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CTE (Career and Technical Education) CUSTOM WOODS

Mr. Weis' Woods 1 and 2 classes have been busy at work in the shop getting ready for the Andrew Craft Fair coming up on February 29 and March 1. Ten students will be working to build original products to sell at the fair.

The entirety of this project has been student-led. Students set goals for their team, made and stuck to a budget, and calculated their own anticipated profit margins. Students learned how to properly and safely use all the equipment in the Woods classroom, including the table saw, miter saw, surface planer, and the brand-new CNC custom engraving machine, and set up assembly line procedures to produce bulk amounts of their custom product.

Students are excited to bring their hard work and creativity to a real audience. Some students have already received presale orders for their products. Products being sold include custom wood American flags, cutting boards, home plates, and sports memorabilia. Please come out to the Andrew Craft Fair and support these hardworking students.



2019 -2020 School Calendar

Dates to Remember

February

- 17 President's Day - No School
- 26 Senior Academic Recognition Night, 7:00 PM

March

- 2 No School
- 3 Parent/Teacher Conferences (no student attendance), 12:00 PM - 7:00 PM
- 4-7 Variety Show, 7:00 PM
- 7 Variety Show, 3:00 PM
- 10 Spring Band Concert, 7:00 PM
- 11 Spring Choral Concert, 7:00 PM
- 20 Early Dismissal, 1:00 PM
- 22-27 Spring Break
- 30 Classes Reconvene

April

- 14 SAT Testing (Juniors)
PSAT 10 Test (Sophomores)
PSAT 9 Test (Freshmen)
- 24 Prom / No School
- 29-30 AndrewFest Celebration

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

February is the shortest month of the year, but often the busiest. It is filled with school events, important deadlines, and vital topics for our school community.

For our T-Bolts, activities such as Just Dance, Diversity Dance Show, and Senior Recognition Night mark the highlights for our students. Additionally, there are dozens of sports and competitive activities that are closing their seasons, and we anticipate much success in the IHSA tournaments for groups like Competitive Dance, Cheer, Chess, Wrestling, and Boys' Swim. Also, our students have finalized their choices for courses for the 2020-21 school year, which is one of the more stressful times for our families as they have so much to consider for their futures.

February is also a month to step back and consider diversity. Our Diversity Dance Show is an expression of the uniqueness and array of cultural diversity within our community - highlighting dance, dress, and customs from around the world. Andrew is a diverse school, but that word diverse can often be limited and misleading. We have students that represent over 70 nations from Latin America, Africa, the Middle East, Southeast Asia, Eastern and Western Europe, and Central America. Many of our students have strong connections to these nations. Additionally, diversity includes gender, sexual orientation, socioeconomic level, and diversity of thought. For years, our focus on togetherness, unity, and inclusion has been a foundation of our themes.

This year, based on a multiyear study on the topic of equity, we have had more conversations about the role our diversity plays in the lives of our school community. Diversity is a beautiful thing, but it has its challenges. It can be hard to work with diverse classmates and colleagues, particularly in an environment where competition plays a significant role in school. As in all high schools, we even promote competition for things like grades, scholarship opportunities, inclusion on teams, and in performances. I, personally, have always thrived on competition to make me better, so I am certainly not opposed to competition.

However, we always remain challenged with maintaining dignity, fairness, and humanity as our kids navigate school and, later, life. How do we compete, challenge ourselves to achieve, and set lofty personal goals, while simultaneously reaching out a helping hand to others, respecting others, and celebrating others for their success or individuality?

February is a month that highlights diversity - but this concept of respecting and celebrating diversity should be a focus 365 days a year. At Andrew, I see far more success with diversity than failure. I see far more celebration of diversity than criticism. I see far more inclusion than exclusion. Our key is to continue to make approximately 2,200 teenagers, 5,000 parents, and 300 staff members continue to focus on how we can come together as a community, and not on how we can pull people apart - a challenge significantly more are willing to accept than not.

Again, it is an honor to serve as your principal - if you have thoughts or ideas, please don't hesitate to reach out at molting@d230.org.

Robert Nolting
Principal



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PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES

On Tuesday, March 3, 2020, 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 February containing details.
- 2) **Call the school** at (708) 342-5800 during specific designated hours, which will be communicated in the February email. Be prepared to provide your student's last name and ID number. Watch for details to come!



