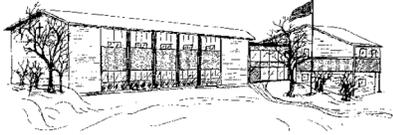


St. Andrew School Newsletter



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Expected School-wide Learning Results:

St. Andrew students are:

Virtuous Citizens Enthusiastic Catholics Resourceful Learners Open Witnesses

Looking Ahead:

Summer/2016

Aug. 20	School Clean Up Day 9am
Aug. 22	St. Andrew Students Attending Carroll College First Day
Aug. 22	Back to School Picnic 6-8 pm
Aug. 24	First day of school (8:00-3:00)
Sep. 5	Labor Day- No School
Sep. 15	Parent Teacher Conferences evening
Sep. 16	K-7 Conferences 9:00 – 12:00
Sep. 26	College Fair, Carroll gym, 1:30-3:00
Oct. 3-8	Missoula Children's Theatre

Eternal Rest Grant Unto Her, O Lord

St. Andrew School has received word that Terri Cole died today, Aug 3rd, in Missouri, after undergoing a liver transplant. Terri is the mother of Daniel (7th grade) and Curtis (4th grade). No information is available as of yet about her funeral. Each of the funeral homes in Helena provides this information on its website as it becomes available.

Please join the St. Andrew school community in praying that Terri, by the Mercy of God, now has blessed repose in heaven and for Daniel, Curtis and all her family in this difficult time. Words cannot express the grief we feel for their loss.

Reminder: 1st day of school is Wed. August 24th

PLEASE REMEMBER THAT YOUR DONATION TO ST. ANDREW SCHOOL IS TAX DEDUCTIBLE.

Bookkeeper Hours

Mrs. Hampton will be available Tuesday and Thursday 9:00-1:00 p.m.

Summer Hours

The school office is open from 9:00 am-1:00 p.m. M-Th beginning on Aug 1. Parents with students in grades 3-12 need to come pick up their children's **Summer Reading books**. Those **paying tuition** by credit card may also wish to come in at this time. **School supply lists** are also available for **all grades**.

Back to School Potluck and Open House

Mon. Aug. 22th

6:00-8:00 pm

Please bring a dish to share!

Families with the last names beginning with: A- L should bring salads or sides, M-Z should bring desserts.

New Parent/Family Orientation

A new parent/family orientation will be held before the Back to School Picnic. While it's intended to help answer some questions for new families, everyone is welcome. Some of the topics we'll discuss are: the Handbook, Uniforms, PIP points and the auction. Please consider joining us one half hour before the picnic at **5:30 PM on August 22th** in the school gym.

Tuition Information

Please note that the first month's tuition is due on August 3. Late fees will be charged for tuition coming in after August 15th. If you have questions about your bill, please call or see the bookkeeper, Denise Hampton. She will be in on August 11 and 13th and August 18th and 19th from 9:00- 12:00.

Medication Policy

2.1.22. Medication, prescription or otherwise, should be given at home whenever possible. If not possible, the administration of medication to pupils shall be done only in life threatening circumstances wherein the child's health may be jeopardized without it. Pupils requiring medication at school shall be identified by parents and/or a physician to the appropriate school authority. The family physician shall indicate in writing the necessity of said medication being given during school hours. Parents may make arrangements to come to school to give the medication to their child.

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Summer Reading List 2016

Grade 3	The Boxcar Children
Grade 4	Henry Huggins
Grade 5	My Side of the Mountain
Grade 6	Kateri Tekakwitha
Grade 7	Treasure Island
Grade 8	Johnny Tremain
Grade 9 / 10	The Tempest
Grade 11/12	Twelfth Night

Summer reading books are available for pick up in August from 9:00am to 1:00 pm, Mon.-Thurs.

2015 Iowa Test Results

Someday each of our students will compete nationally for college scholarships and job opportunities. This is why we are pleased to report that St. Andrew students continue to **top national averages** on the Iowa Tests of Basic Skills! The ITBS is administered in April to all of our students in grades 2-10 and provides a means of comparing them to other students across the country taking the same test.

Grade	Reading	Language	Mathematics
2	93	74	87
3	99	99	87
4	99	99	99
5	99	98	91
6	95	96	94
7	99	99	99
8	99	98	98
9	98	98	99
10	99	99	99

These scores are acquired directly from the Building Summary document for the Iowa Test of Basic Skills (ITBS). They indicate the Percentile Rank of Average SS: National School Norms.

The percentile scores above are based on national school norms. This means that normal grade level work would show up as a score of 50, or average. Anything above a 50 is above the national average. A 95 in 6th grade reading tells us that our St. Andrew 2nd grade class did better in reading than 95 percent of the sixth grade classes across the country. Notice that many of our scores are 99 which is the highest possible score.

