

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,

Fostering Study Habits and Reading Fluency in the St. Andrew Catholic School Community

It is a pleasure to address all of you on this occasion to discuss two fundamental aspects in the education of our students: study habits and reading fluency. At St. Andrew Catholic School, we strive to provide quality education and prepare our students for a future full of opportunities. Fostering these two aspects is essential to achieve this goal.

Study Habits: The Key to Academic Success

Study habits are the foundation upon which academic success is built. At St. Andrew Catholic School, we are committed to instilling effective study habits in our students from an early age. Some important guidelines to follow include:

- 1. **Establishing a Routine**: Help your child establish a regular study routine. Setting a fixed schedule for homework and study creates a conducive learning environment.
- 2. **Appropriate Study Space**: Ensure that your child has a quiet and organized study space at home, free from distractions.
- 3. **Planning**: Teach your child to plan their tasks and studies. The use of a planner or calendar can be a valuable tool.
- 4. **Setting Goals**: Help your child define clear and achievable study goals. Setting short-term and long-term objectives provides motivation.
- 5. **Breaks and Rewards**: It is important to remember that breaks are essential. Encouraging your child to take regular breaks and offering rewards for well-done work can boost motivation.

Reading Fluency: Opening the Doors to Knowledge

Reading fluency is a crucial skill for success in all academic areas. Moreover, it fosters a love for reading and lifelong learning. Some ways to improve reading fluency include:

- 1. **Daily Reading**: Encourage your child to read every day. Consistent practice enhances fluency and reading comprehension.
- 2. **Variety of Reading Materials**: Offer a wide variety of reading materials, from books to magazines and news, to stimulate interest in different subjects.
- 3. **Read Aloud**: Reading aloud is an excellent way to improve fluency. Ask your child to read aloud to you or other family members.
- 4. **Library Visits**: Make regular visits to the local library so your child can explore new books and resources.
- 5. **Be a Role Model**: Be a role model. Demonstrate your love for reading by reading yourself and sharing your reading experiences with your child.

At St. Andrew Catholic School, we believe that a strong education is built on a combination of effective study habits and developed reading fluency. By working together as a school community and encouraging our students in these aspects, we are laying the foundation for their success throughout their lives.

We appreciate your ongoing support in educating our students and look forward to seeing each of them grow as individuals committed to learning and personal growth.

St. Andrew Catholic School

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Sunday, October 8, 2023-Saturday, October 14 2023

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4th Grade Coed Soccer Training from 4:00 p.m.-4:40 p.m. at Bishop Moore Catholic School Softball Field 1B with game at 5:00 p.m. at St. Charles Field 11. All players must arrive at 3:45 p.m.

Monday, October 9, 2023

Front Office Open from 6:30 a.m.-6:00 p.m.

- First Trimester Conferences Continues
- World Finest Chocolate Fundraiser Continues
- 7:30 a.m.-8:00 a.m.-Sports Registration Sign in St. Andrew Catholic School STREAM Lab
- Step Practice from 3:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m. in room 14. Students not picked up by 4:35 p.m. will go to aftercare.
- CreativeU for 5th-8th Grade registered students from 3:30 p.m.-5:45 p.m. in art room. Any student not picked up by 5:50 p.m. will go to aftercare.

Tuesday, October 10, 2023

Front Office Open from 6:30 a.m.-6:00 p.m.

- 3:00 p.m.-3:30 p.m. Sports Registration Sign Up in St. Andrew Catholic School STREAM Lab
- 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.
- Soccer practice from 3:30-4:30 for all registered 3rd-5th grade players. Students not picked up by 4:35pm will go to aftercare.

Wednesday, October 11, 2023

Front Office Open from 6:30 a.m.-6:00 p.m.

- 7:30 a.m.-8:00 a.m.-Sports Registration Sign in St. Andrew Catholic School STREAM Lab
- St. Andrew Catholic School Mass at 8:00 a.m. in our St. Andrew Catholic Church
- 3rd Grade Retreat
- Cheer practice from 2:45 p.m.-4:45 p.m. Students not picked up by 4:50 p.m. will go to aftercare. Please remember to bring practice clothes and athletic shoes.

Thursday, October 12, 2023

Front Office Open from 6:30 a.m.-6:00 p.m.

- 3:00 p.m.-3:30 p.m. Sports Registration Sign Up in St. Andrew Catholic School STREAM Lab
- Ensemble Elite Choir Practice from 3:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m. in St. Andrew Catholic Parish Hall & Gymnasium music room. Students not picked up by 5:00 p.m. will go to aftercare.

Friday, October 13, 2023

Front Office Open from 6:30 a.m.-6:00 p.m.

