

AndrewPride

VICTOR J. ANDREW HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER • OCTOBER 2018

WELCOME TO ANDREW!

Our World Language Department arranged for 16 students and 3 teachers to visit us from our sister school in Buding, Germany. They met with our Superintendent, Dr. James Gay, VJA's Principal, Mr. Robert Nolting, and other administrators. They shadowed students, went on field trips, and participated in our Homecoming Assembly, along with other fun activities. Thank you to Dr. Doug Kaufman our World Language Department Chair, Mrs. Erika Lupacchino, Mrs. Ginny Krosel, and Mr. Shawn Nussbaum for making all of the arrangements for these students to see our wonderful school!



2018-2019 School Calendar

Dates to Remember

October

- 8 Columbus Day - No School
- 9 Parent/Teacher Conferences (no student attendance)
- 12 Picture Re-takes all Lunch Periods
- 24 PSAT Testing (Juniors)

November

- 3-4 Music Parent Craft Fair
- 5 Senior Class Picture
- 7 NHS Induction
- 9 Veterans' Day Luncheon
- 10 8th Grade Testing
- 21 No School
- 22 Thanksgiving Day - No School
- 23 No School

December

- 19-21 Final Exams (Semester 1)
- 22 Winter Break Begins

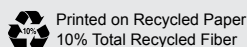


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MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Welcome to October! After the excitement of the new school year and the festivities of Homecoming during September, October is a month that we really shift our focus to our school. The theme for the month is EMPATHY. During this month, we focus on considering the lives of others, and considering how we can respond to the situation of others, to be an asset to others. Through advisory, we focus on events and initiatives like Bullying Awareness, Red Ribbon Week, and Relay for Life, in addition to many other philanthropic events sponsored by our many clubs and activities. October is a great month to remind us that the most important action we can take on behalf of others is to understand and appreciate.

We look forward to seeing you in October as we host two parent events. On October 9, we host our fall Parent-Teacher Conferences. This event allows 10-minute appointments to meet with teachers regarding student academic and other successes. At Andrew, we do request parents to schedule appointments online or by calling to schedule appointments. Spots are limited, so please try to schedule your appointments when the window opens on October 2. Also, in case you cannot schedule an appointment, please contact the teacher via email to either set aside time to discuss over the phone or via email. Face to face is ideal, but don't feel like you cannot reach out if appointment times are not available.

Earlier in the month, we begin to engage our incoming Class of 2023 parents! Earlier in October, we travel to Grissom, Prairie View and Central Middle Schools to review the important steps in becoming 8th grade parents. On October 29, we host our 8th Grade Open House. This event will look very different from the past with the focus on marketing all that makes Andrew special, while also promoting the parent and student role in making decisions that are based on concepts like passion, challenge, and beginning to narrow future interests and goals.

Finally, we are finalizing our school improvement targets for the 2018-19 school year. After almost four months of careful review and engagement of our leadership team, as well as school improvement committees, with our most important stakeholders - students, parents, and staff - we have developed a renewed focus. Through this process, we have revised our school vision / mission, developed a five point strategic framework, and selected three areas of needed school improvement. This process, personally, has been both energizing and focused.

This year, our vision statement was created: Inspire curiosity, build compassion, and develop the future. This vision is supported by our mission to Maximize academic, emotional, and social growth through a conscious shift towards student empowerment. In order to accomplish the vision and mission, we will continue to focus on five foundations of our school: 1) Academic Success, 2) Building Connectedness & Character, 3) School & Campus Safety, 4) College & Career Readiness, and 5) Student Choice. These foundations reflect the ongoing work of our staff, administration, student leadership and parent support organizations.

