

AndrewPride

VICTOR J. ANDREW HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER • MAY 2018

Student Council News



Members of Student Council worked the food pantry at Hines Veterans Hospital.



Nearly 100 students donated their time to help make blankets for Student Council's second annual Project Linus event.



One of 60 blankets made for Student Council's Project Linus event. Great job boys!



Student Council made, and donated, 20 Easter baskets to Orland Township this spring.

2017-2018 School Calendar

Dates to Remember

May

- 7-18 AP Exams
- 23 Graduation, 7:00 PM
- 28 No School - Memorial Day
- 29, 30, 31 Final Exams (Semester 2)
- 31 Last Day of School
(if NO additional snow days are used)

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

The month of May marks the close of the 2017-18 school year. It has been a great year. Led by the Class of 2018, we've realized significant accomplishments that these seniors have been leaders and models for throughout their four years. Historic gains in Advanced Placement metrics, a record number of National Merit Scholars, an incredible amount of money raised for local and national organizations, and a string of impressive athletic and fine arts success. For these seniors, they have all shown that through dedication and teamwork, great things can be accomplished.

Although we embrace every student at VJA, May is focused on our seniors. The Class of 2018 has brought us the theme "Different or Alike...United We Strike!"....and strike they did. Starting with Prom in late April, the entire month of May will showcase events that highlight the seniors and allow them to share one final time all together. Events such as the VJA Art Show (May 2), Relay for Life (May 4), Finale Choir Concert (May 8), Finale Band Concert (May 10), Senior Scholarship Night (May 16), and the countless senior athletic nights throughout the month are outstanding emotional nights that highlight the accomplishments of our seniors. Not to mention the Class of 2018 Party - for the first time at Great America, which was a goal for our seniors this year. The month, of course, culminates with Graduation on May 23, 2018.

Additionally, we must say our goodbyes to a couple of VJA staff members who are ending their careers at VJA. In a very light retirement year, we say bon voyage to long-time special services aide Pam Krueger. We also say good luck to PE teacher Audra VanRaden who takes an administrative position in District 218, and Dr. Katie McMillan who moves on to Stagg High School. Their combined contributions to VJA have been remarkable and appreciated.

As we close another year, please know that the staff and administration basks in the glow of our seniors and staff who are closing their time at VJA. We celebrate, we recognize, and we honor together as T-Bolts, because we value the individuals who succeed, but we know that it is due to the support they received from our entire community that helped them reach their pinnacle. However, once the lights go down and the dust settles, we go back to evaluating all that is VJA to establish goals within multiple stakeholders to continue to evolve down the road to excellence (excellence never rests for long)...

As always, if you have thoughts, questions, or suggestions, please don't hesitate to reach out at rnolting@d230.org.

To our Class of 2018 - It has been an honor and a privilege to serve as your principal. I am immensely proud of you and cannot wait to hear about your success!

Robert Nolting
Principal

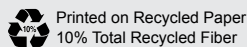


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FINAL EXAM SCHEDULE 2017-2018 School Year • Semester 2

(If no Emergency Days used)

Exams for second semester will be on Tuesday, May 29th – Thursday, May 31st (no school Monday, May 28th). Below is the schedule of exams and times of attendance.

DAY 1 – TUESDAY, MAY 29

Period 4 8:00 a.m. – 9:40 a.m.

Period 5 9:50 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Activity bus run after Period 5 exam

Period 6 11:40 a.m. – 1:20 p.m.

Full bus run at 1:30 p.m.

DAY 3 – THURSDAY, MAY 31

Period 3 8:00 a.m. – 9:40 a.m.

Period 7 9:50 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Full bus route run after Period 7 exam

*Make-Up Time. 11:40 a.m. – 1:20 p.m.

DAY 2 – WEDNESDAY, MAY 30

Period 1 8:00 a.m. – 9:40 a.m.

Period 8 9:50 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Full bus route run after Period 8 exam

Period 0 11:40 a.m. – 1:20 p.m.

Activity bus run at 1:30 p.m.

*Make-Up Time on Day 3 is for students that missed an exam earlier in the week. Teachers will announce to their students where they will be located during this time. Students should be sure to connect with the teacher for specific arrangements.

Early / Late Semester Exams

Per Board Policy, there is a fee for **any exam** that needs to be arranged to be taken early or late. **The fee is \$55 for each exam.** Please submit written notification to Dr. Katie McMillan, Associate Principal.

President's Award

Congratulations to seniors Yasmeen Baker and Patrick Kut on receiving the President's Education Award 2018.



