"> <li>School Mass at 8:00 a.m. in St. Andrew Catholic Church</li> <li>Cheer practice from 2:45 p.m.-4:45 p.m. in St. Andrew Catholic Parish Hall * Gymnasium. Please be prepared with full practice attire &amp; cheer shoes. Any student not picked up by 4:50 p.m. will be sent to extended care for a charge.</li> </ul>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Thursday, February 22, 2024</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"> <li>SACS Throwback T-shirt Thursday</li> <li>Ensemble Elite Practice from 3:30 p.m.-5:00 p.m. in St. Andrew Catholic School music room. Any student not picked up by 5:05 p.m. will be sent to extended care for a fee.</li> <li>Basketball Open Gym for 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade boys from 3:30 p.m.-6:00 p.m. in St. Andrew Catholic Parish Hall &amp; Gymnasium.</li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Friday, February 23, 2024</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"> <li>Prayer with the Principal in St. Andrew Catholic Church at 2:45 p.m. Do not have to go through car line if your join.</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Saturday, February 24, 2024</u></p>

**Have you checked out Our Digital Resources?**

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.

Please make sure that your email addresses are up to date with the school office.



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](mailto: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](http://www.blackandindianmission.org)

# PreK4-1st Grade Newsletter

## Pre-K4

**Character Education:** Self-reliance  
**Literacy:** Vocabulary, Oral Language  
**Alphabet Knowledge:** Ee, Jj, Oo, Qq  
**Math:** Data Analysis  
**Religion:** God Made Laughter

## Kindergarten Pathways to Learning

**Religion:** Lent  
**ELA:** Author's Purpose, Word meanings, Story elements, Consonant blends st, sp, sl and sn; Sight words  
**Math:** Count 16 - 19  
**Social Studies:** Famous Afro-Americans  
**Science:** Animals Change the Environment

## First Grade

**ELA:** Topic and central idea, long a words, Contractions, Vocabulary  
**Math:** Compare Numbers: Greater than, Less than, Equal  
**Religion:** Lent, Forgiveness  
**Social Studies:** Who is in Charge?  
**Science:** Sources of Light

## Important Dates

**Feb. 19** Presidents' Day, No School  
**Feb. 23** Father-Daughter Dance  
at the Parish Hall & Gym  
7:00 PM – 9:00 PM

“ Repent, says the Lord; the Kingdom of heaven is at hand.”

- Matthew 4:17



# 2nd, 3rd and 4th Grade News

## Important Dates

- **No School Monday, February 19th for President's Day**
- **Terra Nova testing begins Tuesday, February 20th and continues the week of February 26th**

## 2nd Grade

ELA: Review words, reading poems, writing a paragraph, quotation marks

Math: Three-digit addition

Social Studies: Florida Cultures

Science: Pollinators

Religion: Learn about Saints who follow Jesus

## 3rd Grade

ELA: Identify why safety rules are important

Math: Division concepts

Social Studies: Discuss regions of the USA

Science: Discuss electric or magnetic interactions

Religion: Discuss Jesus' miracles

## 4th Grade






ELA: review structure of opinion writing

Math: Introduction to factors, multiples, and fractions

Social studies: learning about Dr. Martin Luther King Jr

Religion: Learning about God's Laws

# Spartan Press

<p><b>Mathematics</b></p> 	<p><b>English Language Arts</b></p> 	<p><b>Social Studies</b></p> 	<p><b>Science</b></p> 	<p><b>Religion</b></p> 
<p>During the 4 day break, please allow your child to review their notes, work on Ray Dass or work on IXL. Diagnostics to be prepared for testing. It is important that they are reminded of the following:</p> <p>Get a good night's sleep</p> <p>Take care of yourself physically</p> <p>Arrive Prepared</p> <p>Develop a Test-Taking Strategy-Read, Underline</p> <p>Use the elimination process</p> <p>Stay calm and focused</p> <p>Check Your Work</p> <p>***All logins and passwords have been given to students for IXL and Ray Dass. Please allow your child time to work on them everyday.</p> <p>30 minutes on IXL 30 minutes on Ray Dass</p>	<p>This upcoming week, students will be taking Terra Nova.</p> <p>Students can work on ELA skills on IXL.</p> <p>All students need to come to school ready and well rested for the test. Please make sure students have a nutritious meal every morning and night and get enough sleep each night. I know you will do well. God bless and good luck!</p> <p>Practice language arts skills on IXL. Read your chapter book.</p> 	<p>5th-8th Grade: As Terranova Testing approaches, it's essential to ensure you're ready for success. Get a good night's sleep each night to keep your mind sharp and focused during the tests. Start your day with a nutritious breakfast to fuel your body and brain for optimal performance. Don't forget to bring a clear water bottle to stay hydrated throughout the testing sessions. By taking care of yourself and following these simple steps, you'll be well-prepared to do your best during the tests. Good luck!</p> 	<p>5th grade: students will be working on the solar system and their project, and they will learn the position of the planet</p> <p>6th grade: students will be learning on working Chemical reactions, they will be working in a lab, after they have been working on chemical reaction last week.</p> <p>7th grade: students will be learning about the skin system and they will have a test on Friday.</p> <p>8th grade: they will be working on their project for science on the universe and space.</p>	<p>This week 6th-8th grade looked at what the Bible teaches about LOVE. They reflected on the Great Commandment and our responsibility to share LOVE with everyone as expressed throughout Scripture.</p> <p>5th Grade learned about St. Valentine and his true story of love and devotion to Christ and how it relates today in the secular celebration of Valentine Day. We also looked at religious art, specifically mosaics.</p> <p>They all learned about the liturgical season of Lent and the 3 pillars of Lent: Prayer, Fasting &amp; Almsgiving.</p>