In addition, three school improvement goals have emerged. These goals are specific areas we wish to improve as identified by staff, students, and parents. These target areas are:

1. All students should be academically successful as judged through their ability to enroll in academic level, core classes and maintain a C average or higher. Data shows that students who graduate on time with a 2.5 or higher GPA have the greatest success in college and career. We strive for students to be enrolled in honors classes wherever possible for their academic growth. We also strive for students in academic levels to show proficiency through semester grades of C or higher, with no failing grades. This is a lofty goal, but the essence of what we do as a school.
2. Reduce the number of minor referrals (nuisance referrals) for all students. One measurement of one's character is through connections to societal (or school) rules and self-regulation. Nearly two-thirds of our students, annually, do not receive a referral and those that do tend to violate minor rules. However, these rules also tend to have the most impact on academic success. Tardies, period truancies, cell phone violations, and failure to follow instructions are examples. We desire to improve our character programs and other processes by reducing these infractions.
3. Focus on the SAT, the primary exam for our students to enroll in higher education. Specifically, to statistically improve the scores for our most at-risk students - specifically students in low income households, as well as students with an IEP. This will be delivered through a comprehensive plan for whole-school test preparation while also a focus on targeted populations.

As always, it is an honor and a privilege to serve the Andrew community. If you have any questions or suggestions, please let me know at rnolting@d230.org.

Robert Nolting
Principal

“WHAT’S YOUR STORY?” / FROM THE SCIENCE DEPARTMENT

This is Gina Canvan’s story:

During the opening session of our beginning of the school year Institute Day, Dr. Gay introduced the theme of “What’s Your Story”. During his introduction, he shared his story of what shaped him through his years in education. Continuing with that theme, we would like provide one of our students the opportunity to share her story. Gina Canavan is a senior at Victor J. Andrew High School. Gina has long had an interest in the sciences, in large part from the influence of her family as a young child. Both Gina’s mother and grandmother held positions in the medical field, and as a child, she was able to attend a Bring Your Child to Work Day with her mom where she worked in labor and delivery at a hospital. Gina and her family would visit a number of museums in the Chicagoland area, and the Museum of Science and Industry was one of her favorites.

Gina’s educational experiences helped support her interests and allowed her to explore her passion of the sciences. In her story, Gina highlighted the experience of participating in the Inquiry Project in Mr. Mozden’s Honors Biology class during her freshman year. She appreciated how Mr. Mozden allowed her to push forward with a complex project that investigated the impacts of enzymes on tissues. Gina felt as though the project helped her develop her presentation and inquiry skills that may not show up in a regular class setting.

Gina also appreciated her experience in AP Physics 1 with Mr. Johnson. While she found the content to be challenging, she learned to understand the value of the learning versus just earning a grade in a course. This was something that she has been able to carry over to other courses.

Gina is hoping to continue to further develop her passion at Notre Dame University, which is her top choice for next fall. She would like to major in Biochemistry while minoring in Spanish. In her freshman year, she broke her foot while participating in Cross Country. During this time, her doctor agreed to allow her to job shadow so that she could learn more about the profession. Gina learned about her doctor’s medical mission trips abroad. This expanded her vision in which she would love the opportunity to give back even more within her future career.

Gina is currently taking AP Biology, as well as Honors Anatomy and Physiology, where she is looking forward to participating in Cadaver Camp this winter. Some day she is hoping to have a career in neonatology or pediatric oncology. We wish her nothing but the best, as we are confident that she will achieve her goals.



NURSE’S OFFICE

**Orland Township
will be offering flu shots
to residents from
September 10 – October 31.**

Residents 3 years of age and older will pay \$25.00. Flu shots are free for children 6 months to 18 years of age who do not have vaccine insurance coverage, or who are Medicaid-eligible, Native American, or Alaskan Native. Vaccines will be given on Mondays and Wednesdays from 3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. Several weekend dates are available.

No appointment is necessary.

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

PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES

On Tuesday, October 9, 2018, 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. Online scheduling will open on October 2 and will remain open until noon on October 8.
- 2) **Call the school at (708) 342-5800**
Be prepared to provide your student’s last name and ID number. We will be available to assist via phone calls only on the following dates and times:
 - Tuesday, October 2, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
 - Wednesday, October 3, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

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 hosted an assembly for all ninth graders on Thursday, September 20, during 1st and 3rd period. This dynamic assembly offered advice on topics such as:

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

SAT/ACT TEST SCORE REPORTING

The process of reporting SAT and ACT scores to colleges and universities has changed for the Class of 2022. Seniors are now responsible to send test scores directly from their personal student accounts to each college, university, or scholarship agency to which they are applying. Detailed instructions can be found on the Andrew High School Guidance webpage. Test scores typically take 10-14 days to be delivered, so students should be encouraged to plan ahead in order to ensure all pieces of their college applications arrive by the admissions deadlines. If you have questions, please call your student's counselor.