Yasmeen Baker



Patrick Kut

Golden Bolts Award Winners

Congratulations to our 2018 Golden Bolt Award winners listed below:

**Senior Leaders
Special Recognition**
Adam Lewandowski

Student
Jeffrey Serafini
Zachary Mattix

Corporate Partner
Chuck Gatto from
Gatto's Restaurant

Support Staff
Chris Budnick
Lisa Gonwa
Nancee Whalen
Sergio Lucio

Community
Tinley Park Fire Department /
Fire Chief Forest Reeder
Tracie Zaghloul

Teacher
Julie Johnson
Stephen Moss
Tallia Del Bianco
Tracy Sukalo

Deans' Office

Adjustments to Morning Drop-Off

As a way to help promote on-time behavior to 1st period, Andrew High School has added an additional option for morning drop-off.

If you drop your student off at school in the morning, please feel free to utilize the North Driveway (pond side of school). When dropping off your student at this location, please stay out of the striped area. The striped area is for bus drop-off only. After dropping off your student on the North Driveway, please proceed with extreme caution when exiting the North Driveway, especially making sure to stop at the stop sign at the end of the North Driveway.

If you are dropping off your student after 8:00 a.m., you must drop off at the Main South Entrance.

Our hope is by providing an additional drop-off area on the North end of the building, congestion will be relieved near the South Main Entrance. Please note, **AFTERNOON PICK-UP WILL ONLY OCCUR IN THE REAR OF THE BUILDING. STUDENTS ARE NOT ALLOWED TO BE PICKED UP ON THE NORTH DRIVEWAY AFTER THE SCHOOL DAY IS OVER.**

Locker Cleanout

At the conclusion of the school year, all students must have all belongings removed from their locker. Andrew High School uses the summer as a time when we can do necessary maintenance on the lockers. To help with this process, please remove all items. Any items left in a locker after the end of the year may be removed permanently.

Student Records

Temporary student records are kept for 5 years after graduation. These include test scores, interest inventories, and demographic data. Permanent records of semester grades and attendance are kept for sixty years.

Selective Service

Federal law requires all male students to register with the Selective Service System when they turn 18. Registration takes place by filling out the appropriate form at the Post Office. Those who do not register face fines or jail and are not eligible for student financial aid.

For Seniors Only

Since colleges require student immunization information, families sometimes request a copy of their child's high school health record from our school nurse. Since the Nurse's Office at Andrew is closed over the summer, parents are advised to make this request prior to graduation. Please note that every graduating senior will receive a copy of their physical in the envelope with their diploma.

Final Senior Transcript

Most colleges ask for a final high school transcript. There is no charge for this transcript. The final transcript will be mailed to the college that the student indicates on his or her final clearance sheet. Seniors turn in their clearance sheet on the last day of school.

Homework For College Bound Juniors

If they have not already done so, this is the summer when college-bound juniors should be narrowing their college choices. Summer is a great time to visit campuses in order to talk to college representatives.

Many families plan vacations based on possible college choices. Remember to call ahead or go on-line to arrange a tour and an interview so as to get the most out of your visit.

Summer School

Summer school registration for the second semester of summer school closes on June 1st. Students must meet with their Guidance Counselor in order to register for a course. We encourage students to sign up as soon as possible in order to

guarantee a spot in one of the courses that will be offered. Please do not wait to sign up! Summer school registration information is available at our web site by clicking the "About Andrew" tab.

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.

Choosing A Career

Counselors encourage students to go online to use the college and career search information that is available for all Andrew families through "Career Cruising". This program has an incredible amount of

information about a wide variety of careers and training institutions. Many students already know how to access Career Cruising, but those who are unsure should talk to their Guidance Counselor.

Scholarships

The deadline for most of the Honors Night scholarships may have passed but additional scholarship opportunities continue to arrive in the Guidance Office. We encourage seniors to stop in and check out the scholarship file in Guidance

for newly arrived scholarship applications. It may not be too late to earn additional money based on excellent achievement in high school. Scholarships are also listed on the Guidance website.



Guidance Summer Hours

The Guidance Office is open throughout the summer in a limited capacity. Counselors are available by appointment only as their schedules are very limited. To set up an appointment with your son's or daughter's counselor, or if you have questions about residency or other guidance related issues, please call 342-5821. Please note that the building will be closed on Fridays during the summer.

Nurse's Office

Nurse Requires Health Records For Incoming Freshmen

According to Illinois School Code, all **incoming freshmen** must have a complete physical prior to entry into high school, including an up-to-date immunization record, before receiving a class schedule. All students are required to have:

- Two (2) doses of Measles, Mumps, and Rubella vaccine (MMR) given on or after the 1st birthday
- Polio vaccine series with booster given on or after the 4th birthday
- Tetanus Diphtheria, Pertussis series with Tdap booster
- Three (3) doses of Hepatitis B vaccines according to the required schedule
- Two (2) doses of Varicella vaccine given on or after the 1st birthday
- One (1) dose of Meningococcal vaccine on or after the 11th birthday

The form for the physical is two sided.

