



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 3, 2023-Saturday, December 9, 2023

<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Sunday, December 3, 2023</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5th Grade Basketball Game at St. Thomas Gym for 2:00 p.m. All players must be there by 1:30 p.m. 	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Monday, December 4, 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.-5:45 p.m. in art room. Any student not picked up by 5:50 p.m. will go to aftercare.
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Tuesday, December 5, 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 8th Grade ONLY 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 6, 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 Mass at 8:00 a.m. in our St. Andrew Catholic Church 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.
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Thursday, December 7, 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 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.-5:30 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 8, 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"> Immaculate Conception Mass at 8:00 a.m.-Students MUST wear St. Andrew Catholic School Mass Uniform. Prayer with the Principal at 2:45 p.m. in St. Andrew Catholic Church Handbell practice from 3:30 p.m.-5:00 p.m. in St. Andrew Catholic School music room. Students not picked up by 5:00 p.m. will go to aftercare.
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Saturday, December 9, 2023</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 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:

We will be selling World Finest Chocolate during lunch this week so please send your child with a \$1.00 to purchase World Finest Chocolate during lunch if you would like.

We will not have after school care extended care Wednesday, December 13, 2023.
All students must be picked up in the car line at 2:30 p.m.

PreK4-1st Grade Newsletter

Pre-K4 Focus of the Week

NURSERY AND RHYMES

WORD: Culture

CHARACTERS EDUCATION:

Commitment, Loyalty

LITERACY: Phonological Awareness

LETTER KNOWLEDGE: Aa, Bb, Cc,
Dd, Ff

MATH: Counting, whole-part relationship

RELIGION: Christmas

Kindergarten Pathways to Learning

Religion: Hearts are Good

ELA: Topic and Central Idea, Story Element, Long & Short /o/, story elements, sight words, sentences

Math: Number Pairs 8-10

Social Studies: Needs and Wants

Science: Plants have needs

"You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart. Jeremiah 29:13"

First Grade

ELA: sight words, text features, compound words, -r blends

Math: Related Facts

Religion: Jesus Shows us He is Good

Social Studies: Christmas Around the world

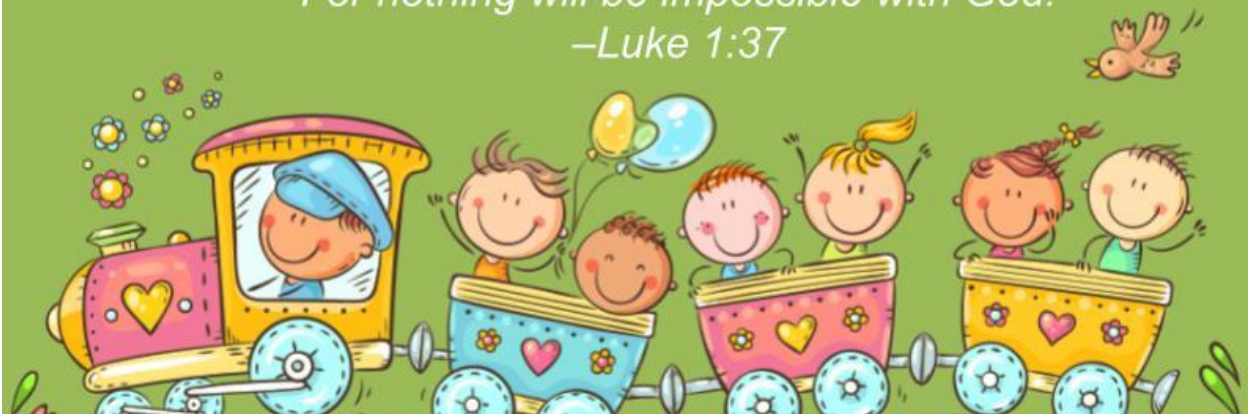
Science: Animal Features

Important Dates

**Christmas Program:
December 15th at 9:00 AM
in SACS Gym**

"For nothing will be impossible with God."

-Luke 1:37



2nd, 3rd and 4th Grade News

Important Dates

- **December 15th- Christmas Program at 9 AM**
- **December 18th-January 2nd- Christmas Break-NO SCHOOL**

2nd Grade

ELA: Suffixes, comprehension, fluency, informational writing

Math: 2-digit addition

Social Studies: Using maps

Science: Identify how do plants grow

Religion: Obedience

3rd Grade

ELA: Identify traits of inventors

Math: Beginning 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 two digit divisor.</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 one-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 draw conclusions from a text and decode compound words.</p> <p>6th: Students will be able to identify cause and effect from a text and use decode words with different endings (-ed, -ing).</p> <p>7th: Students will be able to identify features of a memoir and analyze the author's style.</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>7 th grade will be learning on cell reproductive and how microorganisms works on the animal</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 the earth Position.</p>	<p>5th- The students are learning about the Liturgy of the Word and the order of the Mass.</p> <p>6th- The students are reading the story of Joseph in the Old Testament and analyzing the effects of Divine Providence in our lives.</p> <p>7th- The students are learning more about the 12 Apostles and Mary as models of faith.</p> <p>8th- The students facilitated a successful Feast of St. Andrew retreat day for all of SACS. Next for them is retelling the Nativity story as part of our school-wide Christmas program!</p>

SPECTACULAR SPECIALS



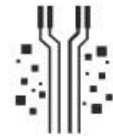
Mrs. Bharath



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
[/cysorlando](https://www.instagram.com/cysorlando)

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.



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Adult XL- 2
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They can be worn on Tuesdays

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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.



Studying at home with Generation Alpha kids, born after 2010, can be an educational and enjoyable experience with a creative approach.

Dr. Cecy Ann Colón



Here are some suggestions to do so effectively:

Establish a routine: Consistency is key. Create a daily schedule that includes time for learning, play, meals, and rest. Assign a specific space for studying.

Harness technology: Generation Alpha kids are familiar with technology. Use educational apps and online resources to make learning interactive and engaging. Monitor screen time and select age-appropriate educational content.

Project-based learning: Design projects that allow kids to explore topics of interest. Foster creativity and problem-solving through hands-on activities.

Incorporate hands-on activities: Conduct experiments, engage in crafts, and go on educational excursions. Explore nature and visit virtual museums to enrich learning.

Promote reading: Cultivate a reading habit from an early age. Read with them and encourage independent reading, using various formats like printed books, e-books, and audiobooks.

Social and emotional support: Pay attention to the emotional needs of kids. Facilitate safe contact with friends through video calls and encourage the expression of emotions related to learning.

Family collaboration: Involve parents and other family members. Share responsibilities and organize regular meetings to discuss educational progress.

Adaptability: Be flexible and adjust the approach based on individual needs. Observe which methods work best for each child and adapt as necessary.

By adopting these practices, you can create a stimulating and personalized educational environment that fosters a love for learning in Generation Alpha kids.

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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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>