COLLEGE & CAREER CENTER

Students are encouraged to utilize the College & Career Resource Center. This resource 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.

UNDERCLASS RECOGNITION

Congratulations to the students listed below who were recognized in September for their prior year's accomplishments, including any or all of the following:

Top 20%, Service Learning (seniors 75 hours or more, juniors 50 hours or more, sophomores 25 hours or more), Perfect Attendance, Peer Communications Tutor, Center Tutor, and AP Scholar.

Class of 2021

Karlmandy Abanis,
Jenna Abdallah,
Anwar Abdallah,
Lama Abdelhamid,
Kevin Aguilar, Dania
Ahmad, Hadijah Alam,
Mohammad Alqam,
Hebah Alshaikh,
Michael Arrigo, Peter
Baggio, Ella Bailitz,
Hamza Balouta,
Allison Barker, Carson
Benigno, Isabella
Biegel, Brooke

Bierovic, Michael
Bobber, Alivia Brescia, Aidan Bressanelli, Jonathan Buryj, Kaylee Butler,
Marshe Catchings, Karlie Cialdella, Nikko Consola, Marco Contreras,
Alyssa Cozzolino, Ashley Cozzolino, Sean Cuba, Emaly Culich, Nicholas
Cunico, Franklin Daviau, Frank Decker, Karlee Dekerf, Mitchell Delaleurs,
Luke Devereux, Elliana Devriendt, Alysia Dixon, Julia Dring, Agatha
Droszcz, Nathan Eassa, Kurt Lewis Falcatan, Declan Farley, Jona Ferra,
Beata Findura, Meredith Flaherty, Daniel Freire, Daniel Garcia, Matthew
Garcia, Erin George, Christian Gerck, Allie Gerstenkorn, Joseph Ghelfi,
Allison Glavin, Yusef Golzar, Julia Gomez, Samantha Gountounas, Michael
Granata, Steven Guzik, Marissa Guzzy, Samuel Haddad, Leith Hamad,
Nathan Haynie, Emme Hemmerich, Hannah Heroldt, Ann Hickman,
Savanna Hoban, Neveen Husein, Alexis Insley, Ashley Jacob, Jack Jensen,
Carolina Jimenez, Hannah Johnson, Kevin Johnson, Jenin Jubeh, Laila
Jumah, Peter Kakalettris, Leah Kassis, Saja Khalil, Abigail Kiaupa, Alexander
Kick, Robert Knoerr, Jason Kole-Butcher, Jozef Kowalczyk, Samantha
Kowalski, Collin Landers, Nathaniel Lauck, Ella Lim, Mac Maciulewicz, Paul
Magpayo, Alyssa Magsombol, Daniel Manijak, Michael Mannion, Christian
Manzano, Dominick Marshall, Mallory Martin, Nathan Mattix, Gabriel
Mayuga, Ayden Maza, Molly McCarthy, Ava McGrath, James McSheffery,
Razelilieann Mendoza, Kayla Michau, Olivia Mikula, Laurel Miskovic, Bryce
More, Makayla More, Joshua Morris, Joel Mukkatt, Natalie Nigohosian,
Claire O'Connell, Omoye Osaremwindia, Giana Pacewic, Gianna Palumbo,
Anthony Pappas, David Pastrana, Siddhi Patel, Ashley Peters, Emilija
Radic, Amy Rediger, Mary Reilly, Thomas Rendon, Mia Riccelli, Marissa
Richards, Natalie Richards, Jason Richmond, Brielle Ridgway, Mateo
Rodriguez, Janelle Rulla, Timothy Ryan, Alyssa Rygula, Shadin Saadeh,
Shahd Safi, Adam Salem, Casey Sawyers, James Sawyers, Ava Schuldt,
Marygrace Scott, Emmily Scumaci, Christina Sedorook, Kate Seery,
Natasha Semanate, Nathan Shin, Nicol Skowyra, Kristina Smolinskas,
Angelika Sojka, Carlene Sonnefeldt, Gaetano Spalla, Evan Stanton, Audrey
Staudacher, Brianna Steele, Joshua Subang, Hayley Subka, Mckella
Susralski, Jake Tanquilut, Timothy Taylor, William Tayui, Nicholas Tobin,
Luke Ulan, Samantha Urban, Shannon Volk, Kaylin Volling, Kaitlyn Wall,
Alyssa Watkins, Amanda Welch, Ryan Wiabel, George Winistorfer, Adam
Winistorfer, Kylie Yerkes, Anthony Young, Althena Yu, and Isaac Zumpano.



