

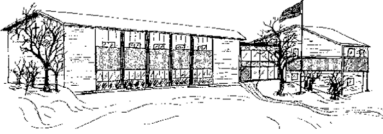
St. Andrew School Newsletter

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Looking Ahead:

Dec. 15	Ugly Sweater Day – NO Basketball practice
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	Homework Club 3:00-4:15	Homework Club 3:00-4:15	Homework Club 3:00-4:15	NO ADVENT PRAYER TODAY
Jr. High Girls BB 3:15-4:15	NO BBALL PRACTICE 12/13	NO BBALL PRACTICE 12/14	NO BBALL PRACTICE 12/15	

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

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.

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Here is some more information to help answer any questions about the up-coming ski day on January 6th.

All students in grades 3-12 are allowed to go to the ski hill without an adult accompanying them. Students in grades K-2 need to be accompanied by a parent or responsible adult that will stay on the hill with them for the day.

The cost is \$13.00 for the access fee and \$13.00 for a rental. Parents and relatives are also welcome to ski on the St. Andrew days for the discounted price. They will also need to fill out a ski form. Please limit these tickets to family only. Please make checks payable to St. Andrew School.

Some of the teachers will also be skiing to represent the school. It is not, however, their job to take care of your child. If you feel your child needs supervision and are in grades 3-12, you must have an adult at the ski area to take care of their needs. Lunch will not be provided, so everyone is responsible for their own meal. You may eat at the lodge or bring your own lunch.

Skiing and snowboarding lessons will be given in the morning. The afternoon is for the students to ski with groups.

It is the parents' responsibility to transport their children to and from the ski hill. St. Andrew School will not be providing transportation. The students should be at the ski hill between 9:15 and 9:30 am and will need to be picked up at 3:00 pm.

Regarding the "Bunny Hill/Backyard": The final word from the ski hill is as follows: **Anyone who is wearing skis and is on the snow must pay the \$13 access fee whether you will be using the lift or not—this also goes for anyone with a child wearing skis who will be staying in the "Backyard" for the whole day.**

The absolutely last day to turn in ski forms and money is this Friday, Dec. 16th. Anyone who has not turned in their money and forms by this day will have to pay the regular ski prices and do so at the hill. St. Andrew School will not be able to take late forms.

If you have any questions about the skiing program, please contact GG Grotbo at 443-7423 or at the school.

The ski days are really fun and a great opportunity for St. Andrew students and families! We hope to see you all at the hill!



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

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<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. NO ADVENT PRAYER ON FRIDAY, DEC. 16.

Upcoming Games

Jr. High Girls Basketball:

Tuesday, Jan. 10, at Clancy, 4:00	Tuesday, Feb. 7, Boulder at St. Andrew, 5:00
Thursday, Jan. 12, Helena Christian at 1 st Assembly of God, 4:00	Tuesday, Feb. 14, Helena Christian at St. Andrew, 4:00
Tuesday, Jan. 24, at Clancy, 4:00	Saturday, Feb. 18, Clancy Tournament, TBA
Thursday, Jan. 26, Home School at St. Andrew, 4:00	Tuesday, Feb. 21, at Boulder, 5:00
Monday, Feb. 6, Home School at St. Andrew, 4:00	



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.

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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.



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.



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

Parent Volunteers

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



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 Programs



The K-5 Christmas program will be held on December 16 from 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Christmas break will begin as soon as the program is over. Parents who attend may take their children home then. If you are not able to attend, please call your child's teacher and he/she will take your child to the classroom until you arrive.

Christmas Cookies

There will be a reception after both the K-5 and the 6-12 Christmas programs. Please bring two dozen cookies per family. Thank You!

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.

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

- **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.

What is *Lesson and Carols*?

The 6-12 Christmas program is called *Lessons and Carols*. This is a service celebrating the birth of Jesus through Scripture and hymns. The readings which are from Genesis, prophetic books and the Gospels, tell of the fall of humanity, the promise of the Messiah, and His birth in a

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lowly stable in Bethlehem. Christmas carols and hymns are interspersed throughout. Grades 6-12 will present *Lessons and Carols* on Friday, December 16th at 7:00 p.m. Please join us as we prepare our hearts for the birth of the Christ child.

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.

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.

N.B. Please do not make donations to the School or classrooms through school store. A larg

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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**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
THIS WEEK...BEFORE CHRISTMAS BREAK**



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.



We Could Use A Little Help Around The Holidays!

Before everyone leaves for Christmas break, we would so appreciate it if you would sign out 3-5 yellow procurement cards from the office. There are many great businesses that donate to us every year for the Emerald Isle Auction that have not been asked yet. These companies enjoy helping our school and receive advertising/mentions in multiple places during the auction.

Additionally, if you have any original ideas for an auction item or you would like to donate something yourself that would be fantastic! In the past, families have donated an iPad with Catholic apps; an American Girl doll with handmade clothes; and a weekend stay in Bozeman with gift certificates to the Museum of the Rockies, Spire Climbing Center, and Cat Eye Café. Families who have time shares have donated them toward auction travel packages, and families have combined their efforts to create fun themed packages. The sky is the limit when it comes to exciting and desirable items that you can donate to help generate maximum returns for the school.

If you have any questions or need help with ideas call Deirdre in the Auction Room or email her at auction@standrewschool.org.

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The Faculty and Staff of St. Andrew School wish you a very Blessed Christmas and Happy New Year!

We are grateful to the parents of this school for choosing St. Andrew School. It is such a joy to work with your children. We never forget how fortunate we are to have parents like you who care so much and are so supportive!

The school office will be closed from December 17 through January 1. Classes will resume on January 2.

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