- 7:30 a.m.-8:00 a.m.-Sports Registration Sign in St. Andrew Catholic School STREAM Lab
- Prayer with the Principal at 2:45 p.m. in St. Andrew Catholic Church
- Hand bell practice from 3:30 p.m.-5:00 p.m. St. Andrew Catholic Parish Hall & Gymnasium music room.
- Pre-K4-2nd Grade Movie Extravaganza from 3:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m. in St. Andrew Catholic Parish Hall & Gymnasium

Saturday, October 7, 2023

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.



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 Mr. Jean-Jacques via email at jieanjacques@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

PreK4-1st Grade Newsletter

Pre-K4

Themes: Big and Little, Nature's Giants, Giant Made by

People

Character Education: Courage and Humor

Literacy: Phonological Awareness, Vocabulary,

Comprehension

Letter Knowledge: Names letters B,L,A,G,W,Z,J,K,W

Math: Comparing Attributes, Measurement,

Classification, Numeracy, Patterns

Kindergarten Pathways to Learning

Religion: Growing in God's Love

ELA: Identify story elements, character, and setting; syllables, phonics short a and sight words

Math: Represent, count, and write numbers 6-9

Social Studies: Responsibility
Science: Motion and Force

"Train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old, he will not depart from it." -Proverbs 22:6

First Grade

Religion: God Speaks to Us ELA: Phonics short, story details,

Adjectives, Verbs, Nouns

Math: Subtraction Concepts, Addition

Strategies

Social Studies: History; Review of Maps

Responsibility, History, Time

Science: Patterns, Engineering Design

Process

Important Dates

Oct. 2 - 31 : Parent Teacher Conference

Oct. 14: National Hispanic Heritage

Month ends

Blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked nor stand in the way of sinners, nor sit in company with scoffers. Rather, the law of the Lord is his joy; and on his law he meditate: day and night. - Psalms 1:1-2



2nd, 3rd and 4th Grade News

Important Dates

- October 2nd-October 31st- Parent/Teacher Conferences
- October 20th- NO SCHOOL

2nd Grade

<u>ELA:</u> Double consonants, fluency, theme of a story, opinion writing

Math: 3-digit numbers comparing

Social Studies: Solving

conflicts

Science: Measurement and

data

Religion: Baptism

3rd Grade

ELA: Verb tenses, review short and long vowels

Math: Understanding Data and

Graphs

Social Studies: Discuss primary and secondary resources

Science: Explore our solar

system

Religion: Discover how the Israelites were God's chosen

people



<u>ELA:</u> Working on correct verb tenses and Figurative language Math: learning 2 digit multiplication

Social Studies: Learning about the importance of Hispanic Heritage Month

Religion: Learning about St. Francis

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Mathematics



English Language Arts



Social Studies



Science



Religion



5th Grade: Students will be able to problem solve using multiplication and division.

6th Grade: Students will be able to solve multistep problems with fractions and mixed numbers..

7th Grade: Students will decide whether two quantities are in a proportional relationship. They will also graph on a coordinate plane and observe whether the graph is a straight line through the origin.

8th Grade: Students will be able to graph proportional relationships, interpreting the unit rate as the slope of the graph. 1 5th: Students will be able to use nouns correctly in their writing and write a short story. Students will be reading and analyzing Hound Dog True by Linda Urban (read pgs. 23-50).

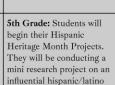
6th: Students will be able to use nouns correctly in their writing, distinguish between fact and opinion, identify the author's purpose and analyze the significance of biographical events. Students will be able to analyze the story structure of the chapter book, The New Kid, by Jerry Kraft.

7th: Students will be able to write a fictional narrative and present an argument. Students will be reading and analyzing the chapter book, *The Offenders Saving the World While Serving Detention!*, by Jerry Kraft (read pgs. 72-92).

8th: Students will be able to write a personal narrative, determine the point of view from which a story is told. Students will be reading and analyzing the chapter book *This is My America* by Kim Johnson (read pgs. 150-224)

Practice language arts skills on IXL. Read your chapter book





6th Grade: Students will be working on their Hispanic Heritage Month Project. Students will be collaborating to gather information on a different hispanic country.

7th Grade: Students will continue working on Chapter 2 America's Political Heritage. They will also begin working on their Hispanic Heritage Month Projects.

8th Grade: Students will continue Chapter 1 Roots of the American People. They will also begin their Hispanic Heritage Month Projects. 5th to 8th grades will be working on Hispanic scientists projects.

Every student should learn how the Hispanic scientists partner with USA science.