Senior Class President Colin Brown with Student Council Co-President Gina Canavan

Class of 2020

Hadeel Abdallah, Leith Abdeljaber, Bethany Abrams, Osama Abusaad, Kylie Adams, Sandra Ajaj, Emily Allison, Maha Almasri, Eric Armendariz, Jack Ballard, Matthew Baltazar, Alyssa Barragan, Cristal Bazile, John Beitia, Matthew Bellario, Noah Berchman, John Bickel, Julia Bockstahler, Leah Boss, Carson Bragg, Bridget Brogan, Ella Bullard, Thomas Bullaro, Tara Burke, Alexander Buttala, Keziah Byju, Samantha Calderon, Tyler Callham, Christopher Camacho, Jourdan Campbell, Samuel Casey, Allison Cerullo, Joseph Emmanuel Chan, Giovanni Cistaro, Olivia Cistaro, Jordan Cortez, Anthony Cosenza, Samantha Craig, Yesenia Crowther, George Daly, Nicole Damian, Lily Darman, Joseph Dehaan, Sofia Desantis, Connor Devine, Madison Devine, Diya Dileep, Shannon Doran, Amanda Dreher, Alyssa Duda, James Duffy, Christina Eliopoulos, Jamal Elmosa, James Farrelly, Nolan Fasel, Girvinn Fernandez, Wieslaw Findura, Matthew Ford, Gavin Ford, Amanda Fox, Allison Frale, Madeline Frale, Alyssa Frankenfield, Hailey Garcia, Matthew Garcia, Ashley Gardner, Nicholas George, Bryan Gerck, Dahabieh Ghosain, Emily Godsey, Esraa Gomaa, Abigail Greaney, Victoria Grove, Faris Haddad, Ronnie Hamad, Tatum Hammerschmidt, Hayat Hamoudah, Jalen Harris, Peter Heinz, Sydney Hellmann, Brian Henehan, Keri Herman, Jace Hill, Kevin Horan, Mariam Isa, Allison Ivers, Christopher Kanofsky, Connor Keating, Dana Khatib, Joshua Kimbauer, Allison Klingen, Nicole Koppers, Kyle Kras, David Laird, Isabella Lopera, Jonathan Carl Laxamana, Phap Le, Emily Leistra, Ella Lemonier, Grace Lenderink, Anthony Lenza, Joshua Litao, Armani Lopez, Kayla Lucas, Chris Lukose, Kaeli Maas, Marti Maday, Mason Malkowski, Katelyn Mandru, Mina Mansour, Maria Manta, Mackenzie Martin, Eduardo Martinez, Addison McGee, John Meskill, Claudia Mietus, Philip Mikrut, Danielle Miller, Madeline Monahan, Emily Morsovillo, William Nagel, Gabrielle Nega, Noah O'Connor, Joseph Odette III, David Odubunmi, Grace Oleary, Alissa Oliver, Elicia Oliver, Amineh Omari, Deserae Orozco, Alyssa Oszal, Janelle Paras, Greta Pauplys, Nicholas Persha, Alexandra Poupa, Ethan Procajlo, Madison Pytka, Logan Radgowski, Michael Reiter, Hailey Richmond, Anthony Rihani, Gerardo Rodriguez, Santo Roy, Kyra Rushing, Austin Russell, Kitzia Ruvalcaba, Haneen Salameh, Amany Sarsour, Alyssa Schaefflein, Eric Schaefflein, Saverio Scumaci, Grace Setaro, Macy Sherwood, Kyle Silzer, Robert Simmons, Abigail Skarbek, Jamie Skvarla, Samantha Spalla, Cassandra Stupay, Timothy John Subang, Michael Sullivan, Rami Sweis, Zoe Swick, Michal Szczepaniak, Luigi Arthur Taupo, Kevin Teshner, Heather Thielmann, Chloe Thill, Kaitlin Tholl, Andrew Thomas, Erin Tinerella, Emiyah Twietmeyer, Jordan Vela, Neil Ivan Visperas, Brook Wang, Nicole Wojcik, Erik Zawada, and Kelly Zufan.

