
[All SAS Employees] [SAS Community News] Your Friday News from Campus

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Dear St. Andrew's Family,

We feel so lucky to have been able to welcome the Class of 2024 to campus this week. For the members of [#SASDE2024](#) who continue to attend St. Andrew's from afar, know that you are valued and loved by this community, and that we so look forward to the day we can welcome you to campus, too.

For all the newest members of our St. Andrew's family: if you are confused about the Monday News vs. the Friday News, here's a brief history: since around 2014, St. Andrew's has sent its families a weekly or bi-weekly email newsletter sharing photos, videos, and stories of life at SAS. The "Noxontown News" was always sent on a Friday, so over time it became referred to as simply the "Friday News." When St. Andrew's went all-virtual in early March in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, we decided to move the Noxontown News send day to Monday, in order to capture and share as much information as possible about *upcoming* virtual events (rather than photos of events that had already occurred) with students and parents. We continued with the "Monday News" throughout the spring and summer. Now that we're in hybrid mode, with some students off campus and some students on, we'll do a little bit of both, and we've gone back to a Friday send date.

Whether you are student or parent, on campus or off, I hope the Noxontown News helps you keep track of what is going on at SAS—and that it makes you smile!

Best,
Liz Torrey
Director of Communications
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Admissions Office News

It's only September, but the Admission Office is looking ahead to Fall 2021! If you have a child who may be interested in enrolling at St. Andrew's in the fall of 2021, the Admission Team is excited to speak with you! Please fill out a [request information form](#) to join the mailing list and receive information about special admissions visit opportunities for siblings and alumni children this fall. Likewise, if you have friends, neighbors, or colleagues with students who are considering boarding school, please feel free to put them in touch with Director of Admission & Financial Aid Matt Wolinski at mwolinski@standrews-de.org.

Missing Class on Move-In Days

Our teachers are planning around upcoming move-in days and understand that students may not be in class during travel or move-in days. (Students are also welcome to remind their teachers that they will not be in class as the time nears.)

On move-in days, teachers will:

- Hold class with whomever is able to attend.
- Adjust syllabi accordingly—teachers will use the class period for review, for small group or individual meetings, or for asynchronous work.
- Either not assign homework, or the homework assignment will be to complete the class work for that day.

Underformer Arrival Dates

Just a reminder of our upcoming underformer move-in days:

- **Saturday, October 3** - V Form (junior) girls arrive
- **Sunday, October 4** - V Form (junior) boys arrive
- **Saturday, October 10** - IV Form (sophomore) girls arrive
- **Sunday, October 11** - IV Form (sophomore) boys arrive

The full Opening of School and first semester calendars can be viewed [here](#).

Testing Updates

Recent Testing Results

- The second round of on-campus testing for VI Form students took place last week. All results returned negative.

Ongoing/Upcoming Campus Testing

- All III Form students were tested upon arrival on Wednesday, September 23 and Thursday, September 24. We expect results of this testing for both boys and girls to come in over the weekend. Parents will receive the results of their child's test via email.
- III Form students will undergo their second round of on-campus testing on Wednesday, September 30 and Thursday, October 1 (or earlier).

Clarification on Arrival COVID-19 Testing

All students will be tested for COVID-19 as part of the move-in day check-in process. As noted in the September 7 [Monday News](#), all students and parents will be screened for temperature and symptoms upon arrival at the Welcome Center on the Main Drive. Students who do not display a fever will be tested for COVID-19 at the check-in testing station in the Field House. Students with a temperature of 100 degrees F will be tested for COVID-19 at the Health Center (NOT at the check-in testing station). We expect to receive results of all arrival tests within 72 hours of testing.

In Case You Missed It...

Wednesday, September 16 - [Convocation featuring Mr. Olana](#)

Sunday, September 20 - [School Meeting](#)

Helpful Links

2020-2021 School Year Info & FAQs

Upcoming Lyceum Events

Scenes of SAS

III Form Move-In Days!