5th Grade: The students have been learning about Confirmation and how the Holy Spirit is the Advocate for Jesus for us.

6th Grade: The students explored some of the early stories of the Bible in Genesis. They learned all about Adam and Eve, Cain and Abei, and God's love and mercy for us.

7th Grade: The students are looking at what life was like for Jesus when he was here on earth. They learned more about the Jewish people as well.

8th Grade: The students experienced Liturgy of the Hours in a beautiful outdoor setting. They really are becoming people of prayer!



SPECTACULAR SPECIALS









Mrs. Bharath

Mrs. Strudwick

Mr. Marcello

Mr. Abega

Art

For the month of October, both lower and upper Elementary will be exploring printmaking and weaving techniques to celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month.

Middle school will be creating their own sketchbooks, after which they will practice still life drawing techniques.

Music

This month we will be working on Latin American Music in celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month. Students are learning to sing a few new responses from the Spanish hymnal in Masses on Wednesday. They are all doing Body Percussion and Percussion Instrument activities to Latin American Music. Middle school students are studying the genres of Latin American Music.

The Choir has started rehearsing and a new handbell choir will be forming this month.

Physical Education

In the month of October our PE classes will be covering soccer. Everything from how to handle the ball and dribble to all the skills necessary to play in a game. In health we will be discussing the history, rules, positions, and how a soccer ball is even made. In addition we'll also be learning about bullying.

Now that MAP

S.T.R.E.A.M

testing is over, students can look forward to learning coding as well as 3D design for the month of October.

Here is the link:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeG7vxDavsC4fJKmpN_APyRDUonfJujwnDDPK-Ol7nLwqIB_Q/viewform

As stated before, not only will your child be able to wear this t-shirt in October, they will be able to wear it throughout the school year on T-shirt Tuesdays. The flyer is attached so you can see how the t-shirt loo





The cheerleaders will be selling \$1 popsicles on Friday October 13th during recess. All proceeds will go towards support of the Spartan cheerleaders.



St. Andrew Catholic School

PRESENTS:



IIOP

Date: October 19th

Time: 5-7 P.M.

Cost: \$7





Way to go to our World Finest Chocolate top sellers as of the close of this week:

1st Place-Mauranus Family with 6 cases sold

2nd Place Tie -Cadet & Henry Family with 4 cases sold

3rd Place Tie-Akwa, Bertney, Blaise, Joseph, Louis, & Woods Family with 3 cases sold



In addition to the above, you will receive 1 hour of volunteer hours for every box you sell.

Don't Forget to Order This Year's School Pictures

ENJOY 10% OFF

your order!

CODE: F2023100FF

EXPIRES: May 1, 2024

Redeem Now

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/mhwglp5036xjyp/

Upcoming workshop dates:

Tuesday, October 3, 2023 at 7:30 p.m. EDT Tuesday, November 7, 2023 at 7:30 p.m. EDT Tuesday, November 28, 2023 at 7:30 p.m. EDT

If you took the class last year, you do not have to retake this year!







