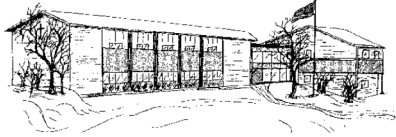


# St. Andrew School Newsletter



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## Expected School-wide Learning Results:

St. Andrew students are:

Virtuous Citizens Enthusiastic Catholics Resourceful Learners Open Witnesses

## Looking Ahead:

Sep. 13, 2016

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. 22	6 <sup>th</sup> , 7 <sup>th</sup> , 8 <sup>th</sup> grades Field Trip, Spokane Bar Mine
Sep. 23	Early release 11:45, Teachers' meetings
Sep. 26	College Fair, Carroll gym, 1:30-3:00
Sep. 27-Oct. 3	Starbase, Ft. Harrison, Gr. 5 & 6
Sep. 29	7 <sup>th</sup> grade Field trip, Jubilee Garden, St. Mary Catholic Community
	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
Nov. 2	Report Cards

## Ongoing Weekly Extracurricular Activities:

Monday	Homework Club 3:00-4:15	
Tuesday	Homework Club 3:00-4:15	Volleyball game at Lincoln
Wednesday	Homework Club 3:00-4:15	
Thursday	Homework Club 3:00-4:15	Volleyball practice 3:15-4:30

## See Sports schedule and other dates of interest in following pages

(Note: There will not be sports practices Oct. 3-7 since Missoula Children's Theatre will use the gym.)

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## Teri Cole Memorial Fund

If you wish to donate to the Teri Cole Memorial Scholarship Fund, please let Denise Hampton, the bookkeeper, know. Teri's name will be inscribed on the memorial plaque located in the high school wing.

### **Attention Seniors: College Fair Carroll College**

Monday, September 26, 1:30-3:00

Carroll College Gym

Students must register first: [www.MontanaColleges.com](http://www.MontanaColleges.com)

(\$1,000 scholarship is going to be raffled off for those who register.)

NB: Only those who have registered ahead of time will be allowed into the fair and will be excused from classes at St. Andrew at that time.

### **STARBASE**

September 29 – October 3

Grades 5 & 6

Fort Harrison

Welcome to DoD STARBASE.

We look forward to an action packed week of learning, fun and excitement.

What to expect: Students and teachers will arrive at Montana Air National Guard-Fort Harrison around 9am. Students will be given name tags and directed to their lockers to hang their coats and place their sack lunches (if applicable). Students will have name badges awaiting them upon their arrival at STARBASE.



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

### **Attention New Parents!**

We encourage everyone to receive the newsletter by email. To do so, you must go to our website: [www.standrewschool.org](http://www.standrewschool.org)

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# Sports

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

Coach: Mary Leslie and Laura Casey

### Volleyball schedule:

Sep. 13 **Game at Lincoln 4:30**  
Sep. 15 Practice 3:15-4:30  
Sep. 16 **Game at Montana City 4:00**  
Sep. 19 **Game at home/Homeschool 4:00**  
Sep. 20 Practice 3:15-4:30  
Sep. 22 Practice 3:15-4:30

## Basketball Boys 6th, 7th & 8th:

Practice: Tuesday & Thursday 4:30 to 5:30 -

Coach: TJ Lucas 406-590-3495

**Fee: \$35.00 includes a shirt**

Game schedule will be sent out once completed

## 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 Student Government

Last week the high school voted for the following student government leaders

President: Jean Hampton

Vice-President: Jessica Bousliman

Secretary: Cameren Field

Treasurer: Ethan Melton

12<sup>th</sup> Grade Representative: Nick Garcia

11<sup>th</sup> Grade Representative: Eve Nistler

10<sup>th</sup> Grade Representative: MaryRose Nistler

9<sup>th</sup> Grade Representative: Joe Hurlbert

8<sup>th</sup> Grade Representative: Greyson Ahmann

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## 40 DAYS FOR LIFE

### Fall Campaign September 28-November 6

**What is Forty Days for Life?** All in the community are invited to join with hundreds of other cities around the world for 40 days of Prayer and Fasting for the end to abortion. Friends and families in the community commit to one hour (or more!) per week to stand and peacefully pray together during the 40-day vigil outside of Planned Parenthood.

**What is our goal for Helena?** The goal is to have people praying at Planned Parenthood 12 hours a day for 40 straight days. Let's rally together in our strong Helena community to stand up for those without a voice in our community-the unborn.

**How do I sign up?** It's easy! Sign up for a **time/day** on the **online calendar** by visiting [www.40daysforlife.com/helena](http://www.40daysforlife.com/helena) or contact Sarah Leslie by **phone or email** 461-4776 or [s\\_heidlebaugh@standrewschool.org](mailto:s_heidlebaugh@standrewschool.org).

**SAVE THE DATE: Kickoff Event: Tuesday, September 27, 6:00 p.m.** at the Emmanuel Chapel (1000 N. Ewing St.)

\*For more information check out the website [www.40daysforlife.com/Helena](http://www.40daysforlife.com/Helena).

### ST. ANDREW SCHOOL ACADEMIC SCHEDULE 2016-17

#### First Quarter (August 24 – November 1 )

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 21-23	SALT & LIGHT gr 9-12
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)

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## 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 lots 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

**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 for the St Andrew School class offered

### Additional opportunities to take the Virtus class:

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](http://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**

## 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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## St. Andrew School Attendance Policy

Parents, please be reminded that the attendance policy, as written in the school handbook, is the following:

2.2.10 Attendance is necessary for academic success at St. Andrew School. Absences should therefore be rare, reserved for occasions such as **illness, occasional prearranged family travel, medical treatment, or funerals**. Absences which are school related are of course, excused but should be prearranged. Such absences would include, but not be limited to, speech and spelling competitions and music festivals.

2.2.13 An unexcused absence is defined as missing classes for reasons other than one of the aforementioned or leaving the building without parental or teacher permission. **Make up work and credit for daily assignments will not be provided for unexcused absences.** If tests are administered during an unexcused absence, the student will receive no credit for the exam.

2.2.14 (ABSENCE POLICY) Any student accruing more than 20 absences during the year (10 per semester, counting both excuse and unexcused absences) will receive a grade of "F" for the year, and be required to repeat the year. For Eighth Grade and high school students, the absences will be counted per class, and an absence will be missing more than the first 20 minutes of class. Students coming in within 20 minutes of the beginning of class will be considered late or tardy; for the purposes of this policy, six (6) tardies will count as one absence.

It will be greatly appreciated if you would send a note in to the school when your child is absent for an **illness, occasional prearranged family travel, or funeral**. The note should explain the reason why the student is not in school. A note from a doctor or orthodontist is also acceptable. This makes it easier for the teacher to determine whether the student should receive credit for the classes' assignments or tests.

## 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 look forward to showing you all the new books they have in stock.  
(Special orders, Bibles and Liturgical books are exempt.)**

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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 3<sup>RD</sup>. 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 28<sup>th</sup>.
- 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 30<sup>th</sup>)
- 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 7<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, October 8<sup>th</sup>. 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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