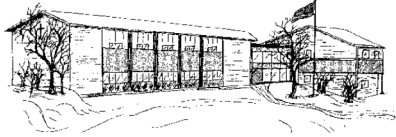


St. Andrew School Newsletter



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Expected School-wide Learning Results:

St. Andrew students are:

Virtuous Citizens Enthusiastic Catholics Resourceful Learners Open Witnesses

Looking Ahead:

Aug. 30, 2016

Sep. 1	School Mass, 10:00
Sep. 5	Labor Day- No School
Sep. 15	Parent Teacher Conferences evening
Sep. 16	K-7 Conferences 9:00 – 12:00, NO SCHOOL
Sep. 21-23	Salt & Light retreat, grades 9-12
Sep. 26	College Fair, Carroll gym, 1:30-3:00
Oct. 3-8	Missoula Children's Theatre
Oct. 8	St. Andrew/MCT performance of Peter & Wendy, 11:00am
Oct. 17	Picture Day
Oct. 19	PSAT
Oct. 20-21	No School – Professional Days
Oct. 28	End of quarter
Oct. 31	Fall Fest

Opening School Mass



The Opening School Mass will be Thursday Sept. 1st at 10:00 am and will be celebrated by Fr. Chris Lebsock. We are grateful for this opportunity to begin our year by attending the sacrament of the Holy Eucharist together. Parents are welcome to attend! Please remember Chapel Day dress code for students in grades 6-12 is as follows: White blouse and red cross tie for girls and blue oxford button down dress shirt with conservative tie for boys. This is a special occasion so all girls are required to wear their uniform skirt or jumper

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Clean Up Day

We want to thank all the parents and helpers who worked on cleanup day. The school looked amazing for the first day of school. YOU know who you are and there were too many to mention. So Thank You all!

Thank You!

We wish to express our gratitude to the Tony and Chris Szpilka family for doing a wonderful job once again of organizing, setting up and cleaning up after the school picnic. Thanks also to all who helped them and all who brought food.

Pizza Days



St. Andrew offers pizza and drinks for lunch on Mondays and Fridays.

Please purchase pizza and drink tickets from the office, write the student's name on the back and have your child give them to the teacher on pizza days.

Pizza tickets are \$2.25 each or 9/\$20.00. Drink tickets are \$0.50 each (Juice for students in grades K-12. Students in grades 6-12 may use their tickets for pop on pizza day only.)
Students may order either cheese or pepperoni pizza.

In an effort to get students to class on time, pizza and drink tickets will be sold on Mondays and Fridays from 7:45-8:00 am. Students may come in on these days to purchase tickets but need to rejoin their class after doing so. Please note that tickets will still be sold in the school office at other times as usual.

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).

Attention New Parents!

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

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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.

Sports



We are looking for coaches for a Junior High and High School basketball team. Please call Sarah Birnel if you have a talent in this area.

Volleyball 5th, 6th, 7th & 8th grade:

Girls and Boys –

Practice: 3:15 to 4:30 (See schedule below)

Coach: Mary Leslie and Laura Casey

Fee: \$35.00 includes a shirt

A schedule of games will be provided at the first practice

Volleyball schedule:

Aug. 30 Practice 3:15-4:30

Sep. 1 Practice 3:15-4:30

Sep. 6 Practice 3:15-4:30

Sep. 8 **Game 4:00 here**

Sep. 13 **Game at Lincoln 4:30**

Sep. 15 Practice 3:15-4:30

Volleyball High School:

Girls: if you are interested in playing - please contact Mrs. Birnel 406-202-0954 BY FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 2 or stop by her office (in the gym). We would like to start a team - but it will depend on the amount of players that we have.

Basketball Boys 6th, 7th & 8th:

Boys - open gym will be August 30 and Sept, 1 from 4:30 to 5:30

Practice: Tuesday and Thursday 4:30 to 5:30 - starts September 6th

Coach: TJ Lucas

Fee: \$35.00 includes a shirt

Basketball Boys and Girls High School:

Watch for email in next few weeks



Homework Club Monday – Thursday after school until 4:15 – Mr. Greaney

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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 **September 21-23** at Legendary Lodge. We are planning games and campfires as well as opportunities for us to share our faith with Mass and community prayer. Cost for this trip is \$50 per student. Scholarships are available if this is a hardship; please speak with Mrs. Smillie. More information on the details of this trip will be provided in the next newsletter



St. Andrew Orchestra

Students in grades 3-8 who wish to begin orchestra this year can still sign up. The only cost is the instrument rental. Instruments are available to rent from Piccolos Music from \$15/month. Please contact Allison Elliott (442-0755, elliotts406@bresnan.net) or the school office for more information.

