

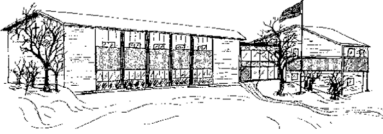
St. Andrew School Newsletter

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Looking Ahead:

Jan. 6	Ski day
Jan. 7	8-12 th School Dance, 8:00-10:30, at the school
Jan. 12	Early release, 11:45, Teachers meetings
Jan. 16-18	Gr. 8-12 Semester exams, Gr. 8-12 noon release
Jan. 19-20	11-12 Service days
Jan 20, 23	9-10 Service days
Jan. 20	Ski Day
Jan. 20	Report Cards available on RenWeb
Jan. 26	Parent-Teacher Conferences, after school, evening
Jan. 27	Parent-Teacher Conferences, K-7 no school

Ongoing Weekly Extracurricular Activities:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Homework Club 3:00-4:15 Jr. High Girls BB 3:05-4:15	Homework Club 3:00- 4:15 HS Boys BB 3:00-5:00	Homework Club 3:00-4:15 Jr. High Girls BB 3:05-4:15	Homework Club 3:00- 4:15 HS Boys BB 3:00-5:00	

See Sports game schedules and other dates of interest in following pages

Mark Your Calendar!

Dr. Ray Guarendi, Catholic clinical psychologist, author and radio and TV personality is coming to St. Andrew School to give a talk in honor of our 20th anniversary. Dr. Ray will be here Thursday, February 2nd which is also during Catholic Schools Week. Tickets will be free but limited. The event is open to the public. Please invite your friends! Watch the newsletter for the availability of tickets and act quickly. We expect that the gym will not be able to accommodate everyone who is interested. Parents will need to pick up their tickets early before the event is opened to the public.

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**It's that time again: St. Andrew School Student Government Pancake Lunch
JUST FOR YOU
TOMORROW, Jan. 4th at 11:45**



\$2 for first pancake \$1 for each additional pancake CASH ONLY

Free toppings include whipped cream, butter, syrup, and chocolate chips

"It's better to have pancakes and take it easy than to go outside where it's cold and breezy"



Ski Day Information



Here is some more information to help answer any questions about the up-coming ski day on January 6th.

All students in grades 3-12 are allowed to go to the ski hill without an adult accompanying them. Students in grades K-2 need to be accompanied by a parent or responsible adult that will stay on the hill with them for the day.

The cost is \$13.00 for the access fee and \$13.00 for a rental. Parents and relatives are also welcome to ski on the St. Andrew days for the discounted price. They must have turned in a ski form by the required date. Please limit these tickets to family only. Please make checks payable to St. Andrew School.

Some of the teachers will also be skiing to represent the school. It is not, however, their job to take care of your child. If you feel your child needs supervision and are in grades 3-12, you must have an adult at the ski area to take care of their needs. Lunch will not be provided, so everyone is responsible for their own meal. You may eat at the lodge or bring your own lunch.

Skiing and snowboarding lessons will be given in the morning. The afternoon is for the students to ski with groups.

It is the parents' responsibility to transport their children to and from the ski hill. St. Andrew School will not be providing transportation. The students should be at the ski hill between 9:15 and 9:30 am and will need to be picked up at 3:00 pm.

Regarding the "Bunny Hill/Backyard": The final word from the ski hill is as follows: **Anyone who is wearing skis and is on the snow must pay the \$13 access fee whether you will be using the lift or not—this also goes for anyone with a child wearing skis who will be staying in the "Backyard" for the whole day.**

The ski days are really fun and a great opportunity for St. Andrew students and families! We hope to see you all at the hill!

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Senior Pictures

Please remember to submit a senior photo to the office for the yearbook and the senior wall pictures. Pictures for the wall should be 2¼ x 3”.

Deadline is: February 15th



Kindergarten Round-up

New families are calling the school to enroll their children in Kindergarten for next fall. If you have a child that will be five years of age by September 1st please call the office to schedule your appointment. Families, it is **very important** that we be made aware of younger siblings entering kindergarten as the class is filling up! Although existing families have first priority, your deposit secures your spot.



