

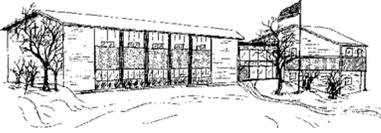
St. Andrew School Newsletter

September 5, 2017

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Looking Ahead:

Sep 7	Opening School Mass 10:00 am/ in school gym
Sep 9	Sacred Heart of Jesus, Junior League
Sep 14	P-T conferences, after school & evening
Sep 15	P-T conferences, Gr. K-7: no school
Sep 21-22	Salt & Light
Sep 28	Mid-quarter
Oct 2-7	Missoula Children's Theatre
Oct 19-20	Professional Days, NO SCHOOL
October 31	End of First Quarter
October 31	Fall Festival, 1-3pm

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

Pray the Memorare

Please join us in praying a daily Memorare for the success of our school.

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, or sought thine intercession was left unaided.

Inspired by this confidence, I fly unto thee, O Virgin of virgins, my mother; to thee do I come, before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in thy mercy hear and answer me.

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School Clean Up Day

Thanks to the MANY families who helped on the 26th to get our school cleaned. We had the largest group ever and were able to accomplish so much! The playground was ready and the school looked great! We couldn't have done it without YOU! Please don't forget to record your PIP points at the office.

Playground and Parking Lot

Last night we placed the final piece of equipment onto the playground. What an accomplishment! Many thanks, to all of those who worked to make this happen. We began the effort in 2015 with a playground committee. Members Ann Clark, Zia Clark, Trevor Taylor, Amy Sark and Donna Smillie, met early in the process to research and fundraise. We partnered with Helena's Playable Playgrounds which put on princess teas and superhero parties. We solicited at auction and finally made the great push at last year's walk-a-thon.

This summer our board chair Chis Szpilka took the lead to order equipment and plan for installation. We want to thank both her and Paul Hulbert who organized the many work parties. Others to acknowledge are Rick Ahmann for procuring a donation of wood chips and border from Mark's Lumber, the many parents and students who worked long hours and those who brought in heavy equipment and lent their expertise. It was an amazing effort and in case you didn't hear, the kids LOVE it!

Parking Lot

Configuration of a new parking lot was another large project that had to be done this summer. Thank you, Paul Hulbert for heading up this venture which involved working many months with engineers on logistics and enlisting helpers. Thank you also to Gabe Nistler and Joe Nistler for donating so many hours of your time, equipment and resources. We have already had much positive feedback on the shorter wait times, less congestion and safer pick-up system.

Opening School Mass



The Opening School Mass will be Thursday Sept. 7th 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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Sacred Heart of Jesus, St. Andrew Junior League

Friday, Sept. 9, 11:45

Art Room

All students are invited to participate in prayer, fellowship, cookies and the opportunity to learn more about the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

Parent Volunteers- VIRTUS CLASS NEEDED

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, September 16, 10:00-1:30

Where: St. Andrew School, Mrs. Match’s Room (Upstairs, high school, 301)

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

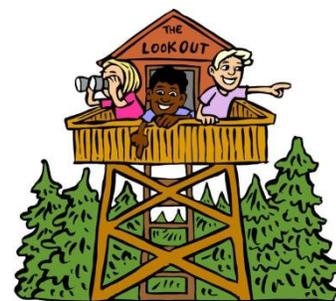
Choose First time registrant shown on the left side of screen

Sign up for the St Andrew School class offered

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 21-22nd** 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



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Sports



Girls Volleyball will begin this fall. Mary Leslie will be the coach. 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. 406-202-0954

Jr. High Girls Volleyball	
Practices	Games
Tuesday, Sep. 5, 3:30-4:30 Thursday, Sep. 7, 3:30-4:30 Monday, Sep. 11, 3:30-4:30 Tuesday, Sep. 12, 3:30-4:30 Monday, Sep. 18, 3:30-4:30	Tuesday, Sep. 19, 4:00 at Clancy Thursday, Sep. 21, 6:00 HOME, Helena Christian Tuesday, Sep. 26, 5:30 HOME, Garrison

Tennis Anyone?

St. Andrew has the opportunity to form junior high and high school tennis teams. Mr. Tom Banks from the Last Chance Tennis Center and Ethan Melton (high school junior) will be leading this effort. Lessons will be offered this fall for those who are interested in honing their skills in preparation for competitions in the Spring against other students in the area.

Contact Ethan Melton if you are interested in being on a team. Mr. Banks is available for tennis lessons; contact him via email: ptbanks@juno.com or by phone: 439-6938. **Tennis lessons are also available for K-5 students.**

Tennis coaches are needed. Any parent interested in being a coach, please contact Ethan Melton at emanicemythewizard@gmail.com

Pizza Days



St. Andrew offers pizza and drinks for lunch on Mondays and Fridays. Please purchase pizza and drink tickets from the office or the auction room, 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 to students 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 to parents in the school office at other times as usual. **The first Pizza Day will be on Monday, Sep 11.**

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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.

Missoula Children's Theatre

Dear St. Andrew Parents,

The Missoula Children's Theatre is coming back to St. Andrew the week of October 2-7, 2017 to help our students perform TREASURE ISLAND.

Approximately 60 St. Andrew students can participate. All the familiar characters are part of this adventure but with, of course, some fun MCT twists! Follow young Jim Hawkins and his friends as they sail a dangerous sea of adventure with Long John Silver and his pirate band at the helm when the Missoula Children's Theatre and approximately 60 local students present an original musical adaptation of Robert Louis Stevenson's epic novel TREASURE ISLAND.

