

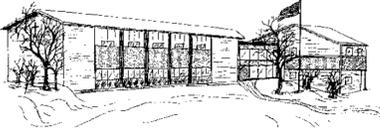
St. Andrew School Newsletter

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Looking Ahead:

Nov. 16	Jewelry Orders Due
Nov. 23-25	NO SCHOOL, Happy Thanksgiving!
Nov. 30	Feast of St. Andrew, Mass at 10:00
Dec. 1	Picture retakes, Final deadline for jewelry orders
Dec. 6	Half day, 11:45 dismissal, teacher meetings
Dec. 12	Mid-quarter
Dec. 16	K-5 Christmas Program 1:00-2:30 (Students may go home with parents after the program)
Dec. 16	6-12 Christmas Program 7pm

Ongoing Weekly Extracurricular Activities:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Homework Club 3:00-4:15	Homework Club 3:00-4:15 HS Boys BB 3-5 pm JR Boys BB 4:30-5:30 HS Girls BB 5:30-7:00	Homework Club 3:00-4:15	Homework Club 3:00-4:15 HS Boys BB 3-5 pm JR Boys BB 4:30-5:30 HS Girls BB 5:30-7:00	

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

Parents: if your contact information or your address changes, please let us know.

Picture re-takes are on Dec. 1st. If you would like to have your child(ren)'s pictures retaken, there are forms in the office for you to use which have the correct order number on them.

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Sports

<p>Jr. High Boys Basketball:</p> <p>Thursday, Nov. 17 NO GAME Monday, Nov. 21 Game at Boulder 5:00 Monday, Nov. 28 Home game/Home School 4:00 Tuesday, Nov. 29 Home game/Helena Christian 4:00 Monday, Dec. 5 Home game/Boulder 5:00 Tuesday, Dec. 6 Home game/Home School 4:00</p>	<p>HS Girls Basketball:</p> <p>Friday, Nov. 18 Game at Whitehall 6:30 Friday, Dec. 2 Game at Great Falls Bulldogs 6:00 Monday, Dec. 5 Game at Whitehall 6:30</p> <p>HS Boys Basketball:</p> <p>Friday, Dec. 2nd Game at Great Falls Bulldogs 7:30</p>
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Exciting New Opportunity! 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 100% credit for it on your taxes.

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.**

Congratulations Mr. Nelson!

This month Mr. Nelson won the Educator of the Week Award for Catholic Schools in Montana! Please see the link below to see more details about this prestigious award.

<https://www.smores.com/y5prb-catholic-school-matters?ref=my>

Besides mentioning his many accomplishments as a St. Andrew teacher, the article talks about a book he wrote. Check it out! It is available online. For more details see the link below

<https://www.amazon.com/Carving-Names-Hostility-Christopher-Nelson/dp/1534762345>

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GRATITUDE

Thanks to a generous donation from one of our parents, Nate Buffington, we have acquired 20 new Chromebooks plus the charging cart for the use of the 6th and 7th grades in particular and as needed elsewhere. His donation also allowed us to purchase smart televisions for several classrooms. Students are now using Chromebooks to write papers and take short quizzes. One of the advantages this gives them is that they are able to see teachers' comments and feedback immediately.



Grandparents' Christmas Tea



Grandparents of Kindergarten and first grade are invited to a Christmas tea on December 2nd at 1:00 p.m. in the school gym. Parents please encourage your parents to attend this event which will include making a craft with their grandchildren and getting to know the other grandparents in the class.

Curriculum Planning

Last week during the teachers in-service, St. Andrew School teachers participated in Curriculum Mapping for Mathematics. Curriculum Mapping is a process by which teachers' record all that students should know, understand and be able to do within the school year and match these up to standards. Dates that each concept will be taught are also put into a pacing schedule. The final product is really a snapshot of the year so teachers in different grade levels can compare what is being taught in each grade level and use the information to improve student learning.

The process is arduous to say the least, but the teachers were simply amazing! I especially want to acknowledge Mr. Petesch for being the first in the upper grades to complete the list of concepts and Miss Petesch for leading in the lower grades. *Donna Smillie*

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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 – Protecting God’s Children for Adults

When: Saturday, December 10, 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

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!**

Your child(ren) will be bringing home a large envelope today explaining how the program works and how 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.

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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St. Andrew Fine Jewelry Sale Fundraiser - extension

We have some great news about the Jewelry Store – in response to families wanting a little more time to take advantage of the fantastic prices for the beautiful jewelry St. Andrew is offering we have **extended our order by date from November 16 to December 1.**

You may remember receiving a flyer in October with selected jewelry items-please know that you are not limited to just those items. Visit www.stuller.com and browse through the hundreds of gold, diamond and precious gem jewelry for you to choose from.

Email Deirdre Teodosio at auction@standrewschool.org or stop by the Auction Room to find out availability and pricing and to place an order. Thank you for participating in our fall jewelry fundraiser.

Christmas Program Clothing Requirements

- It is difficult to believe, but our Christmas programs are less than 4 weeks away! In order to save you some last minute running around, we would like to remind parents of the following dress code for the students:
- **Attire: grades 6-12**
- **Boys**—black dress pants (no jeans), white dress shirts (no polo's), and a red/burgundy neck tie; in addition, boys hair must meet uniform code.
- **Girls**—black skirts (must touch the knee when both standing and seated and not be tight), white collared blouse (no polo), red cross tie. In addition, girls' hair should be pulled back from their faces, if possible.
- **Attire: grades K-5**
- Students in this grade generally wear costumes that we keep here. As the time gets closer, your child's teacher will let you know what the class is wearing for the program.
- Also, we would like to offer the opportunity for parents to exchange Christmas program clothes. If you go to your child's closet and find a white shirt, a nice pair of black pants or a skirt that does not fit this year, please bring it to the office. We will set up a table outside of the kitchen which we will leave up for the next month. Please feel free to take items that will fit your child.

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Emerald Isle Auction 2017



Many families ask us what kind of auction items we need for the upcoming Emerald Isle Auction. Over the next few weeks we will offer suggestions for items that we believe would make exciting auction offerings. This week is a focus on men's products. Suggestions:

1. Good Binoculars
2. Go Pro
3. Bose-Wireless headphones
4. Bose-wireless mini Bluetooth speaker
5. Bose- Sound touch wireless speaker
6. Garmin GPS- etrex 20x OR GPS map OR a wrist mount GPS
7. The Spot-satellite messenger
8. Mini I Pad
9. Trap/skeet/clay target machine
10. Fishing collection (tackle box with tackle, fishing vest, ball cap style hat with fishing logo, t-shirt, etc.)
11. US made hunting knife
12. Good ski goggles
13. Maui Jim sunglasses
14. Landscape Services
15. Nice sport watch

This of course is not an exhaustive list of items that men would like; we welcome your ideas and appreciate any suggestions you may have. Please check our procurement binder (at the office) to see if there is a business that you think may carry an item you would like to procure before going to visit that business. Contact Deirdre Teodosio if you have questions at the Auction Room or by phone or email at auction@standrewschool.com. Thank you for helping to make the Emerald Isle Auction a success

Procurement

Don't forget to pick up procurement cards at the office! *Earn Auction PIP points (4required)*
Getting items for the auction is a huge job and requires many helpers.

If you are uncomfortable making this contact and would rather just pick up the items, please contact Jenne Caudle 202-2391 or sassysolo@yahoo.com

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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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