Christmas Program Thank You

I would like to thank all of those who made our Christmas programs a success. We received many compliments. The programs were described as “delightful”, “well-produced”, “orderly” and “enjoyable”.

This is of course due to our very talented group of teachers and helpers:

- Kihana VanDiest, (6-12- music director)
- Allison Elliott and Rebekka Dodge, (K-5 music teachers)
- Musicians - Carol Andersen (piano), Kihana VanDiest, Rebekka Dodge (piano), Rick Ahmann (guitar), Kent Dodge (guitar), and Allison Elliot (orchestra)

We also want to thank the support team:

- Christian Ahmann and Jase Seekell for technical support
- Robin Frey for decorating the gym; high school students and teachers for setting up and taking down risers and chairs
- Deidre Teodosio for organizing the cookie table and her helpers
- Carla Buffington for designing and printing the programs
- Homeroom teachers who practiced music and blocking
- All parents who brought Christmas cookies

Last, but certainly not least, I would like to congratulate our talented students who worked hard to produce a program which helped us all to reflect more deeply on the birth of the Christ child! We are all so proud of you!

Donna Smillie

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Upcoming Games

Jr. High Girls Basketball:	
Tuesday, Jan. 10, at Clancy, 4:00 Thursday, Jan. 12, Helena Christian at 1 st Assembly of God, 4:00 Tuesday, Jan. 24, at Clancy, 4:00 Monday, Feb. 6, Home School at St. Andrew, 4:00	Tuesday, Feb. 7, Boulder at St. Andrew, 5:00 Tuesday, Feb. 14, Helena Christian at St. Andrew, 4:00 Saturday, Feb. 18, Clancy Tournament, TBA Tuesday, Feb. 21, at Boulder, 5:00
HS Boys Basketball:	
Thursday, Jan. 5, Helena Christian at Salvation Army Gym Tuesday, Jan. 24, Helena Christian at Salvation Army Gym	Saturday, Jan. 28, Home School Tuesday, Feb. 7, Foothills Christian at Great Falls

Seniors & Juniors SAT prep. Class

Mrs. Bell is holding SAT prep. classes on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 1:15 in room 304 for students in grades 11 and 12. Students are not required to take the class, but it is HIGHLY recommended. **All seniors should have taken either the SAT or ACT tests or be signed up to do so.** Juniors also need to be thinking about taking one or both of these tests. **Many juniors take the test in the early winter or spring.**



Reminder: Homework Club

Students in grades **4-12** who need extra help with homework are invited to come to Homework Club, Monday through Thursday from 3:00-4:15 p.m. Mr. Greaney is able to help students with Mathematics, Algebra, Science and Writing. Parents, please remind your children to take advantage of the help that is offered to them! In addition, all teachers stay until 3:30 p.m. so it is always possible for students to get help from them.



Dress for the weather

Now that colder weather is upon us, **please make sure that your child is properly dressed for those cold, windy recesses, including appropriate footwear and gloves.** Girls are allowed to wear khaki chino dress pants from November through March. Coats, sweatshirts or vests are not allowed in class during the day unless they have the school logo. These items may be purchased through Land's End.

Students may enter the gym as soon as they get to school when it is extremely cold rather than waiting outside.

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Parent Volunteers

VIRTUS “GRADUATES”, PLEASE REMEMBER TO KEEP YOUR VIRTUS STATUS UPDATED EVERY MONTH ON-LINE.

Please remember that tuition covers only a portion of the cost to educate a student and support our fundraisers!



When you shop at Amazon, you could also be raising money for our school. All you have to do is go to this link <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/81-0506955> and sign in as you normally would. Amazon donates 0.5 % of the sale to St. Andrew School. It is so easy.

The School Store Is Open For Business!

St. Andrew School is partnering with School Store (SchoolStore.com) to provide a great avenue for our families to shop online with over 300 major chains and help the school at the same time!

