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SOLAR ECLIPSE

Students in Mr. Even's Astronomy class and Mr. Janes's Earth and Space Science classes enjoy the views of the eclipse through the clouds on Monday, August 21st. Students made solar eclipse projectors and collected data on light and temperature measurements.



2017-2018 School Calendar

Dates to Remember

September

- 4 Labor Day – No School
- 20 Fall Parent University

October

- 9 Columbus Day – No School
- 10 Parent/Teacher Conferences
(no student attendance)
12 PM - 7 PM
- 25 PSAT Testing (Juniors)

November

- 4-5 Music Parent Craft Fair
9 am - 4 pm
- 22 No School
- 23 Thanksgiving Day - No School
- 24 No School



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MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Andrew High School Community,

Welcome back to another great year at Andrew High School. As we started the year, we quickly realized the leadership of the Class of 2018. They opened the year with the theme "Different or Alike... United We Strike" to symbolize the collective strength of a student body that is diverse, but share a common bond as T-Bolts. They also encourage all T-Bolts, especially our newest Class of 2021, to set high individual and group goals, while providing support to all as they seek to achieve those goals. I am excited for what this year will bring!

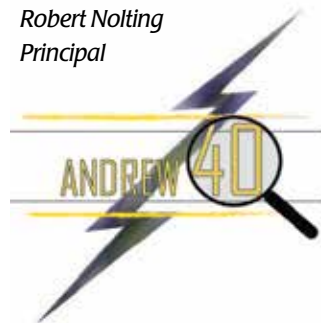
In 2017-18, we have welcomed a great group who have joined the staff of Andrew High School. The energy and potential is high for what is our largest group of new staff in my nine years as Principal. Please help me welcome - David Haake & Justin Japcon (Technology), Luz Villalobos (Main Office), Kim Heinlen (Athletics), Olivia Del Toro (Guidance), Joanne Houlihan (Deans), Cedric Andreani & Amy Bodenheimer (World Language), Rich Kurek, Brandon Marren, & Elizabeth Rosenstein (Social Studies), Britni Creamer & Michelle Kohs (English), Kristy Holben & Gina Johnson (Science), Matt Niemiec (PE), Carolynn Thielmann (Speech Pathologist), and Michelle Derrig (Special Services).

In September, we celebrate Homecoming, which is a collective celebration where our current students and staff honor each other as well as our past. Throughout the week, under the leadership of Student Council, we celebrate through a variety of ways. Events such as Decoration Day, Powderpuff Football, all school Parade, and our theme days, encourage ALL T-Bolts to participate in as much as possible. Additionally, special events are planned like the Athletic Hall of Fame, which honors past excellence in our athletic community. This culminates with our all school assembly, which is a great way to lead to our annual dance - by far our most attended event of the year!

This year, Andrew celebrates a milestone - our 40th Anniversary! This is a great time to celebrate a community that has grown in both size and prominence throughout our existence. We plan to host several events throughout the year to honor our namesake and our past. This is highlighted by a new course we are offering through our English and social studies departments - Andrew40! This interdisciplinary course will be grounded in creating a historiography of VJA - taking our past, aligning it to national and international events, while creating an interactive biography of what is Andrew. This is a very cool and historic class - I can't wait to see what they accomplish!

As always, it is both an honor and a privilege to serve as your Principal. Please never hesitate to reach out with questions or suggestions at rnolting@d230.org.

Robert Nolting
Principal



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High School District 230 To Host Hack230

High School District 230 will host its first-ever Hack230, a hackathon for students at Sandburg, Stagg and Andrew High Schools as well as surrounding schools, on Saturday to Sunday, October 21 to 22 at Andrew High School.

This two-day event will provide all of the support needed for teams to hack out a real-world solution to a real-world challenge.

“Don’t worry, we are not going to be illegally accessing Government or Corporate database,” said teacher Cathy Wojcik. “A hackathon is an invention marathon. Programmers, designers, builders and more come together to learn, build, and share their creations over the course of a few days.”

“Hacking” is a term which is used to describe the act of quickly and intelligently creating a real application/solution that others can use. Hackathon projects will center on health care/biopharma, energy efficiency, and human services. These areas have huge potential for growth, are in need of real world solutions during this time of expansion.