Orchestra Class schedule:

1st Year Orchestra	Mondays/Wednesdays 1:35-2:10
2nd Year Orchestra	Tuesdays/Thursdays 1:35-2:10
3rd Year Orchestra (gr. 5-7)	Mondays/Wednesdays 2:10-3:00
HS Orchestra (gr. 8-12)	Tuesdays/ Thursdays 2:10-3:00

Parking Lot Manners



The first days of school can be a little hectic—even in the parking lot! Please do not stop in the pull-up lanes to visit with other parents or if you need to enter the school. If you would like to chat or come into the school, please park outside of the pull-up lanes to keep the flow of traffic moving. Parents, when dropping off or picking up your children, please do not use the upper parking lot. That is reserved for teachers and staff.

Sacred Heart of Jesus

The Sacred Heart League of the Cathedral of St. Helena is sponsoring a Junior League for St. Andrew School Students.

We will meet the First Friday (except the first one -which is Sept 9th) of every month during the lunch period for prayer, fellowship, snacks and the opportunity to learn more about the Sacred Heart of Jesus. If you are interested, bring your lunch to the Art Room at St. Andrew at lunchtime on September 9th. All are students are welcome.

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ST. ANDREW SCHOOL ACADEMIC SCHEDULE 2016-17

First Quarter (August 24 – November 1)

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)
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

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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

NEW THIS FALL

Trinity Books & Gifts has started a book club for adults and students. With your punch card you will be able to buy 5 books and get the 6th book FREE!

All you need to do is go to the store and sign up to receive your card and all the information.

**Trinity Books & Gifts
1530 Cedar St Ste A
Helena MT 59601
406-449-4463**

Hours are Tuesday - Friday 9:30 to 5:30pm and Saturdays 10-4pm Closed Sunday and Monday

**The owners at Trinity Books & Gifts looks forward to showing you all the new books they have in stock.
(*Special orders, Bibles and Liturgical books are exempt.*)**

4th Affirming the Culture of Life Conference September 9-10 Helena Civic Center

Join Bishop George Leo Thomas and Bishop Michael W. Warfel for the Conference. Keynote speaker Daniel Cardinal DiNardo, Archbishop of Galveston-Houston. Additional speakers: Camille Pauley, President and co-founder of Healing the Culture; Melissa Ohden, the survivor of a failed saline abortion attempt and founder of the Abortion Survivors Network; and Senator Colby Coash, a conservative member of the Nebraska state Senate who led the effort to repeal that state's death penalty.

For more information and to register online, go to www.montanalife.org or contact Montana Catholic Conference at 406-442-5761 or via email at jean@montanacc.org. Tickets can also be purchased at Trinity Books & Gifts in Helena.

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Parent Volunteers

Virtus Training

Who Needs to Attend: Parent Volunteers; anyone who helps in the classroom or with the students

When: Saturday, October 1st - 9am to 1pm

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

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

Choose First time registrant shown on the left side of screen

Sign up the St Andrew School class offered

Parents who will be working with students on a regular basis will need to take a VIRTUS class. This includes classroom aides, coaches, parking lots aides, etc. Please contact the office for details. Classes are scheduled as follows in Helena:

Tuesday, September 27, 6-9pm, St. Mary Catholic Community, 1700 Missoula Ave.

Tuesday, October 25, 6-9pm, St. Mary Catholic Community, 1700 Missoula Ave.

Tuesday, November 29, 6-9pm, St. Mary Catholic Community, 1700 Missoula Ave.

To register go to <https://www.virtusonline.org/virtus> and choose the Safe Environment Training Schedule. Choose the Helena location and register for the class of your choice.

In addition please note the following: Anyone who is working with students on a regular basis is required to:

- 1) Read the new revised Diocese of Helena *Policy Regarding Abuse of Minors, Sexual Misconduct and Sexual Harassment and Code of Pastoral Conduct* (May 2015 document.)
- 2) sign the *Statement of Receipt and Agreement (for Lay Employees and Volunteers)* indicating that they have read and agree to abide by the policies.

An electronic copy of both the policy is available at www.diocesehelena.org. You may also borrow a copy from the school office. Please come to the office to sign the form.

Deadline for sign-off sheets to be received at St. Andrew by: October 1, 2016

AHERA Annual Notice

Federal regulations implementing the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA), 40 CFR 763, require all schools from pre-k to Grade 12 to conduct inspections to determine if the buildings contain asbestos-containing building materials (ACBM). If they do, the ACBM must be categorized according to the type of material, its locations, current damage, and its potential for future damage and a detailed Asbestos Management Plan must be developed. The Management Plan details the inspection findings, and outlines the response actions the School intends to implement.

To accomplish these goals, St. Andrew School has on file at the School an Asbestos Management Plan, prepared by a firm that has been accredited to prepare such Plans. The provisions of the plan are being implemented in a timely and ongoing fashion.