Congratulations students and faculty, for your hard work! Congratulations parents, for choosing St. Andrew School!

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Kindergarten and 7th Grade Immunizations

The State of Montana requires children about to enter Kindergarten to have received 2 doses of MMR, 2 doses of Varicella (chicken pox) 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). **Please don't wait until the last minute.**

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 need to 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

Catch up is needed for any child who has no proof of the required doses of 2 Varicella (chicken pox) Students who have already had chicken pox may present a note from their doctor in lieu of the shot, stating that they had a positive titer (test for the presence of antibodies).

Thank-you Molly Lachere

We are sad to announce that Mrs. LaChere will not be teaching at St. Andrew next year. She has been our physical education teacher for the past five years and also assisted in primary classrooms. Throughout her years here, the PE and fitness program has grown with funds from Big Sky Fit Kids that she obtained, after school activities, organized sports programs, skiing and extra-curricular opportunities. Mrs. LaChere's has been dedicated to the health and fitness of our children for many years. We are thankful to her also for recommending a replacement – Sarah Birnel- who is also highly qualified and enthusiastic.

Please join us in thanking Mrs. LaChere for her hard work over the past years. Without teachers who give so generously of themselves, we could not have such a great school.

Welcome New Teachers!

5th Grade: Jared Howes graduated from Carroll College with degrees in Theology and Philosophy. He believes his many years of experience working as a camp counsellor at Legendary Lodge and as a certified swim instructor led him to recognize his talent for supervising and motivating young people. His ability to plan and implement activities with learning objectives was also key to his success in previous employment. He has a strong Catholic faith and recently spent a spiritual year in service to the poor and elderly as part of a vocation discernment process. Mr. Howes is passionate about biking and would like to start a club here this year. **Please welcome Mr. Howes!**

Sarah Birnel (K-5 PE, extra-curricular sports) graduated from of the University of Great Falls with a secondary teaching license in secondary health and physical education. She also has a bachelor of science and a minor in physical education from Eastern Oregon University. She is a part time assistant softball coach for Carroll College. Sarah writes: "I want nothing but the best for all the students I work with. Finding a way to help them grow academically, and in life, is very important to me in my teaching style. My love and passion for health and physical education has grown over the years. Being an athlete, myself, I see the importance for all students to learn about health and being active." Mrs. Birnel is excited about working to plan physical activities and sports for students both during and after the school day. **Welcome to St. Andrew Mrs. Birnel!**

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New Teaching Assignments:

Second Grade: Jean Murphy taught half time in 1st grade last year. She has a BA in education, a Montana teaching license and over 25 years primary teaching experience. We are so very fortunate to have her as a second grade teacher!

Seventh Grade: Christi Buffington has taught Science and has subbed for St. Andrew School for the past few years. She has a BS from Montana State University and a MS from Washington State University. She recently completed her M.Ed. with a licensure focusing on secondary science education. We look forward to having her here next year full time as our 7th grade teacher!

School Clean Up Day

There's lots of work to do to get the school ready for the up-coming year. Why not get an early start on PIP points?

On **Saturday, August 20th**, we will have a school clean up day beginning at 9am. After all the work is done we will have pizza and pop for lunch.

This promises to be a day of fun and community building. Please call the school if you can come so we can co-ordinate all our efforts. Hope to see you there!



If you are not available on the summer clean-up day and would like to work on your own for PIP points, please call the office and we can arrange a day for you to come up. Below is a list of things that need to be done. This list will be in the foyer, please sign up by the job that you will be doing.

- Kitchen-cleaned and organized.
- Dust "plants", etc. in entry.
- Library - move books
- Library paint touch up
- Fold all of the clothes left over from the uniform sale and return to bins.
- Windows and desks in classrooms need to be washed; dust bookshelves
- Move desks into classrooms.
- Scrub main stairs
- Clean walls in Science room, Art room, 5th grade, 6th grade, main hallway, back stairway
- Paint: Downstairs and upstairs hallways of school need to be touched up. Outside doors need to be painted.
- Weeding around the upper teacher's parking lot.
- Weeding in the student's entrance. Add more white rocks and rake.
- Weed-whacking around the school.
- Sweep parking lots and outside entry areas
- Road is washed out in the entrance to the lower parking lot: spread gravel
- Sweep and shovel gravel into downhill side of teachers' parking lot entrance
- Paint yellow lines in the teachers' parking lot.
- Install whiteboard in 2nd grade classroom
- Replace flashing

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High School Back to School Trip Sal et Lux (Salt and Light)

Time to get reacquainted with old friends and get to know your new teachers! This year's Salt and Light will be a two night event held in September at Legendary Lodge. Tentative dates are Sept 8-9. We are planning games and campfires as well as opportunities for us to share our faith with Mass and community prayer. More information on the details of this trip will be provided in the next newsletter



Attention New Parents!