- Your physician must sign and date to verify the immunization record and again after the physical portion with his/her stamp, including phone number
- Parents must also complete and sign a comprehensive health history. This is a mandated portion of the state's physical form and it is on the top of the second page of the physical. Please be sure that all signatures are present before returning your form to school
- The nurse is required by law to **RETURN** any physicals **NOT** in compliance with the law. **DOUBLE CHECK** that all signatures are present
- Always make a copy for your records

Important reminders

- Each student must also have a **pink emergency sheet** on file in the Nurse's Office
- Please remember that no student will be able to receive their schedule for the 2018-2019 school year until all medical records are in compliance with the state law and on file in the Nurse's Office
- Send your forms in as soon as they are

complete to avoid a delay in getting your class schedule

- The Nurse's Office is closed in the summer. Physical and emergency forms are available in the Main Office, Guidance Office, or online during the summer
- **Completed forms should be mailed or turned in to the Nurse's Office by June 1, 2018**

Nurse's Office Alert

Attention Junior Parents/Guardians (class of 2019)

All students entering 12th grade in the State of Illinois are required to show proof of having received one dose of **Meningococcal Conjugate** vaccine given on or after their 16th birthday.

Proof of having received the Meningococcal vaccine is required and should be submitted to the School Nurse as soon as the vaccine is given.

Vaccine documentation can be:

- Dropped off in the Nurse's Office
- Mailed to Victor J. Andrew High School, Attention: Nurse's Office
- Scanned and e-mailed to the Nurse's Office at vjanurse@d230.org
- Faxed to the Nurse at 708-737-7725

It is important to note that your child will *not* receive a schedule, participate in athletics, or apply for a parking pass in the 2018-2019 school year until documentation of having the vaccine is received in the Nurse's Office.

If you have any questions, please contact the Nurse's Office at 708-342-5858.

Reminder For Freshmen Athletes

If a student is planning to participate in a sport, his/her physical should be obtained on or after May 1, 2018, to assure eligibility for the complete school year.

- Please make sure the doctor circles YES for interscholastic sports
- This must be done prior to the student trying out for a sport
- Give a copy to your coach and send the original to the Nurse

Asthma Health Alert

Illinois Law requires an Asthma Action Plan to be completed by a physician for all asthmatic students. Please submit completed forms to the Nurse's Office as soon as possible. Any questions, please call the Andrew Nurse's Office at 342-5858.

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 2018- 2019 school year. This form must 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>

Seniors – College Immunization Records

A copy of your high school physical/ immunization record for college will be included with your graduation diploma. If you need a copy before graduation, please see the nurse. The nurse is not in during the summer months – now is the time to get your copy.

ATTENTION ANDREW RUNNERS:

Celebrate VJA's 40th Anniversary and raise money for charity at the same time! **Come out for our**

9TH ANNUAL SCHOOL'S OUT RUN ON MAY 20TH

Sign up online @

<https://raceroster.com/events/2018/16403/9th-annual-schools-out-andrew-high-school-5k-walkrun>

Contact Cindy LaPrairie, School Nurse, with any questions.

Andrew Athletics Update

With the last newsletter of the year, take a moment to reflect on the past 8 months and the lessons, experiences, and opportunities we have had. What a truly successful athletic campaign highlighted by State medalists, conference championships, and true sportsmanship throughout our programs. The emergence of Boys' and Girls' lacrosse have been amazing additions to the Thunderbolt family! The impact athletics has on our student-athletes, staff, and community is different for all involved, but I know can translate into life moments to learn from. Pride, pain, excitement, disappointment, and a certain bond we develop by experiencing all these things together is what makes our school and community a special place. We have had state qualifiers, conference champions, sectional champs, state placers, all-area players, exciting wins, heart-breaking losses, upset victories, and defeats that were just a few of the memories that will linger when one reflects upon the past athletic year.

We are not only proud of the efforts of our student-athletes but also proud of their academic success. At award ceremonies this spring the booster club will award over 200 athletes Scholar-Athlete Certificates for having an accumulative GPA of 3.5 or greater, a total of almost 350 different students received this award throughout our three seasons. This is quite an accomplishment in light of the time commitment to their sports, combined with

the rigors of academics. These athletes truly demonstrate how athletics and academics go hand in hand at Andrew High School.

