

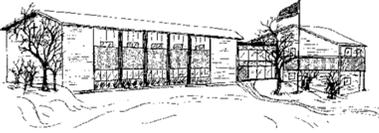
# St. Andrew School Newsletter

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## Looking Ahead:

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, <b>11:35</b> 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](http://www.standrewschool.org)*



## Parking Lot



Please be aware that there will be cement trucks in the parking lot this Friday, September 29<sup>th</sup> and Monday, October 2. A sidewalk is being installed around part of the perimeter of the upper parking lot as well as stairs from upper to lower parking lot.

Picking up children will be a little more difficult for these two days. Please be patient. Having a sidewalk will increase our children's safety.

**After school pick up:** If your child(ren) is/are already in your car, please pull into the left lane and leave the parking lot so that other parents can move up to collect their child(ren).

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# High School Retreat

We would like to thank the teachers who led the high school retreat which was held at Legendary Lodge last Thursday and Friday, with special mention to Mr. Hammen who did a fantastic job of organizing the event. We would also like to express our appreciation to all the parents who brought treats and those who cooked and cleaned in the kitchen: Craig and Karen Scheidermeyer, Jennifer Harris and Mark Smillie. We were also blessed to have Shai LaFleur, a youth minister from Missoula, who helped organize and lead the retreat.

## 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
Thursday, Sep. 28, 3:30-4:30 Tuesday, Oct. 10, 3:30-4:30	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

There will be open gym for students in grades 5-8 who wish to hone their volleyball skills.

Mon. Oct 9 3:30-4:30 Thurs. Oct 12 3:30-5:00 (Game afterwards) Mon. Oct 16 3:30-5:00 (Game afterwards)

*NO PRACTICES IN THE GYM OCT. 3 -7 DUE TO MCT*

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

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## 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](mailto: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](mailto:emanicemythwizard@gmail.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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## Remember to use RenWeb!

In grades 6-12 all homework assignments are posted on Renweb and short descriptions are given for more involved assignments. Teachers also have syllabi posted. In addition, it is possible to see your child's grade at any given time. **Please use this resource!**

K-5 teachers use RenWeb in a variety of ways; such as posting lesson plans, spelling lists or newsletters. Check with your teacher to find out the best way to connect.

How to get onto RenWeb:

Go to [www.renweb.com](http://www.renweb.com)

On the right side is a Login button.

Choose Parent's Web on the pull down menu

The District Code is sa-mt

Your user name is your first initial and last name (unless you changed this at some point).

Your password is the one you used when you enrolled. If you are not sure what your password or user name is, you can request that it be emailed to you.

**Also, if you change your phone # or address please let us know.**

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**FREE CONCERT** On Saturday, September 30 at 10:00 a.m. in St. Paul's United Methodist Church, members of the Helena Symphony Orchestra open this Season's Education Concert Series with the first *Symphony Kids* concert. Created for children ages 5 to 10, **Symphony Kids is a free 35-minute concert** for audiences of all ages and their and their families. As one of the Symphony's educational programs, *Symphony Kids* brings the power of live instrumental music into the hearts of children with specific concerts designed to introduce them to the world of music and instruments.

Titled *A Season for Charlotte the Spider*, the concert features moments from Antonio Vivaldi's popular *Four Seasons*, featuring HSO Concertmaster Stephen Cepeda as violin soloist, Maestro Scott conducting from the harpsichord, and string members of the HSO. Complete with costumed actors and narrator, the concert explores the use of moods in music. "Live instrumental music is a wonder to discover," says Barbara Berg, Symphony Education Coordinator and writer of the Symphony Kids programs. This concert teaches that **one of the best things in life is having a true friend.**



**Don't forget to save  
Box Tops for Education/Labels for Education**



Once again, our school is participating in the Box Tops for Education and Labels for Education programs. This will be the **last year to submit Labels for Education** for our school as this program is winding down. The Labels points add up to use for purchasing specific items for our classrooms. Just clip the labels from participating products and send them in with your Box Tops.

Box Tops are worth 10¢ each and they quickly add up to real cash for our school! To help our school, look for the pink Box Tops on products, clip them, and turn them in to your child's teacher or to the office. The classroom that collects the most will earn a prize! If you would like your Box Tops to be included in your child's classroom totals, please turn your clippings into your child's classroom or include your child's grade on the envelop/bag that you turn into the office.

**Helping to prepare Box Tops for submission is also a great way to earn PIP Points.** If you showed interest on your registration forms, I will be contacting you to help soon! If you did not check the Box Tops box on your registration form and are interested in helping or have any questions, feel free to call or text me or contact the office to help out!

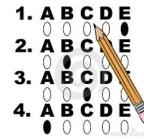
For more information on the Box Tops Program, including a list of participating products and our school's progress, visit [www. BTFE.com](http://www.BTFE.com). Be sure to become a member to receive exclusive coupons, recipes, and to learn about extra ways to help our school earn money.

Thanks for your help! Let's make this year's Box Tops drive a huge success!  
Sincerely,  
Laura Casey 461-8752

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Attn: **PARENTS**

## PSAT Information

The PSAT will be given to students in **grades 10 and 11** on Wednesday, October 11, at St. Andrew School from 8:30 to 11:30am. This test is from College Board/National Merit Scholarship Corporation. Students who wish to take the test will be required to pay **\$16 due by Tuesday, October 10<sup>th</sup>**.

Practice tests are available at <https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/psat-nmsqt-psat-10/practice>

These tests are not mandatory. **Regular classes will be held for students not taking the test.**



**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.

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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 2<sup>nd</sup>. 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

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Wednesday, September 27<sup>th</sup>.

- 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 29<sup>th</sup>)
- Any questions can be directed to Donna Smillie at 406-449-3201 or Barbara Quinn, MCT Parent Coordinator, at 406-439-9210.

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**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 6<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, October 7<sup>th</sup>. 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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