The combination of real-world mentors and high school students foster the promotion and innovation of implementable solutions. The event is open to all current high school students.

To participate, teams or individuals can sign up on the Hack230 website (<https://district230hack.wixsite.com/hack-230>)



All are welcome, no programming experience is necessary. Students with an interest in technology, healthcare, biopharma, interactive marketing, app development, energy efficiency, human services or who just want to learn something new can join HACK230

Adult industry experts, as well as recent high school graduates, can participate as mentors and team leaders.

On Saturday October 21, 2017, check in begins at 9:00 a.m. and the event will run until Sunday, October 22, 2017, with closing ceremonies starting around 10:00 a.m. This event is an overnight lock-in, however, in case of an emergency participants will be allowed to leave once parent contact is made with an event organizer.

Register online. This event is free for the first 150 students who sign up. Meals and event swag are included at no cost. The deadline for registration is October 13 at 3:00 p.m.

Contact Cathy Wojcik at cwojcik@d230.org with questions.



Alumni Picture

This year, Victor J. Andrew High School will celebrate its 40th Anniversary. Pictured are the 2017-18 Andrew Staff Alumni. Not only is Andrew a great school for students to attend, but many of our past students go on to get their degrees and come back to work here.

PRESENTATION TO HELP FRESHMEN “START SMART”

To help freshmen learn to plan effectively, establish goals, and strive toward a successful future, the Andrew Guidance Department will host an assembly for all ninth graders in mid-September during first and third period. This dynamic assembly offers advice on topics such as:

- The importance of starting strong in academics
- How to make the most out of high school
- Setting personal goals
- Common freshmen mistakes and how to prevent them

COLLEGE & CAREER CENTER

Students are encouraged to utilize the new College & Career Resource Center. This center is accessible to students during 2nd period and is also used for college visits, guest speakers, informational sessions for students and parents, and much more. The center is staffed during 2nd period by Guidance Counselors who are able to answer questions about post-secondary planning, the college search process, applications, the trades, military, career paths, financial aid, scholarships, and more. The center is located in The Media Center. Students can sign up to visit during 2nd period through Skyward Arena Scheduling.

TWITTER

Follow your friends in guidance on twitter @vjaguidance. We are your one stop shop for the latest in Andrew college visits, scholarships, career exploration, and many other events we have going on through the year.



ASVAB AT ANDREW

Students interested in military careers are invited to take the ASVAB exam on October 10th. The results of this intelligence and career exam may provide useful information and does not require the student to enlist in the military. The ASVAB offers an in depth look into career

options for students who are still unsure. Interested juniors or seniors should sign up in Guidance. Sophomores are also welcome to take the exam in order to get results and information, but their scores will not count.

COLLEGE ADMISSIONS DEADLINE

The priority admission consideration deadline for many colleges and universities is November 1st (Some deadlines are even earlier). That means that the application and transcript must be in the admission office on or before November 1, 2017. Seniors and their families should check the specific colleges and universities where they plan to apply for the exact admission deadline date.

For the best chance at being considered for admission, it is important that seniors send completed applications and requests for transcripts prior to October 15th. Applications and requests for transcripts sent after October 15th may not arrive by the priority admission deadline date.

The usual definition of priority admission deadline means that students who apply by November 1st will receive equal consideration, if they meet published criteria for admission. Students who apply after November 1st could be in a pool of candidates where greater selectivity may be used to make the admission decision. Some colleges and universities do not follow a priority deadline date and either have a specific deadline date or rolling admission until full. Each senior is to check out individual school's admission policies and dates. The Guidance Department's recommendation for most schools is to apply by November 1st.

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT

This act allows military representatives to ask for unedited lists of juniors and seniors. The school will provide student directory information unless parents send

a letter to the Guidance Office indicating that they do not want their child's name and directory information provided to military recruiters.

VISITING COLLEGE REPRESENTATIVES

Many college representatives visit the Andrew Guidance Office. Information is posted on the Andrew website and bulletin board outside of the Main Office.

PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES

On Tuesday, October 10, 2017, Victor J. Andrew High School will host Parent/Teacher Conferences from noon until 7:00 p.m. Conferences are based on appointments made in advance. You can make appointments two ways:

- 1) **Access the on-line appointments:** conference registration will take place through Skyward. Watch for an email to be sent during October for details
- 2) **Call the school at (708) 342-5800** during specific designated hours, which will be communicated in an October email. Be prepared to provide your student's last name and ID number. Watch for details to come!

DEANS' OFFICE

THE GOALS OF THE DEANS' OFFICE

Welcome back for the 2017-2018 school year. The start of every new school year brings in many new faces from many different backgrounds. It brings in many new challenges and many new exciting opportunities. However, the overall goal of the Andrew High School Deans' Office always remains the same. The Andrew High School Deans' Office aims to create a safe learning environment where students can grow academically, socially, and emotionally over their four years at Andrew High School.

Our office believes in treating each student in a respectful way where we take the individual into account on each interaction we have with him or her. We believe in forming positive relationships with students in our building, and we strive to solve issues within our building in a peaceful manner.

Our beliefs are very much in line with what we expect from our students. We expect our students to develop in three main areas:

- Take personal responsibility for their education and behavior
- Solve problems peacefully with staff and fellow students
- Make positive choices both inside and outside the classroom

Our role is to help students develop in these areas, so when they leave our building they are well suited to adapt and be successful in the next phase of their life. We help students develop in these areas through one-on-one discussions, small group meetings, mentoring

programs, student/parent/counselor meetings, and various other ways. These areas provide students with chances to grow without facing punitive consequences.

In addition to the above areas, the Deans' Office also deals with behaviors through consequences that we issue to students who violate rules set forth in the District 230 Handbook. All students and parents are expected to review and understand the District 230 Handbook and understand violating the expectations set in the handbook will result in consequences. We use many different types of traditional consequences like detentions.

Another type of consequence our office uses is social probation. If a student is not able to behave appropriately during the school day, the Deans' Office may put the student on social probation. If this occurs, the student will not be able to participate in, or attend, school events during or outside of school hours, and they can have privileges like hour lunch or parking permits removed. School events include, but are not limited to, sporting events, school plays, dances (including prom) or other various extracurricular activities. Students can earn their way off social probation if they meet specific expectations set forth by a dean.

We believe all students have the opportunity to be successful and grow from all experiences, and we will continue to encourage and promote academic, social, and emotional growth.

NURSE'S OFFICE

VISION AND HEARING SCREENING

During the entire school year, the Health office does offer screening for vision and hearing. Signs of hearing loss can include the inability to tolerate loud sounds, poor speech, speaking in a relatively loud voice, and often hearing a ringing or buzzing sound in the ears. It is especially important for students to lower the volume in their CD and IPOD headsets and wear ear protection when necessary. If others can hear the music from these headsets, it is too loud!

Signs of vision problems can include frequent headaches, squinting, sitting nearer to the television, and holding a book or magazine closer. If you have a concern and would like to have your child screened during the school year, please call the Health office at 708-342-5858.

Parents, if you are concerned about your own hearing, you can arrange to take a free, one-minute Dial A Hearing Screening Test @ 1-800-222-3277. It is offered Monday through Friday from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm. It is quick, easy, fun, and may indicate further follow-up.

Tests for vision and hearing are done annually for new transfer students, students receiving special education services, on a referral by teachers, or at the request of any student or parent who feels there is a vision or hearing problem. Should there be any indication for further evaluation, notification is sent to the parents advising consultation with their family physician. Parent should notify nurse if they do not want their student tested.

"Vision screening is not a substitute for a complete eye and vision examination by an eye doctor. Your child is not required to undergo this vision screening if an optometrist or ophthalmologist has completed and signed a report form indicating that an examination has been administered within the previous 12 months".

MEDICATIONS AT SCHOOL

If your student takes medication at school daily, or on an as needed basis, please remember to send a new Medication Form prior to the start of the 2017-2018 school year. This form needs to be updated each school year for your student to continue receiving his/her medication.

***Attention Parents of Sophomore, Junior and Senior students**

If there are any changes in emergency contact or health information, please complete a new pink emergency form and turn it in to the school nurse.