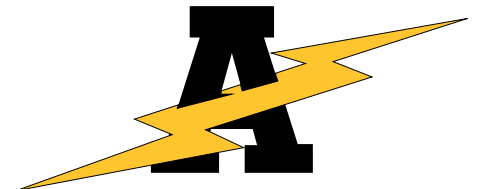
But the season is not over for all of our teams. The final month of the year is filled with the excitement of chasing conference titles and the road to the state finals. We have several teams playing at peak levels and the student-athletes and coaches have their eyes on the prize. As always, we will continue to support our Andrew family as they continue to put forth great efforts and character representing our school.

As we look to the fall, we realize that it is not that far away. Summer camps will begin in early June and last until the end of July. For registration information, please visit the summer camp website at <https://d230.revtrak.net>. Registration is available online through this website. Please visit and shop "Summer Programs" to gain that edge to continue to fuel the resurgence!

REMINDER: ALL FALL SPORTS WILL BEGIN PRACTICES IN AUGUST. FOOTBALL, BOYS'/GIRLS' GOLF WILL HAVE THEIR 1ST PRACTICE ON MONDAY, AUGUST 6, AND ALL OTHER SPORTS WILL BEGIN ON WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 8. Please remember that athletes need a new physical every 13 months to participate in tryouts or practices. Consult the athletic website at www.athletics2000.com/andrew for the starting times and places for the fall sports.

The <https://andrew.8to18.com> website will CONTINUE TO BE the place to sign up all athletes for all sports. We no longer have paper forms for sport registration – only by computer registration. Physical forms are available at school or on the athletic website at www.athletics2000.com/andrew or the registration website at <https://andrew.8to18.com>. Freshmen can use their entering school physical for athletics. The only form that will be needed to be turned in is a new physical for non-freshmen athletes. This can be turned in during the summer at the Main South desk or any time before the start of the sport season.

We would like to again say thank you to all of the athletes and parents for another exciting and successful year. A big thank you goes to the athletic booster club for their tireless work in aiding the financial betterment of the athletic department. We could not have all of the things that we have without their generous time and talents.



Fashion & Interior Design Club

The Fashion & Interior Design Club members had the opportunity to tour the Illinois Institute of Art College on March 7th to learn about the fashion programs and careers. After the tour, the students traveled to the college fashion show. Paige Radgowski's own design was featured in the show, and she was awarded a college certificate of completion.



TPPO

(Thunder Pride Parent Organization)

Whoa!! The school year is coming to an end. The TPPO would like to congratulate the Senior Class of 2018 that is graduating this month. They will be moving onward to a different chapter in their lives. We also want to wish everybody a safe, fun-filled summer. Visit our Facebook page at: <https://www.facebook.com/AndrewHighSchoolTPPO/> during the month of August.

We will have information for the upcoming school year, along with our **FREE Oreo Blizzard Ice Cream Social Night.**

Happy Summer!!



ATHLETIC BOOSTERS

Plan to attend our monthly Athletic Booster Club meeting. All members are invited. It is also a great way to become involved. **Next Meeting:** Thursday, May 17, 2018, at 7:00 p.m. in Room 220. All Spring Team Reps are expected to attend. Election of next year's Directors and Officers will be held this night.

ATHLETIC BOOSTER CLUB FUNDRAISERS

Join Us...**Thursday, May 10, 2018 at GATTO'S RESTAURANT** All Locations — Lunch or Dinner — Dine-In or Carry-Out. Just mention Andrew Athletic Booster Club when paying your bill.

NOTHING BUNDT CAKES FUNDRAISER

A delicious Bundt Cake would be terrific for Mother's Day. Please place your order by May 10, 2018. Order forms and more information are on our website: www.andrewathleticboosters.org and the 8to18 website. Pick up is May 12, 2018.

Team Rep Appreciation Dinner was on April 30 at Gatto's Restaurant in Tinley Park.

Thank you again for all the team reps that attended. We could not be as successful without you.

WANTED: New Directors for 2018-2019 Season. We are currently looking for next year's Football Sophomore Team Concession Helper, Football Varsity Team Concession Helper, Boys' Basketball Concession Helper, Track Concession Helper, and LaCrosse Concession Helper. Please contact Rena Sheehan at renaespo@aol.com if you are interested.

Spirit Wear: We have yard signs and decals available for all sports. If you need any spirit wear items, please contact Missy Geibel at missygeibel@ymail.com or Robin Murphy at robinmurphy23@att.net

Congratulations to the recipients of the **Athletic Booster Club Scholarship**, they are: Sheridan Ford, Josie Magnabosco, Hannah Mayo, Paige Rivera, Eric Ballard, Benjamin Bednarczyk, Daniel Gierhahn, and Tim Krafcisin.