We encourage everyone to receive the newsletter by email. To do so, you must go to our website:
www.standrewschool.org

ST. ANDREW SCHOOL ACADEMIC SCHEDULE 2016-17

First Quarter (August 24 – November 1)

August 1	Office Opens M-Th (9:00-1:00)
August 4	Uniform Sale (9:00-1:00)
August 15-16	New Teachers' Retreat (Great Falls)
August 16-18	Teachers' Meetings
August 20	School Clean-up Day 9am
August 22	School Picnic (6:00-8:00 p.m.)
August 24	First Day of School
September 5	Labor Day (no school)
September 8	School Mass 10:00
September 12-14	P-T conferences after school 3:15-4:00
September 15	K-12 Parent-Teacher Conferences (after school/evening)
September 16	Parent-Teacher Conferences - NO SCHOOL
September 23	Half day 11:45 release (Teacher's Meeting)
September 30	Mid-quarter letter to parents re: marginal grades
October 3 - 8	Missoula Children's Theatre: Peter and Wendy
October 17	School Picture Day – Staff at 7:45
Oct 19	PSAT grades 10 & 11
Oct 20, 21	Professional Days-NO SCHOOL
October 28	End of First Quarter

Second Quarter (November 2 – January 18)

October 31	Fall Festival (1:00-3:00 p.m) in classrooms
November 2	Report Cards
November 10	Half day 11:45 release (Teacher's Meeting)
November 22	K-1 Bowl of Thanksgiving
November 23 - 25	Thanksgiving break (no school)
November 30	St. Andrew Feast Day School Mass 10:00
December 1	Picture re-take day, 8:30-9:30
December 6	Half day 11:45 release (Teacher's Meeting)
December 12	Mid-quarter letter to parents re: marginal grades
December 16	Christmas Program K-5 (1:00 pm); 6-12 (7:00 p.m)

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Dec. 19 – Jan. 1	Christmas Break
January 2	Classes Resume
January 12	Half day 11:45 release (Teacher’s Meeting)
January 16-18	8 - 12 Semester Exams (Noon release grades 8-12)

Third Quarter (January 19 – March 29)

January 19-20	Service Days
January 20	Report Cards
January 26	K-12 Parent Teacher Conferences (after school/evening)
January 27	K-7 Conferences (9:00 -12:00) 8-12: in Session / K-7: No Classes
Jan. 30 – Feb. 3	Catholic Schools’ Week
February 2	Mass at 11:00 a.m. / Parent/Student Picnic
February 9	Half Day 11:45 release (Teacher’s Meeting)
February 17	Mid-quarter letter to parents re: marginal grades
February 24	Student Legislature Day, 7 th & 8 th Grades
February 25	Emerald Isle Auction
March 1	Ash Wednesday, late start 8:15
March 6-10	Spring Break
March 15	Kindergarten Interviews
March 23	Art Show
March 29	End of Third Quarter

Fourth Quarter (March 30 – May 26)

March 30	Half Day 11:45 release (Teacher’s Meeting)
March 31	Report Cards
April 14	Good Friday, No School
April 17	Easter Monday, No School
April 24-28	Iowa Basics
April 27	Early Release 11:45 dismissal/Teacher Appreciation Day
May 5	Mid-quarter letter to parents re: marginal grades
May 5	Small School Track Meet
May 12	May Crowning
May 19, 22, 23	Semester Exams Gr. 8 – 12: noon release
May 24	Senior Graduation (11:00 a.m.)
May 25	Field Day Gr. 3-11
May 26	Last Day of School
May 30-June 1	Teachers’ meetings

Pray the Memorare

Please join us in praying a daily Memorare for the success of our school. Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, or sought thy intercession was left unaided.

Inspired by this confidence, I fly unto thee, O Virgin of virgins, my mother; to thee do I come, before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in thy mercy hear and answer me.

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Parent/Teacher Conferences

Parent-Teacher Conferences will be held the week of September 12th
There will be no school on Friday, September 16th

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.

Below is a parent/teacher conference form. **Please fill out one form per family and return it to the office by September 2nd.** *Appointments will be made on a first-come, first-served basis.* A note confirming your scheduled times will be sent home on Tuesday, Sept. 6th, with the newsletter. If these times do not work for you, please contact the teacher directly to make other arrangements.

Parent/Teacher Conference Form

Family Name: _____

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)**

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

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

_____ 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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