

ST. ANDREW THE APOSTLE CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

It is hard to believe that another school year's end is already here! Today, our hallway and classrooms are abuzz, with all the jubilation spring and the end of a school year brings. The teachers have been busy preparing their students for their last lessons before summer break. Our students have been hard at work learning the final lesson plans, while contemplating their summer plans and what class will be like for them next year. Soon the hallways will be empty, and I will miss all the enthusiasm and energy of our very vibrant school during summer break.

This has been such an exciting and prosperous year for us! Our principal, Mrs. Carol Albreski, has done such a wonderful job leading our school during her first year. The School Advisory Council (S.A.C.), along with the various committee and sub-committee members, also gave generously of their time and talent to help us meet and exceed our annual goals. The Success Criteria, defined in our B.E.S.T. Plan, states that *St. Andrew the Apostle School experiences year over year growth in enrollment of new students; in the retention of existing students and teachers, with parent and parish involvement and support; while obtaining financials that are in line with Diocesan standards.* Well, I am very happy to announce that we, collectively as a parish school family, have achieved the success we have set out to obtain. Our school continues to grow, through the Grace of God and through all your efforts, commitments and sacrifices. And for this I say THANK YOU!

One of our goals this year focused on living out the virtues that are part of our Value Statement:

*We believe quality Catholic education calls us to integrate Gospel teachings and values with everyday life; while believing that all secular subjects need to be taught in the light of these values. These values are deeply rooted in the belief that Jesus Christ is the reason for our school and our community lives out our faith expressing the virtues of **prudence, fortitude, charity, generosity, temperance, humility, and brotherly love.** All, in communion with a strong sense of hospitality and belonging in everything we do.*

Each month, as a parish school family, we focused on a virtue. As your pastor, I cannot express the joy I have knowing that we may have all grown a little closer to God, and to one another, through acting on these virtues. As Catholics, we are called to live the Gospel every day in word and in deed. We are also called to love, as Jesus loves us and to live out the Golden Rule of "Do unto others as we would have them do unto us."

As we come to the end of another very successful school year, let us continue to demonstrate these virtues as a faith-filled community, and at home through your domestic church. Let us set the world ablaze with our love for one another. Please know that, as your pastor, I love each and every one of you and I will continue to pray for you during the summer break. I would also ask that you keep me in your prayers and encourage you to continue to pray and reflect as to how God may be calling you to support our school in the upcoming year. I look forward to seeing you throughout the summer, and I am already looking forward to another successful school year!

Thank you so very much and God be with you and your family this summer! Our Lady of Fatima, pray for us! St. Andrew the Apostle, pray for us!

In the loving Hearts of Jesus and Mary,

Father Gregor

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