Class of 2019

Muath Abdeljaber, Lana Abuawad, Shaimaa Abuosba, Noor Abuseini, John Akhnoukh, Michael Allen, Rasha Alnasr, Malik Alomari, Lena Alowisi, Gianna Ardolino, Ibrahim Atieh, Elizabeth Baier, Grant Bailye, Sara Balouta, Andrew Barlas, Gabrielle Barrett, Mia Bartolotta, Nicole Bath, Rebecca Blomberg, Madison Brandt, Noor Bsul, Carl Burch, Alexis Burnette, Jay Bushnell, Alexandria Callham, Gina Canavan, Alexa Caponigro, James Carey, Jessica Carroll, Austin Carter, Katie Cavarretta, Irina Clausius, Katelyn Clay, Brianna Cozzolino, Courtney Cregg, Ryan Croce, Stephanie Curtiss, Allie Dempsey, Alexandra Dennis, Meghan Deyoung, Kristen Diaz, Jerry Diehl, Carter Dikkeboom, Noelle Doody, Evan Duncan, Patrick Dunne, Alexandra Duran, Haumza Dweik, Veronica Dykstra, Omar Elhayes, Ahmad Elsholi, Jaden Espinoza, Darryl Farrow, Bori Ferra, Clarice Ferrolino, Nicholas Gajda, Joseph Galante, Caitlin Gallagher, Liam Gallagher, Maggie Garand, Ryan Garbrecht, Ethan Gaughan, Kyros Georgey, Sophia Godette, Jason Gomez, Julia Gomez, Anna Gregg, Hannah Gromen, Samantha Guzik, Bashar Hamdan, Lauren Hassen, Brendon Herrin, Jayson House, Seth Huisenga, Dalia Husain, Claire Ivers, Reeba Jacob, Madison Jager, Allison Jensen, Julie Johnson, Lauren Johnson, Michael Johnson, Adam Jumah, Nika Kaiser, Elle Kakalettris, Haley Kamholz, Khadijah Kareem, William Karopoulos, Rebecca Kats, Keagan Kermer, Ahmad Khalil, Samantha Koppers, Amy Kowal, Morgan Kozar, Benjamin Kramek, Carolyn Krueger, Rana Kudos, Patrick Landers, Isaiah Lasisi, Lyly Le, Olivia Lehnert, Corlin Leonard, Elise Lettiere, Amanda Long, Aniah Long, Armando Lopez, Hannah Loring, Kaitlin Lynch, Zackary Majewski, Dave Manguerra, Adam Mannion, Stella Martinez, Christopher Mathew, Zachary Mattix, Daniel McGuire, Katie Mclaughlin, Allison Mcpeek, Thomas Mcpeek, Madeline Mertdogan, Ryen Meuris, Danae Meyers, Hannah Michalek, Amaan Mirza, Ghadaa Mohammad, Aidan Monner, Caitlin Morris, Bailey Murphy, Sierra Murray, Brandi Muys, Hala Nasereddin, Megan Nemeck, Caitlyn Nguyen, Luke Oconnell, Ashley Ondras, Ibrahim Othman, Tyler Owsianiak, Anna Owusu-Teng, Makayle Palucki, Andrew Pappas, Alondra Parquette, Payal Patel, Emily Pauls, Hanna Peterson, Anna Petro, Emily Petro, Megan Petzold, Nicole Pukala, Emily Pustelnik, Paige Radgowski, Alexander Renn, Isabella Rizzuto, Cailin Robertson, Alma Romo, Khaleel Saadeh, Samra Safdar, Abdelmuti Safi, Andrianna Sanchez, Kya Ikon Sanchez, Anna Schissler, Erik Schultz, Jeffrey Serafini, Michael Sherwood, Anthony Shoemaker, Haley Smith, Cathy Sojka, Christina Soltis, Gabriela Sportiello, Kailey Stariha, Leah Stoecker, Aidan Strunka, James Subka, Najia Tanweer, Lauren Taylor, Brianna Tejack, Brigid Tunney, John Ucha, Luciano Valdez, Gregory Vlasaty, Matthew Vlasaty, Samantha Warpecha, Victoria Watkins, Luke Watzke, Nathan Wetmore, Kathryn Wilbur, Abby Williams, Ryan Windle, Ryan Wood, Chad Yanik, Mlaak Yassin, and Yasmeen Zegar.