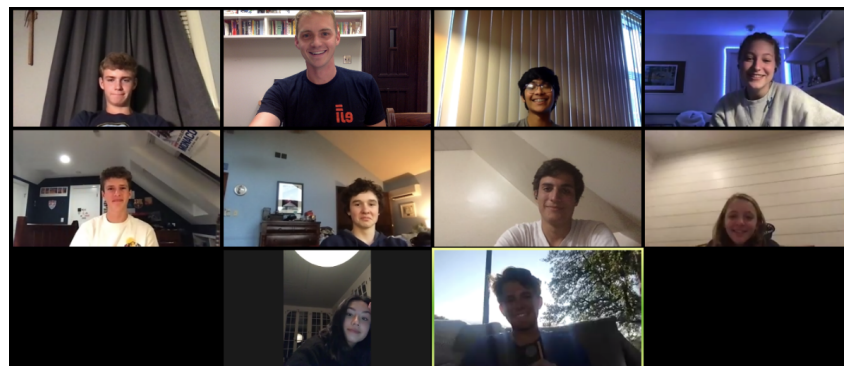
Meanwhile, Elsewhere on Campus...

Environmental Science students collected data about campus water quality in class on Thursday. "Data collection included measurements of pH, dissolved oxygen, nitrogen, phosphates, salinity, clarity, and temperature for three different locations on campus, two in Noxontown Pond—Washburn Cove and the T-dock—and the third in the retention pond," explains teacher Mr. Rehrig, seen below in the purple shirt. "The goal is to collect this data for the next few months, see if the water quality in different locations changes with the seasons, and analyze what that might mean for the organisms that live in both ponds."





In what has become an SAS tradition, students gathered in small groups to discuss summer reading texts on the first Friday of the school year. Faculty recommend a wide variety of books each summer, and students are asked to choose and read any book from the list (you can see this year's list [here](#)). Seen here are students in Mrs. Roach's discussion group on Toni Morrison's *The Bluest Eye* (top) and in Mr. Westman's discussion of *Station Eleven* by Emily St. John Mandel (bottom).



On Tuesday, SAS was treated to a Zoom visit with astrophysics researcher & astronomer Dr. Emily Drabek-Maunder, who co-authored the groundbreaking study that was published this month to announce the discovery of phosphine gas, a biomarker, in the atmosphere of Venus. Zooming in from the Royal Observatory in Greenwich, London, Dr. Drabek-Maunder spoke to students about how the discovery was made and its implications the potential for microbial Venutian life and for the potential abundance of life in the

universe ("Spoiler alert," notes Science Department Chair Dr. Hyde, "It could be a lot more common than we thought!") Dr. Drabek-Maunder also tackled many "fantastic student questions," added Dr. Hyde, "and was left very impressed by our wonderfully curious and gracious students."



Casa Latina members Gianna Rosario '21, Amelia Hammond '21, and Claudina Buccini '21 work on a Founders Hall bulletin board in celebration of [Hispanic Heritage Month](#) (September 15 - October 15).



Students gathered to spend a sunny afternoon working in the Organic Garden.



Director of Admissions & Financial Aid Matt Wolinski '00 snapped this photo on his way off campus one evening. "Chalk this one up to things COVID-19 has revived at St. Andrew's," he writes. "I've been involved with SAS since 1996, and I've never seen the paddle tennis courts lit up on *two* consecutive nights."



Director of Security Phil Davis and his family hosted ten VI Form girls for an outdoor movie night & snacks. Mr. Davis screened *The Devil Wears Prada*—his favorite movie.





Seniors on Pell created this fantastic welcome video for their incoming III Form girls earlier this week. [Click to watch!](#)

Lots of fun on the Front Lawn (and other grassy spaces around campus)...







....Big Sister/Little Sister time!....



....advisor/advisee time!....



... and Saints in action.





We Leave You With This

Biology teacher Mr. O'Connell welcomed a friendly guest to share his mask on Wednesday morning.