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NURSE'S OFFICE: Important Reminders from the Nurse's Office

Nurse's Office Alert:

Attention Junior Parents/Guardians (class of 2021)

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
- Digital Option: <https://lf.d230.org/Forms/Medical>

It is important to note that your child will *not* receive a schedule, participate in athletics, or apply for a parking pass in the 2020-2021 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.

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.

Attention Incoming Freshman – Class of 2024

It's never too early to start thinking about the required school physical and immunizations for high school. Call your doctor to schedule your appointment early to avoid delays in Schedule Release in August. Forms can be located on the VJA Nurse's Page on the school website: <http://Andrew.d230.org/resources/nurses-office/>

A packet with information and required forms were distributed at Freshman Registration on Saturday, February 1, 2020. Completed forms are due to the Nurse's Office by May 1, 2020.

Golden Bolts Distinguished Service Award

VJA honors its finest students, teachers, support staff, and community supporters. We are seeking nominations for individuals who exhibit the following criteria:

- ★ Positive role model for both staff and students
- ★ Distinguished work on behalf of the school and its students
- ★ Creative thinker; innovative
- ★ Actively seeks solutions to problems at VJA
- ★ Undisputed positive attitude towards all others
- ★ Advocates for and participates in the growth of Andrew High School



OUR ADMINISTRATION AND SENIOR LEADERS WILL SELECT AND HONOR INDIVIDUALS AT A SPECIAL DINNER EVENT ON

March 16, 2020

6:30 p.m. - Reception

7:00 p.m. - Dinner

7:30 p.m. - Awards

(Please make sure of the nominee's and your availability prior to the event.)

SUBMISSIONS ARE DUE BY FEBRUARY 10, 2020

To access the submission form go to:
<https://forms.gle/UWmLuEuz2Xop14uZ6>

CATEGORIES:

- **Student** an active student who has gone above and beyond as they represent VJA
- **Teacher** an active part-time or full-time, substitute, or teacher serving a long-term substitute position, who has gone above and beyond as they represent VJA
- **Support Staff** secretary, deans' or special services aide, custodian, or food service employee, who has gone above and beyond as they represent VJA
- **Community Member** a parent, neighbor, booster member, or other individual who is not employed at VJA, who has gone above and beyond in their support of VJA
- **Corporate Partner Award** a local business who has continued to support and successfully work with Andrew athletics, co-curriculars, or service learning opportunities

Registration For Next Year's Classes

Students began selecting their classes for next year during the month of January. A letter detailing the process was sent home in December. A schedule of student registration appointments will be posted throughout the building. Should you have any questions, please contact your student's Counselor.

Seniors: Important Scholarship Information

VJA Common Scholarship Application – Expect to see this application in Mid-January; due early February. Deadlines will appear on the application. Applications will be available in the Guidance Office and is open only to Andrew seniors. Approximately 40 different local scholarships will be awarded to our students through this one application, including Rotary Club, VFW, Kirby, Bannes, memorial awards and many others.

Senior Scholarships

Andrew High School would like to recognize all seniors who have been awarded scholarships. Please either complete the form below, or email Mr. Cody Dailey in the Guidance Department at cdailey@d230.org. This information will be placed in the Scholarship Night Program. We use the financial information for school data purposes and it remains confidential.

STUDENT NAME _____

Name of Scholarship: _____

Awarded from which school/organization: _____

Total of the award over 4 years if renewable: _____

Cadaver Camp 2020

The Science Department at Andrew High School offers a great variety of science electives to take to prepare for higher education, and to be better informed about the natural and physical world we live in. The natural progression through the science courses currently is Biology – Chemistry – Physics and then any elective. After taking chemistry, it is possible to double up in science in order to experience many more of the electives offered at Andrew: Earth and Space, Astronomy, Geology, Ecology, Animal Behavior, Anatomy & Physiology, and AP Level Biology, Chemistry, Physics, and Environmental Science.