Health forms can be downloaded from the Nurse's page on Andrew's website:

<https://district.d230.org/andrew/depts/nurse/default.aspx>

Orland Township will be offering flu shots to residents during the months of September and October.

Please call 403-4222 or visit www.orlandtwp.org for further information.

Andrew Athletics Update

Welcome back!! The 2017-2018 athletic season is underway! We had a great summer of camps and preparation, and now the fall programs are eager to strut their stuff this season and capture some SWSC, regional, and sectional crowns as they make their way to State!

On August 7th, second year Head Coach Adam Lewandoski welcomed back football players for his 2nd season at the helm of the football team. The Bolts will look to a great strength and conditioning platform to wear teams down and win the battles in the trenches. A rigorous SWSC schedule poses some very strong opponents; however, the team will be ready and look to get the Bolts back into competing for a spot in the post season! Come on out and support the mighty Bolts!

The girls' volleyball squad welcomes in the new school year with a great attitude and loads of skill. The Lady Bolts bring some senior swag along with talented underclassmen to battle for SWSC title! The team and coaching staff have the players working hard and are looking strong. Coach Connolly is looking forward to getting the program back on top in the SWSC Red division, and a possible home court advantage, as the Bolts will host the IHSA 4A sectional matches on our courts!

Head Coach Loren Zolk looks to continue to build consistency and intensity as a talented soccer squad looks for early season success in the local Reavis soccer tournament and SWSC play. With some serious skill and fire returning, Coach Zolk will blend some fresh talent into the mix as well. With the challenge of one of the toughest schedules in the state, the boys will be primed for excellence and the knowledge they can play with any team in the state! With a number of highly experienced returning varsity players, and a good showing in the summer leagues, the team is very excited about the season for Andrew Soccer.

The girls' cross-country team is coming off

another very successful season with a strong core of runners returning. Head Coach Mark Luttrell's team boasts a great nucleus of experienced Junior and Senior runners as the ladies look to compete for spots among the state leaders. Coach Luttrell has visions of being in Peoria in the fall with the entire team again.

The boys' cross-country team, under Head Coach Bobby Matz, will look to some talented returning runners to learn from last year and continue to be on the rise. With several chances to compete on their own course, the young men will be ready to challenge the best when the regionals roll around. Some very lofty goals have been set for both the team and for each runner.

The boys' golf team, under the guidance of Head Coach Wally Zukowski, returns with some wise veteran players and a strong supporting cast of eager young golfers. The team will look to improve upon last year's conference finish and make a push to challenge for the top spot in the SWSC!

Head Coach Frank Muchna welcomed back a solid nucleus of girls ready to dive into another season. With a number of seasoned veterans and some quick young swimmers, there is no doubt that this team will improve every day and will be very competitive by the conference and sectional later in the fall. They want to have a number of athletes swim in the state finals this fall.

Second year Coach Tim O'Shea continues to bring enthusiasm and knowledge to the girls' golf program. His ladies will try to hone their swings and get ready for another tough season in the SWSC. With the weather providing great conditions to play, they will steadily improve and hope to be ready by the conference and state tourneys.

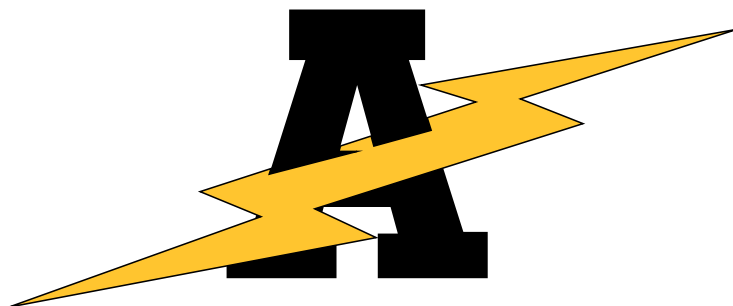
Head Coach Mike Maratea had a great summer camp and has the ladies anxious to play. Coach Maratea has an impressive coaching resume, along with his own special

brand of insight and humor, and a competitive nature that insures that the girls' tennis team will be worth the watch. Be ready to cheer the girls on as Andrew will host the IHSA sectional on our courts this fall!

