



## Your Friday News from Campus!

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Dear St. Andrew's Family,

A long time ago, in a St. Andrew's far, far away... the Friday News used to begin with an opening letter from a member of our community. Okay, it wasn't that long ago, but it was pre-COVID, which sometimes does *feel* like a different planet. A few of our VI Form students and senior parents may remember these Friday News opening letters, but most of you will not be familiar with them. The letters—like so much in our lives—disappeared during the course of the pandemic, for a variety of reasons, and lately we've been feeling it's high time to bring them back.

So, starting with the next edition of the Friday News, each issue will begin with brief reflection from a member of the faculty or staff on a St. Andrew's-related topic of their choosing. Giving over this space to the people who work for St. Andrew's, and who

make St. Andrew's work, is an opportunity to share myriad school voices and perspectives with you, our far-flung parent body, and to unpack the "magic" of St. Andrew's, which, as Dean of Admission & Financial Aid Will Robinson '97 P'26 noted in a past Friday News letter, is not, in fact, magic. "It's a lot of work and there are no shortcuts," [he wrote in 2019](#). "The power of the St. Andrew's community on campus and around the world is that it's filled with people willing to wake up every day and work in consequential service for others."

If you're mostly here for the pictures, we get that! In that case, please feel free to scroll on by. But if you have the time and are so inclined, we encourage you to take in these Friday News letters. And, if there is any St. Andean in particular from whom you'd really like to hear in this space, we'd love to receive your nominations! Send them to us any time at [communications@standrews-de.org](mailto:communications@standrews-de.org).

Happy reading!

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## **News & Notes**

### **Academic Updates**

This coming Monday, October 24, marks the end of the first quarter and the midpoint of the first semester. All students and parents will receive a first quarter progress report, including quarter grades and narrative comments, in the early weeks of November. Quarter grades are internal checkpoints; a student's official school transcript will display semester grades only.

Additional academic reminders:

- Information about spring AP exams is posted [here](#).
- Parents Weekend teacher conference sign-up links were emailed to all parents over the fall Long Weekend. (More on Parents Weekend below.) Conference sign-ups close on Wednesday, October 26.

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### **Celebrate Your Senior with a "Parent Ad" in the Yearbook!**

Class of 2023 parents, celebrate your graduating senior with a "parent ad" in the 2022-23 yearbook. Every parent can design a quarter-page tribute to their child for



publication in the yearbook. Click [here](#) for more information and to design your ad. **All parent ads are due in to Jostens by November 30.**

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### **Flu & COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic Update**

The Health Center hosted flu and COVID-19 vaccine clinics for St. Andrews on October 12 and October 19. Acme Sav-On Pharmacy administered 359 flu shots and 139 COVID boosters to students, employees, and employee family members. If your child received a COVID booster at one of the clinics, documentation of this booster will be sent to you via email from the Health Center in the coming weeks. The Health Center will also contact you if your child did not NOT receive their flu vaccine or COVID booster as scheduled at the clinic, in the event that you would like to arrange for your child to receive either vaccine while they are at home during an upcoming school break. Please feel free to reach out to the Health Center at [healthcenter@standrews-de.org](mailto:healthcenter@standrews-de.org) or 302-285-4240 with any questions or concerns.

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### **Volunteer with SAS!**

Although our parent body is scattered around the country and the world, there are many opportunities for parent involvement at St. Andrew's. If you're interested in volunteering with SAS, click [here](#) to learn more and sign up.

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### **How to Find & Download Photos of Your Child at SAS!**

We are excited to announce that the current school year is now open for viewing on Pixevety, our school photo-sharing platform for current students, parents, and employees. You will find photos of all students and all aspects of school life in Pixevety, and all are available for free download.

**If you are a new parent or student, or if you are a returning parent or student who did not activate their Pixevety account last year, click [here](#) to set up your account.**

When you set up your account, you must enter the email address you have on file with the school (if you are a parent) or your SAS email address (if you are a student).

**If you are a returning parent or student who activated your account last year, click [here](#) to access Pixevety.** Enter the email address you have on file with the school (if you are a parent) or your SAS email address (if you are a student or an employee) and the password you chose when you set up your account.

Once you have logged in to Pixevety, click on the St. Andrew's School square to access this year's gallery of photos. Things to know:

- Photos are arranged by topic in folders across the top of the gallery; click any folder to view photos in that subject area.
- You can search for individuals by name using the magnifying glass in the top right corner of the screen.
- Parents, click the orange "My VIPs" button in the upper right corner to see recent photos of your child.
- To download a photo, click to select it—its thumbnail will appear in a gray bar at the bottom of the screen—then click the small down-arrow icon in the lower right corner of the screen to download. If you choose to download more than one photo at a time, the photos will be sent to you via email.



We hope you can join us on campus **Friday, October 28, through Sunday, October 30**, for Parents Weekend 2022! Visit our [Parents Weekend webpage](#) for a full schedule of events (and, if you're not able to make it to campus, event livestream links). Please [RSVP today](#) if you haven't already; registration closes this coming Monday, October 24.

