

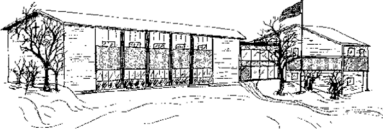
St. Andrew School Newsletter

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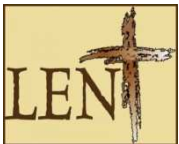


Looking Ahead:

Mar. 22	Options, gr. 11-12
Mar. 23	Art Show, 7:00pm
Mar. 24	Financial Reality Fair, gr. 9-11, at Capitol, 11:00-1:00
Mar. 25	VIRTUS at St. Andrew (please register in advance)
Mar. 27	Science Fair Missoula (for those who signed up)
Mar. 28	Bike Club initial meeting after school
Mar. 29	End of Quarter
Mar. 30	Early dismissal, 11:45, Teachers' meeting
Mar. 31	Report cards
Apr. 5	Orchestra Recitals at St. Andrew
Apr. 6	Orchestra Recitals at St. Andrew
Apr. 14	Good Friday, NO SCHOOL
Apr. 17	Easter Monday, NO SCHOOL
April 18	Youth Electrum at Holter (for winners of St. A art show)

Ongoing Weekly Extracurricular Activities:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Homework Club 3:00-4:15	Homework Club 3:00-4:15	Homework Club 3:00-4:15	Homework Club 3:00-4:15



Families are welcome to join the students and faculty at Stations of the Cross, Fridays, Mar. 24th, and Apr. 7th at 2:40 in the gym.

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Bike Club



Any 3rd -12th grade students interested in joining a Bike Club should meet with Mr. Howes in his classroom after school next Tuesday, March 28th, for more information. If different age groups are interested, Mr. Howes will plan rides for each group accordingly on different days.

The Parent Communication Committee has created a survey to assess current communication methods with parents. We welcome your feedback concerning how St. Andrew School communicates with parents currently and how we can improve.

If your family has not already done so, please go to <https://goo.gl/forms/lgA9nmWFKtj0z0l52> and take 5-10 minutes to complete the anonymous survey, we would appreciate it.

Parents who are interested in joining the Parent Communication Committee, please call the school office to let us know.



Kindergarten Round-up

If you have a child who 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.

ALSO... it is not too early to make an appointment to have your child's vaccination updated. The State of Montana requires children about to enter Kindergarten to have received 2 doses of MMR, 2 doses of Varicella vaccine, 3 doses of Polio vaccine and at least 1 dose after the 4th birthday, and 4 doses of DTP/DT/DTap/Td (1 dose after the 4th birthday). Your doctor's office can fax the vaccination record to us at 449-0129. Records should be in the school office before school starts in August.



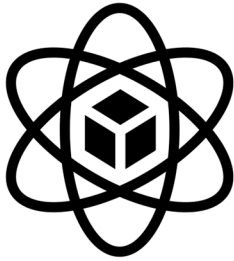
Congratulations!

On Friday, March 10th, another of our talented students, Elizabeth Eidt played the piano at the Helena Music Teachers Association Festival. The adjudicator then recommended her for the Honors Festival. Good work, Elizabeth!

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SCIENCE FAIR RESULTS

Congratulations to all the winners! Well done!
And thanks for the thought, time, and effort put
in by all participants. Good work on very
interesting projects.



HIGH SCHOOL

Over-all winner
Ethan Melton

Life Sciences
1st – Cami Field
2nd – Jase Seekel

Chemistry
1st – Hannah Clark
2nd – Elizabeth Simkins

Engineering/Material Sciences
1st – Spencer Field
2nd – Garrett Oleson

Physics
1st – Joe Carrell
2nd – Alex Thompson

Behavioral Sciences
1st – Briar Bell
2nd – Johnathon Teodosio

MIDDLE SCHOOL

Over-all winner
Chris Szpilka

Life Sciences
1st – Trey Melton
2nd – Andreas VanDiest

Chemistry
1st – KatieLee McLaughlin
2nd – Tim Carney

Engineering/Material Sciences
1st – Joel Ullrey
2nd – Lucy Lantz

Physics
1st – Grant Frandsen
2nd – Jason Buffington

Ethan Melton, Chris Szpilka, Jason Buffington, Rebecca Smillie, and KatieLee McLaughlin will present their projects at the Montana State Science Fair in Missoula on Monday, March 27.

40 Days for Life

From **March 1 through April 9**, you're invited to join other Christians for 40 Days for Life – 40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion. If you would like to volunteer to help, please contact: Sarah Leslie 461-4776 or helena40df1@gmail.com. For detailed information on 40 Days for Life or to sign up to pray, check out the website: 40daysforlife.com/Helena

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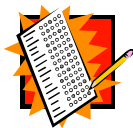
6th grade parents...

it is not too early to make an appointment to have your child's vaccination updated. The State of Montana requires children about to enter 7th grade to have received a Tdap booster which protects against tetanus, diphtheria, and pertussis (whooping cough). These records should be in the school office BEFORE school begins in the fall.