This is how it works: St. Andrew School receives a percentage of the purchases our families and their friends make online with the companies on the School Store website.

It is that simple. But it gets even better!

We want our families to enjoy the benefits of their shopping too, so St. Andrew School will apply 40% of a family's earned revenue from their purchases toward their tuition next year!

In addition, your child(ren) can earn terrific prizes for themselves in the process. The prizes in the program are primarily geared to students in Kindergarten through 7th grade, however, families with students in any grade are encouraged to participate. If you have any questions please call Deirdre Teodosio at the school or email her at auction@standrewschool.org.

N.B. Please do not make donations to the School or classrooms through school store. A larg

Since we are entering into a busy shopping season this is a perfect time to maximize your shopping dollars, benefit the school, and reduce your tuition payment for next year!

We hope you enjoy participating in this ongoing program.

Thank you for all you do for St. Andrew School!

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Emerald Isle Auction 2017



WE ARE GETTING CLOSER TO OUR
PROCUREMENT GOAL, BUT...



Thank you to all the families who have started to secure items for our 2017 Emerald Isle Auction!
We are moving closer to our procurement goal and with the continued help of our families we will surely have the best auction ever! **Every family is encouraged to procure from 4-5 businesses/individuals;** there are still quite a number of procurement cards in the office so pick up cards early while the picking is good!
We need to have the **cards returned by January 27.**

Here are some of the businesses that donated to us in 2016 but have not yet been contacted for this year:

Auto Category:

Auto Care Repair
Helena Motors
Kolar Tires

Les Schwab
Robert Allen Nissan
Speedy Glass

Beauty Category:

Butterfly Ballet
Calleis Salon and Spa
Helena Dermatology & Laser Clinic

Radiance Skin Care Salon
Shear Thing

Dining, Food, Entertainment and Hotels

Lucca's
Hampton Inn
Hawthorn Bottle Shop & Tasting Room
Holter Museum
Just Tapped
Lattes & Sundaes
L&C County Fairgrounds
La Quinta

Myrna Loy Theater
Papa John's
Scenic Brew
Sommeliers
Staggering Ox
Ten Mile Creek Brewing
Toi's Thai

Pets

Canine Capital
Pampered Pets

These companies are staples in our portfolio of auction donors and they enjoy helping St. Andrew School. We would be grateful if you would stop by the school office to sign out a few of these businesses cards and ask them for a donation this year.

Thank You!

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Parent/Teacher Conferences

Parent-Teacher Conferences will be held January 26th and 27th.

There will be no school on Friday, January 27th for K-7

Classes will be held for grades 8-12 on Friday

Parent/Teacher conferences are a chance for you to get to know your child's teacher, find out how your child is doing, and discuss ways that we can all work together to help him/her improve.

Please fill out one form per family and return it to the office by Thursday, January 12th.

Appointments will be made on a first-come, first-served basis. A note confirming your scheduled times will be sent home on Tuesday, Jan. 17th, with the newsletter. If these times do not work for you, please contact the teacher directly to make other arrangements.

Parent/Teacher Conference Form

Name of Family: _____

K-7 Student: _____ Grade: _____ Homeroom Teacher: _____

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K-7 Student: _____ Grade: _____ Homeroom Teacher: _____

8-12 Student: _____ Nelson _____ McLaughlin _____ Petesch _____ Hall _____ M. Smillie _____ Bell _____

8-12 Student: _____ Nelson _____ McLaughlin _____ Petesch _____ Hall _____ M. Smillie _____ Bell _____

8-12 Student: _____ Nelson _____ McLaughlin _____ Petesch _____ Hall _____ M. Smillie _____ Bell _____

Time periods available for conferences are: **(Please indicate 1st, 2nd, 3rd choices of times)**

_____ Thursday 3:15 – 3:45 (All grades)

_____ Thursday 6:00 – 7:45 p.m. (All grades)

_____ Friday 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. (This time slot is not available for grades 8-12)

Please remember, parents are welcome to call for conferences at anytime throughout the school year.

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