

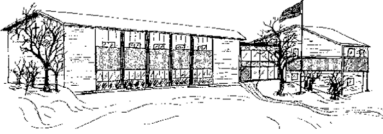
St. Andrew School Newsletter

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Looking Ahead:

Dec. 6	Feast of St. Nicolas-Treats for the students!
Dec. 7	Student Council Ice Cream Sale NO HOMEWORK CLUB TODAY
Dec. 8	Late start, 8:15 , Feast of the Immaculate Conception of Mary
Dec. 8	No Homework Club Today
Dec. 10	Saturday VIRTUS class at School
Dec. 12	Mid-quarter
Dec. 15	Ugly Sweater Day
Dec. 16	Ski forms due for Jan. 6 ski day
Dec. 16	6-12 Movie at Cinemark 12:00
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 (Students must be here by 6:30)
Dec. 19-30	NO SCHOOL, Merry and Blessed Christmas
Jan. 2	Classes resume
Jan. 6	Ski day
Jan. 12	Early release, 11:45, Teachers meetings
Jan. 16-18	Gr. 8-12 Semester exams, Gr. 8-12 noon release
Jan. 19-20	HS Service days
Jan. 20	Ski Day
Jan. 20	Report Cards

Ongoing Weekly Extracurricular Activities:

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

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

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Oh no! I forgot to use Amazon Smile!!!

When you are ordering Christmas presents, don't forget to use Amazon Smile. 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 so easy.

Advent prayer



Parents are welcome to join us for the Advent Scripture Readings every morning in the gym, promptly at 8:00 a.m. Students may enter the gym as soon as they get to school, rather than waiting outside. Students can also wait in the gym before school when it is extremely cold.

Mark Your Calendar!

Dr. Ray Guarendi, Catholic clinical psychologist, author and radio and TV personality is coming to St. Andrew School to give a talk in honor of our 20th anniversary. Dr. Ray will be here Thursday, February 2nd which is also during Catholic Schools Week. Tickets will be free but limited. St Andrew parents and supporters will be offered tickets first, but once those are distributed, the event will be open to the public. Watch the newsletter for the availability of tickets and act quickly. We expect that the gym will not be able to accommodate everyone who is interested. Parents will need to pick up their tickets early before the event is opened to the public.

Upcoming Games

<p>Jr. High Girls Basketball: Game schedule is forthcoming</p>	<p>Jr. High Boys Basketball Tuesday, 4:00 p.m. St. Andrew Gym</p>
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Ski Forms are being sent home today for the ski trip on Jan. 6th. They absolutely must be turned in at the office by Dec. 16th (the sooner, the better). Additional forms are available in the office if needed. Forms for the ski trips on Jan. 20th and Feb. 10th will be sent home at a later date.

Ice Cream Sale Tomorrow

Wednesday, Dec. 7th

Student Council will sell ice cream at lunchtime to benefit the Guatemala Mission.

Cost is \$2 per scoop; \$1 for toppings. Cash only.

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Ugly Sweater Day

Thursday, Dec. 15th

K-12 teachers and students are invited to wear the ugliest sweater they can find. They can also choose to be in the competition. A fun prize will be awarded for the ugliest of the ugly. This is NOT a free dress day. Uniforms must be worn under the sweaters

Graduating Seniors



Please remember to submit a Senior photo to the office for the yearbook and the Senior wall pictures. Pictures for the wall should be 2¼ x 3”.

Deadline is: February 15th

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.**

Attention Seniors!

Reach Higher Montana is an organization that assists students in all the aspects of getting into college. They have an office here in town and their director has agreed to give one-on-one help to our seniors to apply for **scholarships** to attend college. Please see Mrs. Smillie if you would like a ride.

Date: Dec. 14th

Time: 10:00 am

Place: 40 W. 6th St.

Dress for the weather



Now that colder weather is upon us, **please make sure that your child is properly dressed for those cold, windy recesses, including appropriate footwear and gloves.** Girls are allowed to wear khaki chino dress pants from November through March. Coats, sweatshirts or vests are not allowed in class during the day unless they have the school logo. These items may be purchased through Land's End.

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Christmas Program Clothing Requirements

- **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 and we will help you find a trade, hopefully. Please feel free to take items that will fit your child.

6-12 STUDENTS MUST BE AT THE SCHOOL BY 6:30



Reminder: Homework Club

Students in grades **4-12** who need extra help with homework are invited to come to Homework Club, Monday through Thursday from 3:00-4:15 p.m. Mr. Greaney is able to help students with Mathematics, Algebra, Science and Writing.

Parents, please remind your children to take advantage of the help that is offered to them!

In addition, all teachers stay until 3:30 p.m. so it is always possible for students to get help from them.

N.B.: THERE WILL BE NO HOMEWORK CLUB TOMORROW, DEC. 8



All Library books must be returned by Wednesday, Dec. 14th .

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Parent Volunteers

Sat., Dec. 10

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

VIRTUS “GRADUATES”, PLEASE REMEMBER TO KEEP YOUR VIRTUS STATUS UPDATED EVERY MONTH ON-LINE.

Please remember that tuition covers only a portion of the cost to educate a student and support our fundraisers!

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.



GRACIAS TO ALL who participated in the Taco John’s fundraiser. We netted \$554.51. Muy bien!

Parrot Chocolate Sale



Thank you students and parents who sold chocolate! We sold \$11,303 worth of chocolate. The school will net \$2,903.

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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!

In addition, 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!



Emerald Isle Auction 2017



Prizes for selling the most raffle tickets - this is a family event

First prize is one annual fee (\$250) waived.

Second prize is one half of an annual fee (\$125) waived.

Third prize is a \$50 gift certificate.

Fourth prize is a \$25 gift certificate.

Fifth prize is a \$10 gift certificate.

Auction posters are available for families to pick up and distribute to businesses. This is great advertising for the school. Please help us get the word out by taking a few and hanging them in some of the businesses you frequent. If there are parents willing to take several posters to distribute to many businesses, it would be much appreciated. This would count toward your PIP points.

Our school needs YOU to make the auction a success.

THE LOST AND FOUND BIN IS OVERFLOWING: BOOTS, SHOES, LUNCH BOXES, WATER BOTTLES, GLOVES, HATS, UNIFORMS, ETC.

PARENTS, PLEASE COME FIND YOUR CHILDREN'S BELONGINGS BEFORE CHRISTMAS BREAK

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