**PLEASE ASK YOUR CARE PROVIDER
TO FAX THE RECORDS TO US AT 449-0129**

Financial Reality Fair, Friday, March 24th at the Capitol Rotunda

Montana's Credit Unions Financial Reality Fair is an interactive experience designed for high school students to provide hands-on, real-life situations with the many financial challenges young people face as they venture out onto their own, post-high school. This unique live simulation provides students with a career choice and starting salary – students complete a budget and make choices to stay within their budget while paying for basic necessities such as housing, utilities, food and transportation. Opportunities are presented to students along the way that require them to make decisions whether to purchase items (e.g. a paradise vacation or a puppy), in order to demonstrate to students the immediate effect that impulse spending can have on a budget. The Result of the Financial Reality Fair empowers students to develop skills to make sound financial decisions and prepares students to set themselves up for success for what's ahead in the years to come.



Attention Junior Students!

When's the Best Time to Take the SAT?

The SAT and other College Board tests are offered several times a year. Most students take the SAT for the first time during the spring of their junior year and a second time during the fall of their senior year.

SAT Test Date:	Registration Deadline:	Late Registration Deadline:
May 6	April 7	April 25
June 3	May 9	May 24



Art Show and Open House

St. Andrew School will be holding an Art Show and Open House on **Thursday, March 23rd at 7p.m.** Student artwork will be displayed, students will demonstrate techniques, and refreshments will be served. Be sure to come see how talented these students are.

Two pieces of art per grade will be selected to go on to the Youth Electrum at the Holter Museum.

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CRS Rice Bowl

Students were given boxes for the CRS Rice Bowl project. The money that is donated goes to Catholic Relief Services to feed the poor. Please encourage your children to think of those less fortunate than themselves and to make a sacrifice for them. The boxes will be due back in the school office on **Friday, April 7th**.

Parent Volunteers

Parents who will be working with students on a regular basis will need to take a VIRTUS class. This includes classroom aides, coaches, parking lot aides, etc.

You **MUST** pre-register for the class. There will be no registration on-site.

You **MUST** be on time for class; late comers will not be allowed in.

Those who attend **MUST** be present for the entire class.

There can be no exceptions.

Virtus Training – Protecting God’s Children for Adults

When: Saturday, March 25, 10:00-1:30

Where: St. Andrew School, Mr. Petesch's Room (301)

Sign Up: <https://www.virtusonline.org/virtus>

Choose First time registrant shown on the left side of screen

Sign up for the St Andrew School class offered

High School Employment Opportunity:

Touchmark on Saddle Drive is looking for caring, outgoing people to join our Dining Services team as servers. No experience is needed but you must be at least 16 years old. If you are interested please call 449-4900 for more info.

Indoor Tennis Lessons

Six week sessions are starting April 10 and will go to May 15. Lessons are for students ages 4-7, 8-12, Middle School and High School. Middle School and High School students may join a team and play in tournaments. For more information go online at LCTA, or contact Tom Banks (ptbanks@juno.com) or call 406-439-6938

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PIP

Attention Parents: Many of you have not recorded your volunteer hours. Remember that you are required to perform 24 hours of service to the school (per family) and will be billed at the rate of \$20/hr for any hours not fulfilled. Notices are being sent to families with this newsletter regarding your PIP accounts.

Please do not rely on our memories as to what you have done so far.

We need you to come in as soon as possible to record your hours so you receive credit for them.

Upcoming PIP opportunities:

- Teacher Appreciation Day Luncheon April 27
- Track meet May 5th
- May Crowning May 12th
- Help with the kitchen, contact Deirdre at 449-3201

Also, please call the office if you can help with any of these:

- Replace vent cover on roof
- Fix drawers on metal cabinet in gym
- Repair downspout to east of main school entrance
- Sand and varnish stair handrails (front stairs)
- Paint window frames in gym
- Paint outside building trim
- Install stair handrail(s) in back stair well
- Paint back stair well wall base
- Reinforce Crow's Nest with plywood
- Reposition door props on gym bathroom
- Repair/replace? window opener in Room 303
- Touch-up paint on kitchen cabinets
- Clean out areas with white rocks, front and back of school

Big Sky Scholarships

In 2015, the legislature passed Montana's first law specifically designed to give parents access to funding to find the best school for their student. This program offers dollar-for-dollar tax credit on your Montana taxes for up to \$150 per person (\$300 per couple). You are still entitled to claim a charitable deduction for donations above \$150 (\$300 per couple). The entire amount of any donation is eligible for the federal charitable deduction. St. Andrew School is an affiliate of the Big Sky Scholarship foundations. Parents may request that donations to this organization be directed to the St. Andrew School Scholarship program. Please call Donna Smillie (406-449-3201) if you would like to know more about how you can make a \$150-\$300 donation to help students attend St. Andrew and receive

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The School Store!

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!**

If you have any questions please call Deirdre Teodosio at the school or email her at auction@standrewschool.org.

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Did you know that 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 that easy.

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