This year's Honors Anatomy and Physiology Class attended an Anatomy Short Course (more affectionately known as "Cadaver Camp") at Northern Illinois University in DeKalb, Illinois. As an NIU alumnus, their teacher, Julie Johnson, was able to orchestrate a weekend where these high school students were not only able to study the organs and muscles on human cadavers prepared by university staff, but to also begin fresh dissections of their own! Dr. Dan Olson, the manager of the NIU Human Cadaver Lab, entrusted Mrs. Johnson and her students to conduct dissections on 2 male cadavers for other high school students to study throughout this spring semester.

The group left for NIU on Wednesday morning, January 8, 2020, and returned Saturday afternoon, January 11, 2020. During this extraordinary, annual, three and a half-day "Cadaver Camp", students' lives are transformed from the traditional to the unique, as they dissect human cadavers and experience human anatomy unlike any other anatomy students anywhere. This is an experience that students will remember for the rest of their lives. Throughout the weekend, students are asked to create a portfolio of their journey that depicts the full story of their weekend, which included not only their assigned region of study/ dissection that had been learned during first semester, but also their reactions to other major events including a brain extraction and the exposure of the thoracic and abdominal cavities which will be the focus of semester two's curriculum. Some of the past students have merely treasured this portfolio as a keepsake, while others have used it as an artifact when applying for special programs in their post-high school educational endeavors.

A special thanks goes to the District 230 Board of Education and Superintendent, Dr. James Gay, along with Andrew High School Principal, Mr. Robert Nolting, Associate Principal, Mr. Brian Nolan, and Science & FACS Division Chair, Mr. Jame Holt, for allowing the trip to happen; chaperones Jeannie Skvarla, Therese Bueno, Joe Regan, Tim and Grace Subang, Renee Golzar, Anne Barragan, Norma Barakat, Toffy John and Sheri Stupay; and teachers Jeff Janes, Kristina Bennett, and Chris Budnick, as well as all of the NIU contacts that helped make this trip possible!

Three years ago, our trip had been canceled due to a cadaver shortage, but through the efforts of Dr. Olson, and his partnership with local funeral homes, nursing homes and hospitals, the donor numbers increased. Cadaver Camp is such an amazing experience, and as long as NIU continues to be able to provide the opportunity, Cadaver Camp is a tradition Mrs. Johnson hopes to repeat for future Honors Anatomy Classes. Her favorite part of the experience was watching these students come together to both accomplish the learning objectives and develop into a close-knit group of peers across three different sections of the course!

Seniors enrolled in the course who attended Cadaver Camp this year include Miriam Akhnoukh, Fatima Barajas, Alyssa Barakat, Alyssa Barragan, Vincent Bueno, Keziah Byju, Chris Camacho, Jourdan Campbell, Olivia Cistaro, Lily Darman, Diya Dileep, Jamal Elmosa, Matt Ford, Saif Hamdan, Mariam Isa, Allison Ivers, Abdallah Kanaan, Connor Keating, Monica Marusarz, Madison McDonough, Grace O'Leary, Alyssa Oszal, Janelle Paras, Jamie Skvarla, Emily Spain, Cassie Stupay, TJ Subang and Luigi Taupo; Juniors in attendance included Yusef Golzar, Samantha Kowalski, Bobby Krull, Laurel Miskovic, Omoye Osaremwinda, Ethan Sim, and Diancarlo Velarde. Seniors Logan Radgowski and Zoe Swick took the course as juniors last year and were invited back as Teacher Assistants.



Andrew Athletics Update

Happy Valentine's Day from the Athletic Department! We hope you are all staying warm and let's hope for warm weather soon. As we head into February, it is a very exciting month with many of our winter programs competing in the IHSA post-season. Hard to believe the spring season starts at the end of the month. There is a lot to look forward to with the start of the spring, but also much to be proud of from last month. T-Bolt athletics was proud to host the boys' bowling, girls' gymnastics, and boys' dive conference tournaments last month, as well as the IHSA regional tournaments for girls' bowling. Spring sports tryouts are also updated on our athletic page. Please remember to register on 8to18 as well. You will need to use the same login credentials each time you register your athlete(s). In order to try out for any sport, a student must be registered on 8to18 and show a valid sports physical.

After a very successful month in January, the Varsity Dance team will wrap up their performance season in February at half-time of the senior night basketball game on February 18. Then they will travel to Orlando to compete in the Dance Team Union National Competition, and February 20 to wrap up their competitive season.

