



December 12, 2010



## St. Andrew's Country Day School Home School Association News

Hello Everyone,

Happy Holidays!! I can't believe Christmas is 2 weeks away. I hope everyone is well on their way to a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

We sure have been busy around here! I wanted to send a warm thank you to Ms. Jen Wudyka for all her time and energy she has placed in Operation Christmas Cheer. It was a huge success and the children seemed to enjoy helping others in need.

Santa's Gift Express was a ton of fun this year. The children were so excited to see the amount of gifts they were able to purchase for very little. I hope everyone enjoys their gifts! Next year will be even better. A Big thank you to Kim LoTempio for her stand alone effort in organizing the show. Great job Kim! A special shout out to the terrific amount of moms and dads who helped the little ones shop and wrap the gifts. It was fun and we couldn't have done it without all of you!

The Black and Gold Knight Gala is off to a great start! I want to thank those who have joined me in planning for a huge success! Car raffle ticket sales are increasing. Tickets for the event are going fast. For those of you have not purchased your tickets as of yet, they are waiting for you in the school office: \$25.00 each or 2 for \$40.00. Our next meeting for Black and Gold will take place on December 30<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm in the teachers' lounge. All are welcome. Please bring some new ideas and interesting ways that you might be able to help out. Starting in January the committee will meet on a weekly basis. Dates to be announced.

Once again I want to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year. With the hustle and bustle of the Christmas season we sometimes to forget to reflect on the true meaning of Christmas. It's truly a magical one!

Peace & Joy,  
Annette Fiorella  
HSA President

## Early Bird Cash or Caddie Raffle

The Early Bird drawing for the "Cash or Caddie" raffle will take place at the All School Christmas Concert on December 15th. Submit your tickets to be eligible for a \$100.00 cash prize. As an added bonus—the winner of the selling ticket receives a pass for a "NO BINGO" Night. Sell your tickets and get them in to be in the EARLY BIRD RAFFLE!

## Operation Christmas Cheer

For the second year in a row, Operation: Christmas Cheer was a HUGE success! As a school, we were able to collect donations of gently used winter weather gear, clothing, books, games, DVDs, CDs, as well as toiletries, candy and snacks, and other food donations. All of our donations helped out 6 organizations: the Food Bank of WNY, the St. Vincent de Paul Pantry at St. Andrew's Church, St. Luke's Mission of Mercy, Corpus Christi Church, Operation: Home for the Holidays (supporting our local soldiers) and the Monsignor Carr Center of Catholic Charities. In a period of three weeks, we collected over 170 boxes and bags of donations and over 800 canned goods and non-perishable items. We raised \$240 with our St. Nicholas Dress Down Day, and a full bin of toys, for boys and girls of all ages, was donated to the Town of Tonawanda Toy Drive, sponsored by the Town of Tonawanda Youth, Parks, and Recreation Department. As our 2<sup>nd</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> graders participated in a Day of Service at school, our Pre-K, Kindergarten, and 1<sup>st</sup> grade classes were treated to a puppet show put on by the Food Bank of WNY. In our Day of Service, we loaded the church pantry to the gills, loaded up 5 cars of donations to take to local organizations, and made over 300 cards, crafts, letters, and placemats for the elderly, deployed soldiers, and to Meals on Wheels. **Congratulations to ALL St. Andrew's students for an amazing job well done and a big THANK YOU to ALL St. Andrew's families who donated to this drive.** When we come together, as a school, to do something positive for the community, magical things happen! Thank you ALL for opening your hearts this holiday season!

## Family Fun Nights Continue!!!

Dinner and a Movie was the theme for the latest Family Fun Night. Families gathered in McNulty Hall on Saturday, December 11 to enjoy viewing Santa Paws, pizza and popcorn. The event was well attended and a fun, affordable (just \$5 per family) way to spend an evening with family and friends. Stay tuned for our next Family Fun Night—coming in March! - get your BINGO dabbers ready...

## Community Courtyard News

Just a quick update on our Christmas Wreath Sale. The sale was very successful and a profit of over \$1,400.00 was raised to fund our project. Thank you to all who purchased a wreath. These were some of the most beautiful wreaths we have seen!

## Upcoming Events...Save The Dates...

- ◆ Jan. 23—29—Catholic School Spirit Week
- ◆ Jan. 30—Applebee's Pancake Breakfast
- ◆ Jan. 30—Open House
- ◆ Feb. 5—Black & Gold Knight Gala

### HSA Meeting Schedule for 2010—2011:

Wednesday, January 12, 2011

Wednesday, February 9, 2011

Wednesday, March 9, 2011

Wednesday, April 6, 2011

Wednesday, May 11, 2011

All Parents/Guardians Encouraged to Attend  
Meetings Held in McNulty Hall - 6:30 pm

**HSA would like to wish you all A Very Merry Christmas & A Healthy Happy New Year!**