Our Administration, along with Student Council Co-President Gina Canavan and Senior Class President Colin Brown, celebrated the prior year's accomplishments of over 540 students from the Class of 2019, Class of 2020, and Class of 2021.

Andrew Athletics Update

Believe it or not, we are already a month into the school year and our fall programs are already preparing for conference tournaments. In addition to our fall programs being in full swing, many of our winter programs are also starting to hold informational meetings, open gyms, and strength and conditioning workouts. For all parents of winter athletes, now is a great time to register your athlete through our 8to18 registration platform (Andrew.8to18.com).

Boys' and Girls' Golf are both preparing for their conference meets, the boys at Bradley (Elks) and girls at Lincoln Way West (Sanctuary). Following those performances, both programs will prepare for the IHSA post-season regional tournaments the first week of October. Leading our golf programs this year is senior Colin Brown and junior Julia Bockstahler.

As of the time of writing this article, the Football program is in a great state as they prepare their home opener against conference rival Bradley. Your T-Bolts come home from three straight weeks on the road 2-1 and are looking to put themselves in great position for a return to the playoffs. The lower levels have also performed well heading into this week 2-1. The T-Bolts have been led on offense with QB Tommy Schiller.

The Girls' and Boys' Cross Country programs are preparing for the Argo Dave Brady Invite

after an upsetting rainout the weekend prior. Both programs hosted our annual Joe Mortimer invitational on September 27 at Turtle Head Lake Forest Preserve. Our Cross Country programs are also fortunate enough to host IHSA regional tournament on Saturday, October 20. Both teams are hoping to, once again, return to the sectional tournament as a team!

The Boys' Soccer program is coming off three shutouts in September, and giving up only six total goals this season. The boys had a huge win against Argo 1-0, as well as Nazareth 2-0, and Crysto Rey 2-1 in the last few weeks. They prepare for a tough week against Bremen, Lockport, Bolingbrook, and Sandburg, who we came up short to in the Joliet invite 3-0. The Boys' Soccer program is also gearing up for the IHSA regional due to begin October 4 and 5.

The Cheer and Dance programs looked forward to our first home football game to show off the routines they have been working hard on since the beginning of August. JV Cheer and Dance perform at the sophomore game half time, and varsity cheer and dance perform at varsity half time. Both programs will soon be holding tryouts for the winter competitive season, so have your daughters be on the lookout for flyers and announcements.

This year's Varsity Tennis team will be this

year's host on October 4-6. Girls are coming off a very competitive Lincoln Way East invite and some hard fought performances against Lincoln Way West, Shepard, and Bradley. The sectional tournament this year will take place on October 13.

This year the Girls' Swim/Dive program remains in high spirits after winning their home opener. Both the JV and Varsity levels prepared for their invitationals (on September 21 and 22 for junior varsity, and October 5 and 6 for varsity). The IHSA sectional meet this year will be on Saturday, November 7.