The Lady T-Bolts Bowling season has been a road of progress and potential. Every day the athletes are working on making improvements. Every tournament, the team score has gone up! In January, we had our six-game conference tournament among two other tournaments. This month we will be hosting Regionals at Orland Bowl, where we strive to be Regional Champs for the 3rd year in a row. Top four teams at Regionals will then compete at Sectionals, and from there the top four teams will make it to the State tournament.

The Andrew Boys' Bowling team completed a very busy schedule in December to enter the

SWSC Tournament and IHSA State Series in January, each Saturday of the month will include a stepping stone to the State Finals in O'Fallon. The team hopes to return to State with a strong group of Juniors.

January was a huge month for the D230 gymnastics team. We started the month strong by hosting the Erin Olmstead Varsity invite and placing 3rd. The JV team competed at the Lake Park invite on January 11. Varsity competed at the Neuqua Valley invite on January 18, and then they competed at York on the January 25 to finish their last invite before we hosted conference on January 29 in the West gym. We are looking forward to an exciting post-season as well with three former State qualifiers and an additional two sectional qualifiers leading the team.

The T-Bolt Boys' Swim/Dive team finished up a busy January. The team has been working hard and swimming well. We are currently focusing on the championship portion of the season with conference, sectionals, and the upcoming State Championships this month.

The Bolts Boys' Basketball finished the 2019 game schedule 7-6 with impressive victories over Tinley Park, Sandburg, and Lincoln Way East. Guards Jolo Amoranto and Noah O'Connor provide the scoring punch in the back court, with Amoranto scoring 15ppg and shooting 38% from the 3pt line. Michael Bobber and Alex Rohrer, the defensive stalwarts under the rim, are taking charges and rebounding at a high clip. Contributions from sophomores Elijah Laws and Michael Morawski have been a pleasant surprise. Morawski led the team in scoring over the four games at the Jack Tosh Holiday Classic, and is shooting over 45% from the 3pt line. The Thunderbolts will now start their conference schedule with match-ups against Bradley, LW Central, Stagg, and LW West.

The JV and Varsity Cheer teams are taking the cheer world by storm! Our JV team received a 1st place trophy at the Maine West Invite, 2nd place trophy at the Lincoln Way East Invite, and 3rd place at Buffalo Grove! This team has so much heart and passion this cheer season!

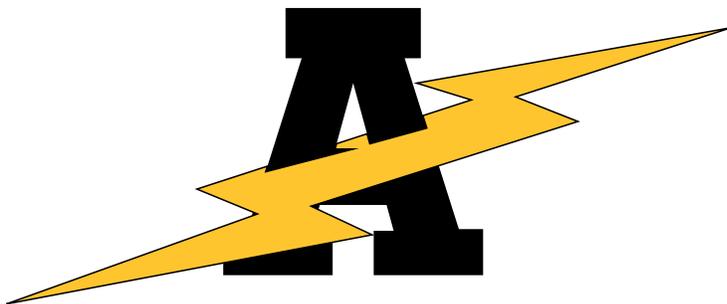
Varsity Cheer has so much skill, and in 2020 they hit a deduction free routine to earn a 6th place trophy at Buffalo Grove. They competed against 24 teams and we couldn't be prouder!

Our cheer team is hosting a Kids Camp this month on the 10th and 11th and also cheering on our basketball team to some victories! Amazing season T-Bolts!

The T-Bolt Wrestling program had a tough conference and post-season schedule this year, but pulled out some great wins and solid individual performances. The team has been working hard on the mats to prepare for this season's IHSA Regional meet, hoping to get several guys into the Sectional meet on the 14th. We are most proud of all of our athletes battling day in and day out and making the commitment through the entire season, especially our first-time wrestlers.

The Girls' Basketball season is in its home stretch as we near the end of conference play and preparing for the post-season. Our teams are continuing to focus on developing their skills and enhancing their knowledge of the game. We are constantly repeating the mantra of "get a little better every day". We are looking forward to our upcoming senior night when we will celebrate the dedication and contributions of our three seniors to our program over the past 4 years!!

Finally, as we always ask, please consider being a member of our Athletic Booster Club. 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. Go T-Bolts! Best of luck to our winter programs as they compete in post-season play this month!



