

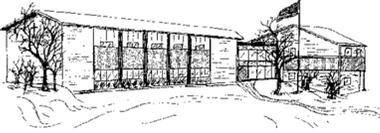
St. Andrew School Newsletter

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Looking Ahead:

Sep 21-22	Salt & Light
Sep 28	Mid-quarter
Oct 2-7	Missoula Children's Theatre
Oct 6	Treasure Island Play 1:30 pm
Oct 7	Treasure Island Play 11:00 am
Oct 12	Picture Day
Oct 19-20	Professional Days, NO SCHOOL
Oct 31	End of First Quarter
Oct 31	Fall Festival, 1-3pm
Nov 1	Late start 8:15, All Saints Day
Nov 8	Half day, 11:35 release, Teachers' meetings
Nov 16	Picture retakes

*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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High School Back to School Trip Sal et Lux (Salt and Light)

Salt and Light will be a two day event held **September 21-22nd** at Legendary Lodge. We are planning games as well as opportunities for us to share our faith with Mass and community prayer. Cost for this trip is \$35 per student. Scholarships are available if this is a hardship; please speak with Mrs. Smillie. Permission slips with more information were sent home with students.



A list of what to bring and what not to bring was sent home with your child.

Sports



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) There will be a participation fee of \$40 for Junior High and \$60 for High School for any sport, which will pay for coaches and refs.

Jr. High Girls Volleyball	
Practices	Games
Tuesday, Sep. 12, 3:30-4:30 Monday, Sep. 18, 3:30-4:30 Thursday, Sep. 28, 3:30-4:30 Tuesday, Oct. 10, 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 Friday, Sep. 29, 4:00 at Montana City Tuesday, Oct. 3, 5:30 at Garrison Thursday, Oct. 5, 6:00 at Helena Christian Thursday, Oct. 12, 5:30 HOME, Home School Monday, Oct. 16, 5:30 HOME, Home School

High School Girls Basketball	
Practices	Games
Tuesdays and Thursdays, 5:30-7:30	TBD

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 emanicemythwizard@gmail.com

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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.

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.

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Homework Club- Grades 4-10, Monday – Thursday

after school until 4:15 in the Art Room. If your child is having trouble getting 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.

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 the ticket(s) 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 immediately after doing so. Please note that tickets will still be sold to parents in the school office at other times as usual. Tickets purchased last year are still valid.

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/Fridays 2:05-2:55

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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. 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! 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.
- 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 2nd. 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 2016 MCT production (PETER AND WENDY) provides 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/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 TREASURE ISLAND: Friday, October 6th at 1:30 p.m. and Saturday, October 7th 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 27th.

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- 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.
- **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 on the permission slip below if you can help out in any way. (Please bring snacks to the office by Friday, September 29th)
- Any questions can be directed to Donna Smillie at 406-449-3201 or Barbara Quinn, MCT Parent Coordinator, at 406-439-9210.

Missoula Children’s Theatre Permission Form

My child(ren) have permission to audition for MCT’s TREASURE ISLAND. 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 6th and Saturday, October 7th. 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.

Name and grade of each student: _____

Parent or Guardian Signature _____

Best Phone #: _____ Email: _____

- I can also help out by:
- Being a parent helper
 - Making a donation of \$ _____
 - Providing snacks for after school
 - Playing an instrument
 - other _____

Contact me about a Corporate Sponsorship

(Complete and return form to the St. Andrew office by 9/27/17 with the \$20 participation fee for each child. Checks should be made out to St. Andrew School.)

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