The Girls' Varsity Volleyball Team starts 4-2 as they come out of one of the top volleyball tournaments in the area at Mother McAuley. The Lady T-Bolts also had a great 3-game victory against Richards. Volleyball regional action begins Monday, October 22.

Finally, I would like to once again recognize and thank the Athletic Booster Club for all of their support for our department. Their hard work and commitment to our athletes helps us every year in purchasing new uniforms, supplies, and equipment, totaling more than \$50,000 annually. We cannot say enough how much we appreciate all the hours they volunteer for our kids. We ask all our athletics parents to please be a paid member of our organization. Every dollar raised goes right back to our programs. We look forward to seeing you at our next home competition.

DEANS' OFFICE

Solving Problems Peacefully

Conflict, either internal or external, is a normal part of everyday life. How we choose to deal with these conflicts is an aspect the Deans' Office works on with students frequently. Focusing on solving problems peacefully inside and outside the school is necessary for the growth of young adults.

An Andrew High School student can solve problems peacefully by understanding the resources available within Andrew High School that are geared toward helping students with conflicts. Students should be aware that **Peer Mediation** is available through the Guidance Office. During peer mediation, two conflicting students will sit down and discuss their issues with each other. A third party peer (who is overseen and trained by our social workers) will help facilitate the discussion and hopefully lead to a resolved issue. In addition to peer mediation, students can always take advantage of our **Social Workers and**

Guidance Counselors. These adults are professionally trained to help students solve issues peacefully within the school setting. If a student is looking for a different adult to help deal with conflicts, the Deans' Office always encourages students to speak with a **respected staff member.** A professional relationship between a student and adult within the building can continue to help build support that ultimately will lead to easier conflict resolution and more social and emotional growth.

If the above options seem like they have not worked, or if a student feels his or her issues need immediate action, the **Deans' Office** at Andrew High School encourages students to visit our office to share information about conflicts. The Deans hope to be proactive instead of reactive when dealing with student conflict. Having a conversation with students who are at odds teaches our students that there are peaceful, adult-like ways to deal

with difficult situations. We believe the more information provided to our office, the safer the learning environment for our students. Therefore, we also encourage parents to provide information about student conflict when they feel necessary. Information can be given to the Deans' by **directly contacting us at 708-342-5894**, or by using our **anonymous safety and security tip line at 708-342-5800 ext. 4222.**

As Deans, we prefer to see students work through problems proactively as opposed to processing with students after a non-peaceful situation has occurred. The ultimate goal is for all students to continue to grow as young adults while at Andrew High School. This growth can be fostered through encouraging students to take personal responsibility for their actions, including taking steps to resolve conflict peacefully.

ATHLETIC BOOSTERS

Plan to attend our monthly Athletic Booster Club meetings. All members are invited.

Next Meeting: Our next Booster Club meeting is Wednesday, October 10 at 7 p.m. in Room 220. We ask all fall team reps to attend. It is also a great way to become involved. We will have a raffle for all who attend the meeting. The winner will receive a donation to your fall sports team.

Please come and see what we are all about.

Please join our **Benefit Mobile** campaign. It's a great way to give back to the Athletic Boosters while you do your every day shopping. Download the app today.

PLEASE JOIN US AT A FUNDRAISER AT GATTOS RESTAURANT on Tuesday, October 16. Lunch or Dinner- All Locations – Dine In or Carry Out. Just mention Andrew Athletic Boosters when paying your check.

Athletic Booster Club website:
www.andrewathleticboosters.org

We need:

- 2 Football Concession Assistants for Sophomore games 3:30 p.m. -7 p.m. for 5 games (SHOULD BE A VARSITY FOOTBALL PARENT)
- 1 Football Concession Assistant for Varsity games 7 p.m. - Clean up for 5 games (SHOULD BE A SOPHOMORE FOOTBALL PARENT)
- 1 Winter Boys Basketball Concession Assistant for approximately 9 games
- 1 Spring Girls Soccer Concession Assistant for approximately 7 games
- 1 Spring Girls and Boys track Concession Assistant for 3 meets.
- 2 Spring Lacrosse Concession Assistants for approximately 10 games and State Finals

Senior Scholarships: Remember one of the criteria for eligibility for the scholarship is volunteering to work in the concession stand for fall.