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:** Wednesday, February 12, at 7:00 p.m. in Room 220. All Fall Team Reps are expected to attend. All interested in learning more about what the Booster Club is all about are welcome to attend!

ATHLETIC BOOSTER CLUB FUNDRAISERS

**Join Us...Wednesday, February 19
At GATTO'S RESTAURANT**

All Locations – Lunch or Dinner – Dine-In or Carry-Out. Just mention Andrew Athletic Booster Club when paying your bill.

Please download the **Benefits Mobile App**. Pick VJA Athletic Boosters and donate a portion to the Booster Club.

WANTED:

Directors who want to become a part of the Andrew Athletic Booster Club! Please consider being a part of the Andrew Athletic Booster Club.

Spirit Wear Assistant. Someone who is willing to help our Spirit Wear director with upcoming events.

Spirit Wear: We have decals available for all sports. If you need any spirit wear items, please contact Traycee Cosenza at trayceeg714@gmail.com.

Variety Show: Variety Show dates are March 5, 6, and 7th. Please contact andrewvarietyshow@gmail.com with any questions.

PICTURES: Please send any Winter Sport pictures to Lesley Magnabosco at lesmag@att.net. We like to keep our Andrew Athletic Booster Club website updated with the Andrew Athletes!

SPECIAL THANKS: To all that helped throughout the year with concessions and other Booster Club Sponsored events!

The Andrew Athletic Booster Club is only successful because of our volunteers.

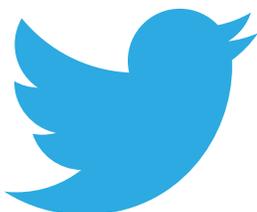
Any questions or feedback, contact Lesley Magnabosco at lesmag@att.net.

**Athletic Booster Club website:
www.andrewathleticboosters.org.**

TPPO.

(Thunder Pride Parent Organization)

The TPPO is close to awarding eight scholarships in May. We also donate to Co-Curricular activities, along with events at the school. This is a great opportunity to purchase a Paver Brick for your family, business, or club name. The cost is \$100. The Paver Brick would be placed outside of school, in our TPPO Paver Brick Path, by the Main South Entrance. The forms are located at the Main South Entrance, and are also on our TPPO Facebook page. The DUE date is April 1, 2020. Don't forget to check out our Facebook Page at <https://www.facebook.com/AndrewHighSchoolTPPO/>. We have news, along with reminders. Any questions, please contact Tracie Zaghoul at traciezaghloul@gmail.com



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.



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Being a Kind Human

As a public high school providing education to students from Tinley Park, Orland Hills, Orland Park, and Oak Forest, we are reminded on a daily basis of the many different backgrounds our students come from. Our cultural, ethnic, racial, religious, or socio-economic differences, although unique to the individual, are blended together on a daily basis within the walls of Andrew High School. We try our hardest to use our cultural differences, our ethnic differences, our racial differences, our religious differences, or our socio-economic differences to better understand the world around us, to be more tolerant of the world around us, to be more compassionate of the world around us, to learn from the world around us.

Each student brings a unique and interesting perspective from their own life to this building. Respecting each perspective goes a very long way to creating an inclusive and respectful learning environment. The general hope is that by practicing respect and tolerance within the walls of Andrew, the respect and tolerance will carry outside our walls and into our communities. Realizing that people in our own communities come from many different backgrounds and have many different stories, just like we do as individuals, may also create a level of respect and tolerance in our neighborhoods.

We believe all students and staff in our school can be good human beings no matter their background. A

small act of kindness and respect within our building, like holding the door open for another student, helping someone pick up dropped papers, inviting someone who is sitting alone at lunch to join your table, or apologizing to someone when you accidentally make contact in a hallway, are all small ways we can act like good human beings.

Doing these simple acts of kindness and respect are not unique to any culture, race, religion, gender, or socioeconomic background. These simple acts of kindness and respect can be done by any human being. We challenge all people at Andrew High School to be intentional about showing acts of kindness, respect, and tolerance to others in our building, no matter who they are or what their story is.

We are all T-Bolts, and together, we can continue to create an inclusive building where all people feel welcome and respected.