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FOOTBALL Registration



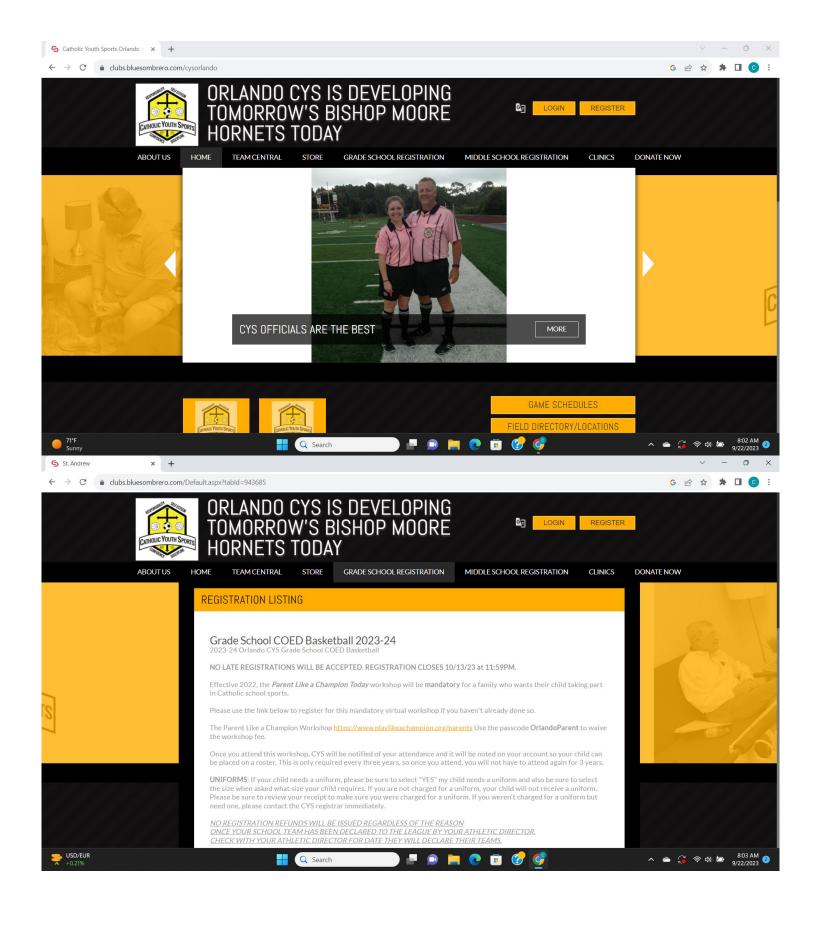
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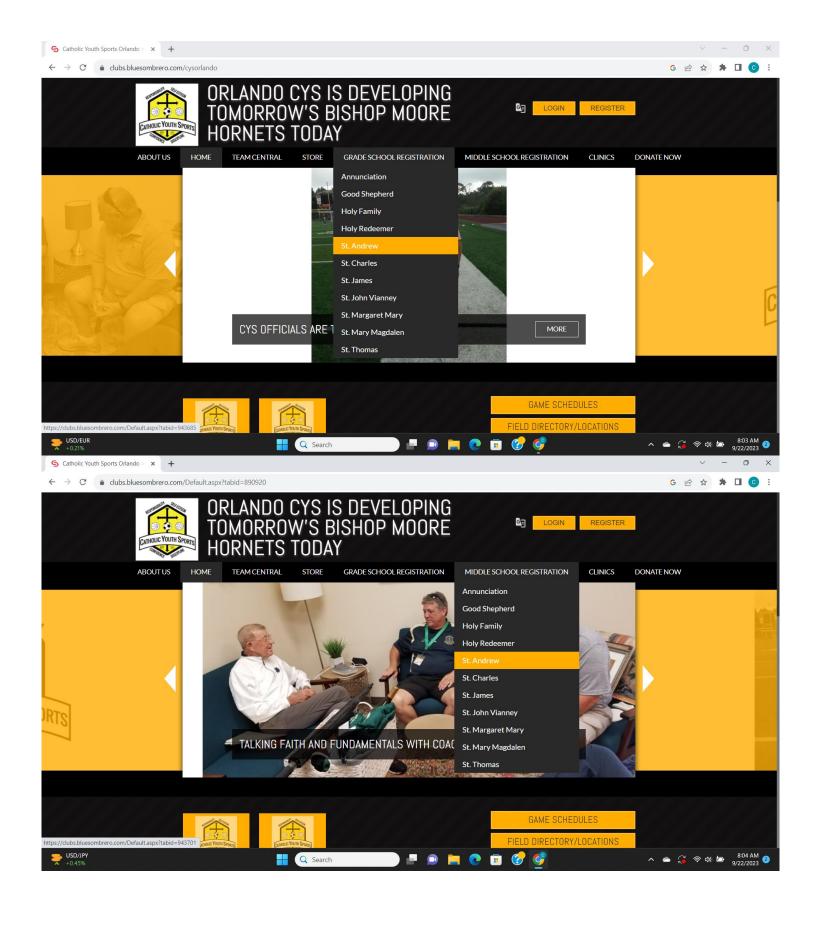
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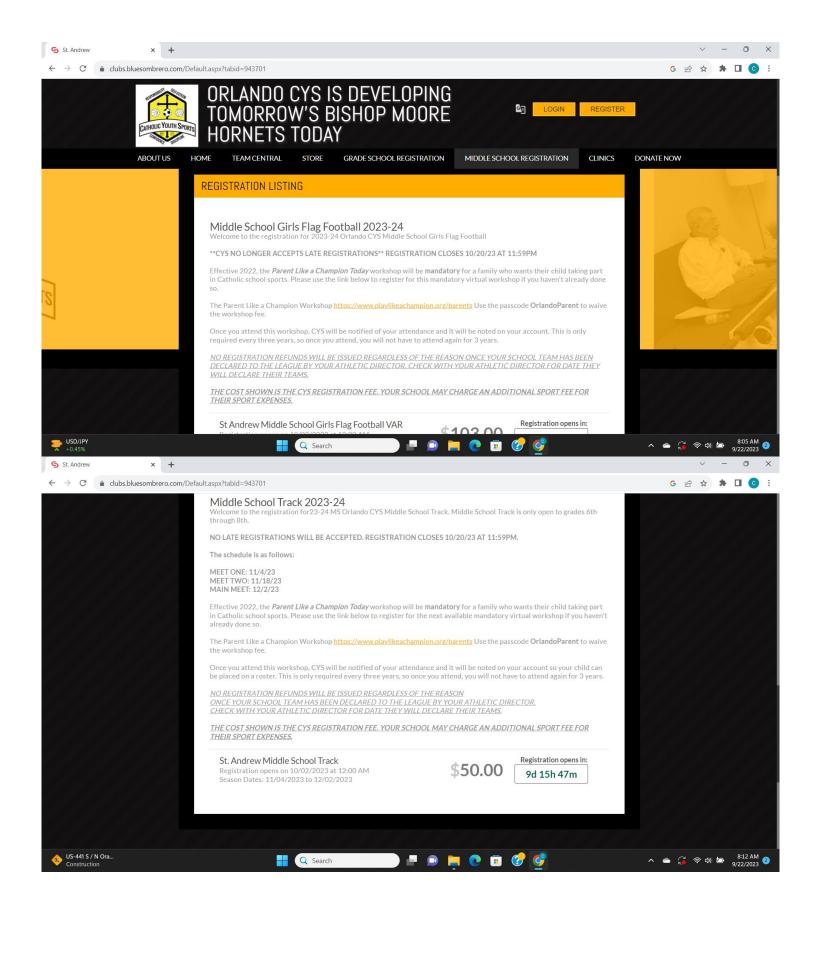
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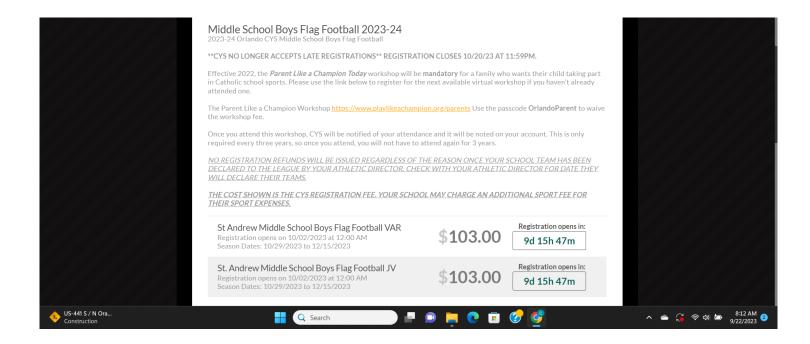
6th-8th Grade