# SPECTACULAR SPECIALS



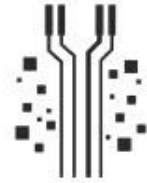
Mrs. Bharath



Mrs. Strudwick



Mr. Marcello



Mr. Abega

Art	Music	Physical Education	S.T.R.E.A.M
<p>For the month of February, Middle school will be looking at the Harlem Renaissance and it's influences and impact on Visual Arts.</p> <p>Upper Elementary will be making masks, while both Upper and Lower Elementary will explore the work of some major African American artists.</p>	<p>As we celebrate Black History month Elementary and Middle School students will be studying Music from their native country, and exploring the African influence in music. They will also learn about famous black musicians.</p> <p>Pre K and Kindergarten students will learn simple songs of African influence in the USA and other countries of their families' origin.</p> <p>Lent begins on February 14, so students will also begin practicing Lenten songs.</p>	<p>In the month of February our PE classes will be covering Jump Rope, Dance, and Gymnastics and Hockey. In health we will be discussing the history and rules of dance and gymnastics. We will also discuss mental/emotional health.</p>	<p>For the month of February, students will be designing and building robots.</p>

Friendly reminder that current families must have their 10 hours of Render Unto God (RUG) volunteer hours!

## Pre-K4-8TH Grade

# 2024-2025 School Year Admissions OPEN

We are soaring academically, creatively, and spiritually.

Contact us to schedule a tour

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📍 877 N. Hastings Street Orlando FL, 32808

✉️ [admissions@standrewcatholicschool.org](mailto:admissions@standrewcatholicschool.org)



Girls Soccer Coach Wanted-Please contact Coach Marcello at [cmarcello@standrewcatholicschool.org](mailto:cmarcello@standrewcatholicschool.org) if you are interested.

# MS GIRLS SOCCER

✦ *Registration* ✦

**FEB 19 - MARCH 8**

**CLUBS.BLUESOMBRERO.COM/CYS  
ORLANDO**

**CMARCELLO@STANDREWCATHOLICSCHOOL.ORG**

**ST. ANDREW CATHOLIC SCHOOL**





# **MIS BOYS BASKET BALL**

**REGISTRATION  
FEB 19 - MAR 8**

[clubs.bluesombbrero.com/cysorlando](http://clubs.bluesombbrero.com/cysorlando)



**Contact:**

[cmarcello@standrewcatholicschool.org](mailto:cmarcello@standrewcatholicschool.org)



# Breast Cancer Shirt

Available sizes remaining

Youth Large- 1  
Adult Small- 2  
Adult Large- 1  
Adult XL- 2  
Adult 2XL- 1



FRONT



BACK

## All Shirts are \$10

Please email [sdescopain@standrewcatholicschool.org](mailto:sdescopain@standrewcatholicschool.org) or [rhayes@standrewcatholicschool.org](mailto:rhayes@standrewcatholicschool.org)

## They can be worn on Tuesdays

No returns, refunds or exchanges once order placed.



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](http://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.

# Need help for yourself or a friend?

Text  
**Spartans**  
to  
**1-844-311-7177**

**Text-4-Help**  
**24/7 365**  
Safe. Anonymous.  
Always Available.



## FORTIFYFL

SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY REPORTING APP

### QUICKLY AND EASILY SUBMIT A TIP

By accessing FortifyFL, students can provide a description of the threat, share pics and videos and optionally submit their contact information.

#### Anonymous or Non-Anonymous

You decide whether you want to include your name and contact information.

#### Convenient

Submitting a tip is quick and easy using our mobile app or website.

#### Include Photos and Video

You can also include photos or video with your tip report.

### QUICKLY SEND TO AUTHORITIES

FortifyFL automatically routes your tip report to the appropriate law enforcement agencies and school officials.



#### Your School Officials

The tip report goes to your local school officials when submitted.

#### Local Law Enforcement

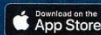
Your local police department or sheriff office receive copies of your tips automatically.

#### State-Level Officials

State-level officials also have access to your tips to make sure proper steps are taken.

FortifyFL is a suspicious activity reporting tool that allows you to instantly relay information to appropriate law enforcement agencies and school officials. FortifyFL was created and funded by the 2018 Florida Legislature as part of the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School Public Safety Act.

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# FORTIFYFL

APLICACIÓN DE INFORMES DE ACTIVIDAD SOSPECHOSA



FortifyFL es una herramienta para reportar actividades sospechosas que te permite enviar información a las agencias del cumplimiento de la ley apropiadas y a oficiales escolares.

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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](mailto: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](mailto:lgipson@standrewcatholicschoo.org).

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EXPIRES: May 1, 2024

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In order for your child to play sports, parent/guardian must take a class. The link for the class is below:  
<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>