T.P.P.O. (Thunder Pride Parent Organization)

What is the T.P.P.O.? We provide ongoing scholarships, which represent all co-curricular activities at Andrew, through outreach and fundraising programs. It is very rewarding to award seniors with our scholarship at the end of the school year. We would like to thank new and existing T.P.P.O. members for joining us at our Ice Cream Social in August. Look for our raffle of a heavy-duty backpack with an Andrew Logo on it.

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 robinmurphy23@att.net.

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

Andrew Athletic Booster Club website:
The website is:
www.andrewathleticboosters.org

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

Concessions: Concessions is going well this year, but as usual we are always in need of extra volunteers. 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/rena.espo.sheehan@gmail.com.

Don't forget Athletic Booster Club Members, your entry to the last home football game on October 19 is free.

Breakfast with Santa: Breakfast with Santa will be held on Sunday, November 25, this year. Please contact Debbie Clausius at debrichclausius@msn.com.

THANK YOU to all of the Officers and Directors of this Club. They put in countless hours without much acknowledgement. In addition, **THANK YOU** to all parents who donated their time and effort to help support the Andrew Athletic programs and the Booster Club. 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 rena.espo.sheehan@gmail.com.

YOUR TIME IS YOUR ATHLETE'S SUCCESS!

This raffle will be taking place at the end of October. All proceeds from the raffle will go towards scholarships! Don't forget to Like or Follow our Facebook Page at: <https://www.facebook.com/AndrewHighSchoolTPPO> for information, along with reminders. Any questions, contact Tracie Zaghoul at traciezaghoul@gmail.com

MUSIC BOOSTERS

The VJA Marching Thunderbolts officially started the 2018 marching season with an awesome performance at the A.A. Stagg Jamboree on September 8. The band picked up awards in their class (3A) including Best Music, Best Visual, Best Auxiliary, Best Drum Majors, and 1st place overall. The Thunderbolts were also proud and excited to win Grand Champion of the event! It was a fantastic run of the show and a great kick off for the marching season to come.

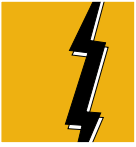
September 15, the Music Parents hosted the 4th annual Marching Band Invitational and had another amazing day of performances from 22 local high school marching bands. The Big Red Marching Machine from Illinois State University finished off the night, and our own Marching Thunderbolts marched in exhibition twice during the event. It was a smashing success and we can't wait for next year. You can check out the results of the event on our VJA Invitational Facebook page.

The band has performed the show at home football games and there is still a chance to see them at the games on October 5 and 19. After their great run at the A.A. Stagg Jamboree, the Marching Thunderbolts will finish off the season with a packed performance schedule that includes the Prospect Invitational, Providence Catholic Invitational, Illinois State Championships, Belleville East Invitational, and Bands of America in St. Louis.

Later in the fall, The VJA Music Parent Association will also be hosting their annual Fall Music Parent Craft Show on Saturday, November 3 and Sunday, November 4. This event features over 80 unique crafters and is the perfect place to pick up some wonderful gifts for the upcoming holiday. Your attendance helps support all the music programs at VJA so come on out and support your Thunderbolt musicians. In addition, don't forget to mark your calendars for the many musical performances coming later this fall, including the Fall Choral Concert on October 4, the Fall Band Concert on November 8, and the Holiday Prism Concert on December 13.

Please consider attending the Andrew Music Parent meetings to keep up to date with all the news from the Music Department. Future meetings include Wednesday, October 24, and Tuesday, November 13. Meetings are held at 7:30 p.m. in the Choir Room.

Thank you and Eyes with Pride!!



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Welcome NEW T-BOLTS!



In September, our Administration hosted a breakfast for our new T-Bolts who transferred in after the school year started. Our Senior Leaders talked to them about clubs, co-curriculars, T-Bolt time, and many more exciting things that VJA has to offer.