



SAS Weekly Times

Sunday, September 22, 2024

RaiseRight - Free Money Toward Tuition

Have you signed up for RaiseRight yet? It's a great opportunity to earn free money towards your tuition and for the school! Once you are signed up, then you can shop. We are not asking for more money; we are asking you to think about taking an extra step before you do your regular shopping. Get the grandparents, the other relatives, and your neighbors signed up. The more people you have using the program, the more money you will save.

If you check the RaiseRight site, (<https://raiserright.com>), you will see daily deals that could just add to your savings. I have included the registration form in the email. Just fill it out and send it back to the school office. Jennifer Craig will get you in the system and you will be ready to save money on your tuition.

If you have any questions, please call Jennifer Craig at 618-534-7263.

SAS Facebook!

If you haven't had the chance yet, we invite you to visit our school Facebook page.

<https://www.facebook.com/SaintAndrewSchool>

The more you like, share, and give positive comments, the better the algorithm works for us and can make a significant impact in talking about increasing enrollment! We encourage everyone in our community—parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins, neighbors, and friends—to join in.

This is a wonderful opportunity to showcase what Saint Andrew School (SAS) is all about. Your support can help plant the seeds for future enrollment, allowing us to expand our SAS family and share our love and faith in Christ with others.

Let's come together to spread the word about Saint Andrew School, our mission, and our ministry.

Everyone is welcome here, and we want the entire community to know just how special our school is!

IOWA Assessments

We will be facilitating standardized tests for grades 2 – 8, beginning September 23rd – October 3rd. These tests are another tool to help guide instruction to meet the needs of our students. It gives us a peek into the skills, knowledge, and abilities of the students. We ask that you make sure your child/children continue to eat a healthy breakfast and get a good night's sleep.

Results of the tests should be back by parent/teacher conferences which are toward the end of October.

The Importance of Parent Involvement in Children's Education

Numerous studies highlight the significant benefits of parental involvement in children's education. According to the American Psychological Association, engaging in reading activities with children positively influences their reading achievement, language comprehension, and expressive language skills. Additionally, such involvement enhances students' interest in reading, fosters positive attitudes toward it, and improves their attention levels in the classroom.

Moreover, families that actively support their child's math learning at home contribute to higher percentages of students achieving proficiency or above on standardized math tests. This evidence underscores the crucial role parents play in their children's academic success and encourages greater involvement in both reading and math activities at home. When parents engage with their children in these subjects, they not only support their learning but also inspire a lifelong love for education.

2024 Meet the Teams/Chili Cookoff

Wednesday, October 9th, will be the Meet the Teams/Chili Cookoff! We invite all of you, regardless of what class your child/children are in, to bring your best pot of Chili for judging and serving.

The 2023 winners were...

- 1 st place – Coach Farice Campbell
- 2 nd place – Coach Josh Hamilton
- 3 rd place – Mrs. Christine O'Dell

If you are unable to bring in a pot of chili, maybe you could bring in carrots and celery, sour cream and cheese, tortilla chips, etc. However, we need chili!!!! Judging will begin at 5:15 p.m. so have your chili here by 5:00 p.m. We will eat at 6:00 p.m. There will be more information to follow this week.

Scholastic Book Fair



The Scholastic Book Fair will be here the week of September 29th. You will be able to send money with your student(s) to buy books, you will be able to buy books online under the school's book fair, and you will be able to load money into an ewallet for easy use.

Here is the link that will allow you to shop online and/or load your e-wallet.

<https://bookfairs.scholastic.com/bf/saintandrew618>

A percentage of every book purchased goes towards Scholastic Dollars for the teachers and the school. This enables teachers to add to their classroom libraries as well as adding books to our AR Library.

Also, we need volunteers to help run the book fair. If you are available to help, please contact Jenni Turini at 618-9274-3438 or at jenniturini@yahoo.com.

We need help in making this an awesome experience for our students.

Volunteering

Parent/grandparent involvement makes SAS strong!

In order to volunteer, in any capacity, at Saint Andrew School, the Diocese of Belleville requires Child Protection documents and trainings to be completed prior to your participation. You can find the forms and link to the child protection classes by following this link

<https://www.saintandrew-school.org/volunteer-opportunities.html>

Make – Up Picture Day

Make – Up Picture Day is Thursday, October 10th. Please remember, while it is a free dress day, the students must adhere to the framework of the dress code. This means no tank tops, sandals, crocs, leggings, etc. If you have any questions about it, please follow the link to the Parent/Student Handbook.

<https://www.saintandrew-school.org/handbooks.html>

Whimsey Photography from Murphysboro will be handling our school pictures this year. Order forms will be sent home with your child/children next week. Payment of check or cash can be sent back to the school.

What's Happening

September 23 – Monday

- Iowa Assessments

September 24 – Tuesday

- Iowa Assessments
- Regional Softball Game at MBI at 4:30 p.m.

September 25– Wednesday

- Litany of the Saints in the Annex at 8:00 a.m.
- School Mass at 8:30 a.m.

- Iowa Assessments

September 26 – Thursday

- Iowa Assessments.

September 27 - Friday

- Iowa Assessments

Parent/Guardian - Teacher Conferences – *Save the Dates*

We will be facilitating these conferences towards the end of October. There will be an early dismissal (12:00 p.m.) on Friday, October 25th for a Teacher In-Service for PK – 4th and for the Middle School to begin conferences at 1:00 p.m. that day. There is no school on Monday, October 28th due to teacher conferences and we will have an early dismissal on Tuesday, October 29th at 1:00 p.m. to conclude parent/guardian - teacher conferences. The conferences are an opportunity to for your teachers to discuss concerns in the classroom, attendance, plans, expectations, grades, the Star Assessments, and the Iowa scores with you.

Help Wanted

We are still looking for energetic, enthusiastic, creative people to join our SAS family. If you know anyone that is interested in teaching (FT/PT), being a PK aide, or driving the SFX bus please have them contact me at 618-687-2013 or at martin@sasmboro.org

Sons of St. Joseph

Men do YOU want to ascend to greater heights in your spiritual life? Consecration to St Joseph will take you there!

Join the Sons of St Joseph beginning September 30 for a 33-day consecration using Fr Donald Calloway's

Consecration to St Joseph book which can be purchased online. For more details men should call Mike Langenstein at 618-521-0532.