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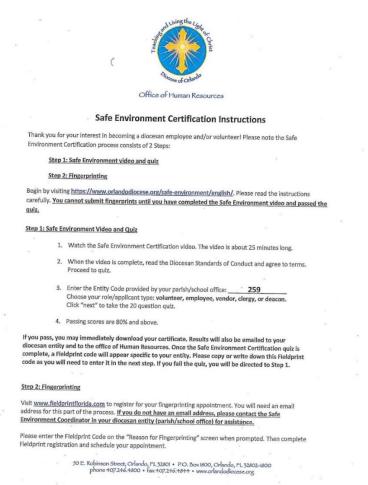




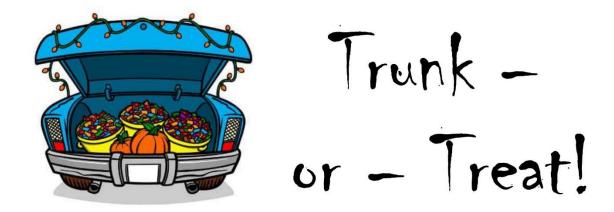


Get fingerprinted NOW so you can volunteer during the 2023-2024 school year if you aren't already!!

You will receive 5 volunteer hours if you participate in the below:



St. Andrew Catholic Church



CAR SIGN UP REGISTRATION FORM

Tuesday / October 31/6pm - 8:30pm

Church parking lot

Event rules & guidelines for participating vehicles

- Please arrive no later than 5:00pm to get parked & decorate your trunk
- · Vehicles must be decorated and ready to hand out candy by 6pm
- · Please provide your own candy
- Vehicles must remain parked until the event is over at 8:30pm
- · This is a family friendly activity
- Participants must sign up individually by October 25

For additional information contact Kathy at 321-693-0928 or kmorgan@standrew-orlando.org

Please	fill out bottom half and return to the c	hurch office by October 25	
Family	name	Contact person	
phone	#		
Email			









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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

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

standing with the association to cast a vote.

- 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 <u>lgipson@standrewcatholicschoo.org</u>.

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.



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