Look for the sign up form in the next newsletter edition.



WE NEED YOUR HELP! We are looking for parents who have musical abilities in playing instruments. This could be a great opportunity to receive PIP points while doing something you love. If you have an interest, please submit your name, contact information, and what instrument(s) you play. Please contact Deirdre Teodosio at standrew@standrewschool.org or Barbara Quinn at tandbq02@gmail.com.

Attention Seniors: College Fair Carroll College

Monday, September 25, 2:00-3:00

Carroll College Gym

Students must register first: 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.

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Homework Club- Grades 4-10 Monday – Thursday

after school until 4:15 in the Art Room beginning on September 11. If your child is having trouble getting their homework done consider this option. We will provide a quiet space and Mr. Greaney will be available to help with homework. This service is free, but students must have a regular schedule and parents should check with the office ahead of time to make sure there is room.

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 Piccolo's Music or from Siggy's (1015 Poplar) 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 12:00-12:45
2nd Year Orchestra	Tuesdays/Thursdays 12:00-12:45
3rd Year Orchestra (gr. 5-7)	Tuesdays/Thursdays 2:05-2:55
HS Orchestra (gr. 8-12)	Mondays/Wednesdays 2:05-2:55

JUST FOR KIDS DAYCARE AFTER SCHOOL CARE

Tatiana and GG Grotbo have opened a new day care facility on McHugh Ave. We currently have care for infants through Pre K classrooms.

We are now offering after school care. Your child will be picked from St Andrew and brought to our facility at 3108 McHugh and will need to be picked up at the daycare by 5:30. The charge is \$300 per month with a \$50 pick up fee. Our program is a place for your child/children to be in a safe and fun environment. We will provide an after school snack and a place to play, read, do homework, make projects and relax. If you need after school care Just for Kids is your place. Give us a call or email at the address below.

Just for Kids, Inc.
Tatiana Grotbo (Owner) GG Grotbo (Owner)
3108 McHugh Lane
406-422-5660
justforkidshelena39@gmail.com

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ST. ANDREW SCHOOL ACADEMIC SCHEDULE 2017-18

(More events to be determined)

First Quarter (August 30 – October 31)

September 14	K-12 Parent Teacher Conferences (evening)
September 15	Parent-Teacher Conferences in AM- K-7 NO SCHOOL
September 21-22	Salt & Light
October 2-7	Missoula Children's Theatre:
October 19-20	Professional Days, NO SCHOOL
October 31	End of First Quarter

Second Quarter (November 1 – January 19)

November 1	All Saints Day Late Start: RenWeb Grades available online
November 8	Half day 11:45 release (Teacher's Meeting)
November 22-24	Thanksgiving break (no school)
December 7	Half day 11:45 release (Teacher's Meeting)
December 8	Feast of the Immaculate Conception: Late Start 8:15
December 20	Christmas Program K-5 (1:00 pm); 6-12 (7:00 p.m)
Dec. 21 – Jan. 2	Christmas Break
January 3	Classes Resume
January 10	Half day 11:45 release (Teacher's Meeting)
January 12	Ski Day- All Grades (5 th Grade get passes)
January 16-18	8 - 12 Semester Exams (Noon release grades 8-12)
January 19	End of First Semester

Third Quarter (January 22 – March 29)

January 25	K-12 Parent Teacher Conferences (evening)
January 26	K-7 Conferences (9:00 -12:00pm)
January 29-February 2	Catholic School's Week
February 1	Mass at 11:00 a.m. /Parent/Student Picnic
February 2	Ski Day
February 14	Ash Wednesday, late start 8:15
February 19	Half Day 11:45 release Teacher's Meeting (Presidents' Day)
February 24	Emerald Isle Auction
March 2	Ski Day
March 5-9	Spring Break
March 20	Half Day 11:45, Teacher Meeting
March 30	Good Friday – NO SCHOOL

Fourth Quarter (April 2 – June 1)

April 2	Easter Monday – NO SCHOOL
April 10-13	5 th Grade- Starbase Program
April 17	Half Day 11:45, Teacher Meeting
April 23-26	Iowa tests
TBA`	Small School Track Meet; Mid-quarter letter
May 8	Half Day 11:45
May 18	May Crowning, Picnic and Talent Show
May 21-23	Senior Exams
May 25	Senior Graduation (11:00 a.m)
May 28	Memorial Day- NO SCHOOL
May 29-31	8-11 Semester Exams
May 31	Field Day
June 1	Last Day of School (early release 11:30 a.m.)

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Parent-Teacher Conferences will be held on September 14th & 15th

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 8th.** *Appointments will be made on a first-come, first-served basis.* A note confirming your scheduled times will be sent home on Tuesday, Sept. 12th, 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: _____

8-12 Student: _____ Nelson _____ Matich _____ Buffington _____ Hammen _____ M. Smillie _____ Bell _____

8-12 Student: _____ Nelson _____ Matich _____ Buffington _____ Hammen _____ M. Smillie _____ Bell _____

8-12 Student: _____ Nelson _____ Matich _____ Buffington _____ Hammen _____ M. Smillie _____ Bell _____

Time periods available for conferences are: **(Please indicate 1st, 2nd, 3rd choices of times)**

_____ 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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