The varsity cheerleaders and pom poms have used their respective summers to learn new routines, upgrade old routines, and to compete in camps. The cheerleaders will keep our fans among the top group in the SWSC, cheering on Friday nights and impressing the crowds with an air ballet of skill and talent, mixed in with some cheers that will get the "mean machine" rolling this football season. These girls are extremely hard working and talented and will keep the spirit rolling!

Julie Mattix begins another promising year at the head of the pom poms program. These ladies work hundreds of hours perfecting their routines for the home football games. Coming off one of the most successful competitive seasons in school history, the team will continue to dazzle and amaze with their great spirit and poise! Before you visit the concession stand, make sure that you take some time to see them perform. Don't forget the kiddie clinic in October!

Finally, a huge thank you goes to the Andrew Athletic Booster Club for their gracious support of the athletic teams. With their hard work, love, and passion, they have helped purchase new uniforms, new "state-of the art" wall of fame displays, equipment, chevrons, added to the landscaping behind the softball fields, and spent countless hours working for YOUR student-athletes! From the start of the fall season to the final horn, they are there to provide encouragement and financial support. Throughout the year, the Booster Club provides financial support for the athletes at Andrew. The Booster Club pays for all of the awards and patches that are given to your children. That alone totals over \$15,000 yearly. During the year, the Booster Club contributes over \$50,000 to the Athletic Department. The Booster Club needs your support to support our athletes. Please make yourself available to any of the officers to assist in their many fund-raisers. Without the Booster Club, the athletes of Andrew would have to do without many nice things. Please help them help our athletes!



TPPO

The Thunder Pride Parent Organization (TPPO) will be holding its monthly meeting on Monday, September 11th from 6:30 p.m. -7:30 p.m. Please join us for coffee and cookies. We will be discussing our role in the Homecoming Parade in September. New members welcome! If you have not already joined the TPPO, you can do so at our meeting. We look forward to seeing you!

ATHLETIC BOOSTERS

The Andrew Athletic Booster Club is looking forward to the 2017-2018 sports season. Plan to attend our monthly Athletic Booster Club meetings. All members are invited.

Next Meeting: Our next Booster Club meeting is Wednesday, September 13, at 7 p.m. in Room 220. We ask all fall team reps to attend. It is also a great way to become involved. Please come and see what we are all about.

Athletic Booster Club website:
www.andrewathleticboosters.org

We need:

- One Fall Boys Soccer Concession Assistant for only 5-7 games.
- Two Football Concession Assistants for Sophomore games 3:30 p.m. -7 p.m. for 5 games (SHOULD BE A VARSITY FOOTBALL PARENT).
- One Football Concession Assistants for Varsity games 7 p.m. - Clean up for 5 games (SHOULD BE A SOPHOMORE FOOTBALL PARENT).
- One Winter Girls Basketball Concession Assistant for approximately 6 games.
- One Spring Girls Soccer Concession Assistant for approximately 7 games.
- One Spring Girls and Boys track Concession Assistant for 3 meets.
- Two Spring Lacrosse Concession Assistants for approximately 10 games and State Finals.

Where does the money go?? 2016-2017

Chevrons and Awards & Flowers	\$10,600
Scholarships	\$11,700
Uniforms	\$10,000
Athletic Department General Fund	\$ 6,000
Softball Wall Pads	\$ 4,000
Boys Track, Girls Track	\$ 3,000
Football Shadowman	\$ 2,000
Hall of Fame Monitors	\$12,000
Andrewfest	\$ 500
Senior Party	\$ 2,000
Homecoming Fireworks	\$ 500
Miscellaneous Service Fees	\$ 3,000
Insurance	\$ 600
Dinners	\$ 2,500
Web Design	\$ 410
Accounting Fees	\$ 500
Find the Cure	\$ 350
Volley for the Cure	\$ 150
Total	\$69,810
Last year was approximately	\$65,000

The incoming 2017-2018 Executive Board and Directors are:

- President:** Rena Sheehan
 - Vice-President:** Keri Malone
 - Secretary:** Lori Ruppert
 - Treasurer:** Lesley Magnabosco
 - Boys Basketball Concession Director:** Lois Murphy
 - Fall Concession Directors:** Rena & Mike Sheehan, Sue Warja, Lori Ruppert, Marge Gottschammer, Ron Magnabosco, Stacey Summers, Sherrie Mezyk, & Jeanette Kendra
 - Scholar Athlete Awards Director:** Michelle Campbell
 - Spirit Wear Director:** Eileen Badon, Missy Geibel, Robin Murphy, and Kris Weert
 - Team Rep Director:** Lesley Magnabosco
 - Fundraising Director:** Tony Killelea & Pat O'Connor
 - Variety Show Directors:** Julie & Bob McMullen and John "Spike" Malone
 - Membership Director:** George Daly
 - Communications Director:** Trish O'Connor
- Breakfast with Santa & Program Books Director: Debbie Clausius
- Membership:** Dues for the year are \$10. The objectives are to support, encourage, and promote the athletic programs. Also, join on our website: www.andrewathleticboosters.org or 8to18.

Spirit Wear: Our new spirit wear collection will be available at all home football games. If these events are not convenient for you, please contact Missy Geibel at missygeibel@gmail.com or Robin Murphy at robin-murphy23@att.net

Program Books: Program Books are available at all home football or soccer games, and at Booster Club meetings.

Concessions: If you would like to help before or during any home football game, **we really need you.** Please contact Rena Sheehan at 708-614-0321/renaespo@aol.com.

This club can only be successful when parents get involved. We hope to continue our success with your help in the future. If you have any questions, or would like to volunteer, please contact Rena Sheehan at renaespo@aol.com.

MUSIC BOOSTERS

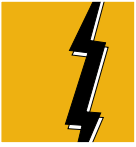
Welcome back VJA! We welcome back all of our new and returning band and choir members, and look forward to the many concerts, competitions, and performances throughout this upcoming school year. Our VJA Marching Thunderbolts have had a very busy summer preparing for their upcoming season, and their new show for this year, "A Beautiful Chaos". They spent the week of July 29th-August 4th at band camp, and are ready to get their busy season started. We kick off the season with our preview performance on September 2nd at 7:30 p.m. Our first competition is at the Lancer Joust at Lake Park on September 9th. The following week we will be hosting our 3rd Invitational Competition at VJA on September 16th, where we will be hosting 20 bands on our very own field! Please come out to support the Music Program, as this is one of the biggest fundraisers of the year, and to enjoy a fun filled day of music (and hopefully less rain than the previous years)! Our next competition takes us to the Lincoln Way Invitational on October 7th, followed by a trip down to ISU on October 14th. The Marching Thunderbolts will end their season on October 21st at the Bands of America Regionals Competition at the Lucas Oil Stadium in Indianapolis, IN. We cannot wait to watch and see what this year's show has in store for all of us!



With a program as large as our music program is, it is no surprise that it takes many fundraisers throughout the year to help keep it running successfully! There are many ways to help out - by purchasing Marcus Gift Cards, Wreaths, Candy, and many more great products, many of which make great gifts. One of our most successful fundraisers is our Annual Fall Craft Show, which will take place this year on November 4th from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and November 5th from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. There are many treasures to be found, and you might even be able to cross some gifts off your holiday gift list! Please come on out and support the program in any way that you can. We thank you all in advance for any support you may be able to give this important program!

Our first Music Parent Board Meeting will be held on August 22nd at 7:30 p.m. in the choir room. These meetings are a great way to get involved and to stay ahead of all the important information regarding the music program. We hope to see many of you there! You can also stay informed by checking out the VJA band calendar at www.vjabands.com to stay connected and up to date on all the upcoming events that this year has to offer.

We are all very excited to kick off this new school year and wish all the students at VJA a successful, fun-filled 2017/2018 school year! Eyes With Pride!



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WELCOME NEW T-BOLTS!

On Wednesday, August 16th, we welcomed approximately 530 freshmen and transfer students to VJA. These students were greeted by the Principal, Mr. Nolting, and our Associate Principals, Dr. Katie McMillan, and Ms. Abir Othman. They attended a meeting where our Activities Coordinator got them familiar with our school social media accounts, and talked about all of the different activities that we have available to T-Bolts. They also had the opportunity to go through their (abbreviated) schedule, meet their Advisory teacher, receive their Chromebook, and attended an Activity Fair.