AHERA also requires written notice of the availability of the Management Plan for review. There is no cost for reviewing the Management Plan in the School office, but the Management Plan may not be removed from the School Office. Copies may be made, at a cost of \$0.20 per page.

Should you require additional information, please contact the Principal.

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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: _____

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

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

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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The Missoula Children's Theatre is coming back to St. Andrew the week of October 3-8, 2016 to help our students perform PETER AND WENDY. Approximately 60 St. Andrew students can participate. Here are some details that might be helpful in deciding if your student should try out.



- Who can audition – Any student in grades K-8 who is in academic good standing and has parental permission.
- The Story – All the familiar characters are part of this adventure but with, of course, some fun MCT twists! Mistaken identities, ever-morphing clouds, a classy crocodile, some very lost boys, and a fickle shadow all add to the mayhem. Meanwhile, Mr. and Mrs. Darling embark on a quest from Hawaii to the North Pole in search of their three missing children. With help from the earth-friendly Neverlanders, exotic Neverland creatures, and faithful Tinker Bell, the Darling children are found, and everyone – including Captain Hook – finds a place where they truly belong.
- Roles available –Typically, lower grades will play minor roles, and both major and minor roles are available for grades 2-8. Also, 2-4 positions are available for students in grades 6-8 to serve as Assistant Directors who assist during rehearsals and assume technical roles during the production.
- Auditions – Any student interested in a role must attend the audition session from 12:30 – 2:30 p.m. on Monday, October 3RD. This is a group audition - **no advance preparation is necessary**, but a smile ☺ never hurts. Students should just be ready to come and have a good time! *MCT will attempt to cast as many students as possible, but parts are not guaranteed for all who audition.*
- Cost – Outside donations and proceeds from the 2015 MCT production (RUPUNZEL) provide ½ of the cost of bringing the Missoula Children's Theatre back to St. Andrew School. The rest of the money will come from the \$20 student participation fee and ticket sales. Scholarships are available to cover the fee. Music CDs and t-shirts will be for sale on performance days.
- Time Commitment –The amount of rehearsal time depends on the size of the role and age of the student. Students who are cast in major parts will have an intense rehearsal commitment for the week of at least 4 hours per day. Sports practice and games will be held this week so check with the coaches to make certain it is okay to miss practice and/or games if necessary.
- Rehearsal Schedule – The first rehearsal is on Monday from 3:15 – 5:15 but not all students attend this rehearsal. The rehearsal schedule for Tuesday – Thursday is tentatively planned for 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. and 4:15 – 6:15 p.m. We will have a show on Friday afternoon for the entire school so the dress rehearsal will be on Friday morning. **Usually students 7 years old and younger will have their first rehearsal on Wednesday from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.** Students will receive a light snack after school on Tuesday—Thursday.
- Performances – St. Andrew School students will offer two performances of PETER AND WENDY: Friday, October 7th at 1:30 p.m. and Saturday, October 8th at 11:00 a.m.
- Tickets – Prices for tickets are: \$5/adult, \$3/student K-12, \$1/preschool, and \$15/family (immediate members only). Tickets will be available at the door one hour before show time and there is no need to purchase tickets in advance. If you pay on Friday, you can see it for free on Saturday!
- Permission Slips – Turn in the form (below) to the St. Andrew office with the \$20 participation fee per child by Wednesday, September 28th.
- Workshops – The Missoula Children's Theatre Directors will conduct workshops for all of our students. Each workshop will take place during the school day and is a fun and interactive topic appropriate to the students' age group and interest.

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- Parent Helpers are needed to provide snacks after school, handout programs, sell tickets, help students get into costumes and makeup, sell concessions, etc. PLEASE let us know if you can help out in anyway. (Please bring snacks to the office by Friday, September 30th)
- Any questions can be directed to Donna Smillie at 406-449-3201 or Annette Walstad, MCT Parent Coordinator, at 406-410-0480.

My child(ren) have permission to audition for MCT's PETER AND WENDY. I understand that if chosen for the play my student may need to attend rehearsal from 2:00 to 6:15 p.m., Monday through Thursday. They will also need to be available for the dress rehearsal and performances on Friday, October 7th and Saturday, October 8th. I understand that students will not be excused from rehearsals or performances for practices, appointments, etc., but must keep the week completely free for this residency.

Parent or Guardian Signature _____ Best Phone #: _____

Email: _____

Name and grade of each student: _____

- I can also help out by: Being a parent helper
 Making an additional donation of \$ _____
 Provide snacks for after school (please bring them to the office by Friday, Sep. 30)
 other _____
 Contact me about a Corporate Sponsorship

(Complete and return to the St. Andrew office by 9/28/16 with the \$20 participation fee for each child).

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