Also, congratulations to the recipients of the **Matz Family Scholarship**, they are: Amber Furman, Cassidy Richerme, Paige Sciera, Andres Aguilar, John Condon, and Troy Murphy. If you have any questions about how to receive your scholarship money, please contact Rena Sheehan at renaespo@aol.com

SPECIAL THANKS to all the parents who volunteered to help this spring season and throughout this school year. This Club can only be successful when everyone gets involved.

YOUR TIME IS YOUR ATHLETE'S SUCCESS!!

Any questions or feedback, contact Rena Sheehan at renaespo@aol.com or 708-614-0321.

Athletic Booster Club website: www.andrewathleticboosters.org

There is a link on: VJA main website or <http://www.athletics2000.com/andrew/>

MUSIC BOOSTERS

Well, you know what they say, April (snow) showers bring May flowers! Although the weather in the Chicago area can be a little (or a lot) unstable, one thing you can depend on is the dedicated and talented members of our music programs to put on some amazing performances! On April 7th, the Wind Symphony and Symphonic Band ensembles traveled to the Music For All Chicagoland Concert Band Festival at John Hersey High School where they both were awarded Superior ratings for their performances. After many weeks of rehearsals the Spring Musical, West Side Story, was brought to life on stage on April 19th, 20th, and 21st. Congratulations to all members of the Spring Musical for doing a remarkable job!

Rewinding back to March 17th and 18th, some of our band members traveled to Indianapolis, Indiana, to participate in the very prestigious Music For All National Festival. The VJA Flute Quartet of Cameron Bilek, Noelle Doody, Lauren Johnson, and Samantha Warpecha were chosen to perform at the Chamber Music Festival. In addition, Cameron Bilek, John Sikorski, and Phillip Baggio were chosen to perform in the 2018 National Honor Band. What an amazing accomplishment for these talented young musicians!

The winter ensembles have continued to enjoy success in their seasons as well. Winter Guard took 3rd place in Lake Park on March 10th. They followed this up with an inspiring 1st place finish in Minooka on March 24th! Best of luck to both these amazing groups

of performers as their exciting seasons continue through the coming weeks. Winter Percussion took two 2nd place finishes in Indianapolis on March 10th. They then traveled to Northern Kentucky University on March 24th where they brought home two 1st place finishes as well. Congratulations to both groups on their continued success, and best of luck to these two groups as they finish up their seasons!

Looking ahead, the Wind Symphony has been chosen to perform at the 2018 Illinois SuperState Concert Band Festival on May 5th. The Finale Choral Concert is scheduled for Tuesday, May 8th at 7 p.m., and the Finale Band Concert will be held on Thursday, May 10th at 7 p.m. Last, but certainly not least, the University of Notre Dame will be holding an exhilarating concert here at VJA on Friday, May 11th at 7 p.m. Mark your calendars, you won't want to miss any of these performances!

Stay up-to-date on all the news and upcoming events for the Music Department by visiting our website at www.vjamusic.com.



Flute Quartet



National Honor Band



Wind Symphony



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SECRETARY OF STATE JESSE WHITE VISITS VJA

On Wednesday, April 4, 2018, Illinois Secretary of State Jesse White stopped by Andrew High School as part of his campaign to educate students about the "Drive For Life" Act. The "Drive for Life" Act went into effect on January 1, 2018, making Illinois one of 48 states that allow residents, starting at age 16, to register to be an organ donor. The law will still let parents override the decision to donate organs for teens under 18.



Our Driver Education Department, led by Mr. Douglas Bozych, helped bring Secretary of State Jesse White to Andrew High School where he and a local organ recipient, Nicole Brown, spoke of the importance of the organ and tissue donation program. With the theme of Life Goes On, Ms. Brown shared her story of heart failure, surgery, and waiting for a donor heart. Her positive outlook, even despite having to undergo continued surgeries to this day, was an example of growth mindset for students.

District 230 Superintendent, Dr. James Gay, and Andrew Principal, Robert Nolting, welcomed Secretary White to Andrew High School, as well as stressing the powerful message behind the "Drive For Live" Act.



Secretary of State Jesse White



Nicole Brown, organ recipient



STUDENT COUNCIL

Andrew High School had the honor of displaying this American flag in March. It was shared with us from Jim Kruse, a veteran that our Student Council works closely with. We collect donations that he sends overseas to armed service members that are currently serving. Service member Ryan P. recently received some of our donations. To show his gratitude, he took this flag on a mission and then sent it to Jim along with a nice letter.