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## ***Save the Date!***

**Saturday, October 22 - Sunday, October 23** (*This weekend!*)

### **SAS Tent at the Head of the Charles Regatta**

At this year's Head of the Charles Regatta in Boston, find the St. Andrew's tent—we'll be located in Reunion Village, at the halfway point of the race course, on the Cambridge side of the Charles River. We'll be there from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. both

days. You can purchase regatta admission tickets [here](#).

**Saturday, October 22** *(This weekend!)*

**Boston Reception**

If you live or will be in the Boston area on October 22, join us for a reception from 7:30–9:30 p.m. at [Trillium Fort Point](#). Click [here](#) to RSVP.

**Wednesday, November 2**

**NYC Reception**

If you live or will be in the NYC area on November 2, join us for a reception from 6:00–8:00 p.m. at the [Papillon Bistro & Bar](#). Click [here](#) to RSVP; registration closes this Monday, October 24.

**Wednesday, November 9**

**Washington, D.C. Reception**

If you live or will be in the Washington, D.C. area on November 9, join us for a reception from 6:00–8:00 p.m. at the [The University Club](#). RSVP [here](#) by Monday, October 31.

**Saturday, November 12**

**Homecoming**

We hope you will join us on campus for the Homecoming football game and other activities!

**Sunday, December 11**

**Service of Lessons & Carols**

Join us in-person or on our YouTube channel for our traditional Christmas service. More details to come!

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View All Calendars & Events

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***Talk of the T-Dock***

**Fall Fest Celebrates All Things October—Plus Chuseok!**

Students spent last Sunday on the Front Lawn, enjoying the annual Fall Fest. This year's festival was organized by the Environmental Stewards, the East



Asian Affinity Group, and the Asian Student Union; the festival celebrated not only fall in Delaware, but Chuseok, the Korean mid-autumn harvest festival. Read more [here](#).







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### **Meet a Saint: Charlie Lunsford '24**

Multisport athlete Charlie Lunsford shares what he loves about SAS, and about competing as a Saint: “I love athletics here. We are really competitive, but even if you didn’t play [a sport] before coming here, you can work hard and get a spot [on a team],” Charlie says. “There’s no limit to where you can go.” Read more about Charlie [here](#).



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### **Meet a Saint: Mr. Guldin**

Get to know new chemistry teacher Greg Guldin! A New Jersey native, Mr. Guldin holds a bachelor's in biochemistry and molecular biology from Dickinson College and a master's in independent school leadership from the Klingenstein Center, Teacher's College, Columbia University. Prior to coming to St. Andrew's, Mr. Guldin served as dean of students at The Webb School in Knoxville, Tennessee, and as the dean of V and VI Forms and swimming head coach at Woodberry Forest School in Madison, Virginia. [Read more](#)



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### **Get to Know More About College Counseling at St. Andrew's**

With early November college application deadlines looming, many students (and parents!) have the college admissions process on their minds. Whether you're polishing your college essays or haven't even started thinking about life after St. Andrew's, it can't hurt to learn more about the college counseling process at SAS. Director of College Counseling Jason Honsel shares his team's philosophy, practices, and helpful tips [here](#).

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### **Dealing with Test Anxiety...**

Do tests stress you out? Mental health counselor Angela Vassallo, Ph.D., shares a few tactics for dealing with testing anxiety [here](#).

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## ***Recent Campus Snaps***

A few photos from around campus these past two weeks—  
view more on the [Front Lawn](#) or in [Pixevety](#)!



On Sunday, October 16, our Chaplains hosted the annual Blessing of the Animals service on the Front Lawn for all St. Andrean pets. View more pictures [here](#).



Caroline Adle '24, Hannah Gilheany '24, Mary Troy '24, Riya Soni '24, and Akeelah Romeo '24 went out for an early morning row on the pond.



The girls cross-country team held its second annual Pie Bake-Off. The team split into three mini-baking teams: the Apples, the Blueberries, and the Peaches (which are not coincidentally the names of the team's running groups). Blueberry pie was declared to be the winner!





Students enjoyed a weekend trip to Newark Farmers Market, then returned with their wares to the Ramiller home to cook a feast!



## ***Go Saints!***

Read a mid-season fall sports roundup [here](#). A few highlights...

Girls field hockey notched their second consecutive win, this time over Odessa, on Thursday night.





The following Saints were recognized by Delaware Online for their play in SAS football's recent 25-16 win over Glasgow:

- Cora Birknes '23 kicked a 28-yard field goal and two extra points.
- Yasir Felton '24 caught six passes for 90 yards and two touchdowns.
- Frank Nasta '24 passed for 221 yards and three touchdowns.
- Nick Osbourne '23 (not pictured below) rushed for 111 yards.
- Griffin Patterson '24 caught eight passes for 99 yards and a touchdown.







And a few more fall season snaps...



## ***We Leave You With This...***

A good old-fashioned helping of SAINTS SPIRIT!

