

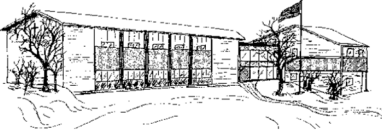
# St. Andrew School Newsletter

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## Looking Ahead:

Nov 22-24	Thanksgiving Break – <b>NO SCHOOL</b>
Nov 28	iGIVECATHOLIC day for giving (Check out our FB page!)
Nov 28	Jewelry Display
Nov 30	Feast of St. Andrew, <b>Mass 10:00</b>
Dec. 4	Advent Wreath Lighting 8:00 am each day in gym
Dec 7	Early release 11:35, teachers' meeting
Dec 8	Late start, 8:15, Feast of the Immaculate Conception
Dec 20	8-12 Movie at Cinemark
Dec 20	Christmas Programs
Dec 21-Jan 2	Christmas Break
Jan 3	Classes resume
Jan 10	Early release, 11:35, teachers' meeting
Jan 11	Uniform sale in gym
Jan 12	Ski day CANCELLED

## Weekly Events

Cathedral Children's Choir-Tuesdays 3:15  
School Store: Wednesdays 11:30-12:00  
Homework Club M-TH 3:00-4:15

**Volunteers: Please remember to keep up with your VIRTUS emails**

## PARENTS AND STUDENT DRIVERS:

We have had some complaints from neighbors about people driving too fast on Flowerree and Linden. There are many children walking to and from St. Andrew and CR Anderson School each day. Please drive safely!

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## Jewelry Fundraiser Nov. 21-28

Premier Design orders will ship directly to your home (\$7 shipping) and will arrive before Dec 12<sup>th</sup>.

Fill in your order form including ring size, if necessary. Pay with cash, credit card or check.

Return your orders with payment to the office **before November 28th**

**OR:** Order online at: [premierdesigns.com/RobinFrey](http://premierdesigns.com/RobinFrey)

*Profits will be donated to St. Andrew School*

Jewelry will be shown at 3pm on Monday, Nov. 27, in the gym. Come see your favorite pieces.

Contact Robin Frey with questions at 465-7690 or [robinfrey@mt.net](mailto:robinfrey@mt.net)



### SLEDS

**Parents**, please remind your children that they should not use another student's sled without permission and should be careful when walking around the other sleds down in the "pit". Last week there were a few instances when elementary students went out to collect their sled at the end of the day and found that it had been broken. This is not fair to the students who now have no sled for their recess (or home) use.

Also, be aware that if your child leaves a sled at school overnight or over the weekend, neighborhood children do tend to borrow the sleds and they may get broken. Sleds may not be brought into the school. Thank you for your cooperation to make sure that everyone has fun this winter.

### CANDY SALE WINNERS

#### Individual sellers:

First place: Sofia Simonton (\$806.50)

Second place: Zielie Hallsten (\$419.00)

Third place: Eliza and Coen MacLean (\$379.25 each)

#### **Classroom participation:**

K thru 3: Kindergarten (67%)

4 thru 8: 6<sup>th</sup> grade(67%)

9 thru 12: 9<sup>th</sup> grade (38%)

**Total profit will be announced next week. Well done, all of you! Thank you!!**

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## **Nov 28: St. Andrew has joined iGIVECATHOLIC!**

We depend on our parents to get the word out about a new way to donate to ST. Andrew.

We have a day for giving thanks.. On Tuesday, November 28, 2017, individuals and organizations around the world will come together for one common purpose: to celebrate generosity and to give.

### **How does it work?**

#iGiveCatholic is an online platform with searchable profiles of participating not-for-profit organizations affiliated with participating arch/dioceses. All donations will be processed through the website iGiveCatholic.org. Anyone can donate to his or her favorite ministry on Tuesday, November 28<sup>th</sup> from midnight until 11:59 pm.

### **When will this happen?**

#iGiveCatholic giving day runs from midnight until 11:59 pm on Tuesday, November 28, 2017. All donations must be made at iGiveCatholic.org during that 24-hour period. The minimum donation is \$25 and there is no maximum.

### **How does this help our school?**

Through this online platform donors from around the country have an opportunity to make a donation to our school. Many, many people choose to give on Giving Tuesday. Please let your friends and relatives know that our school is participating in this event!

We know that, for Catholics, generosity and giving have a profound meaning. As children of God, giving is the ultimate expression of mercy as we feed the hungry, clothe the naked, give shelter to the homeless and preserve ***our Catholic heritage for future generations by supporting***

Send a link to family and friends! <https://igivecatholic.org/>

***schools.*** Compelled to action by our shared faith, Catholics are energized to give back knowing that little is much when God is in it.

## **Nov 28: VIRTUS**

**There will be a VIRTUS class** facilitated by Terri Woodring at the Cathedral office on 11/28 at 6pm. If you want to attend the class, please register at [virtusonline.org](http://virtusonline.org)

**Nov 30:** the High School girls' game in Whitehall has been changed to 5:00pm

## **Nov 30: All School Mass**

Please join us for a celebration of the feast of St. Andrew on Thursday, November 30 at 10:00 am in the school gym.

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## **Dec 3: St. Andrew Choir at Festival of Trees**

St. Andrew School Choir, grades 6-12 will sing at the Festival of trees on Sunday, Dec 3 at 3:00pm, at the Civic Center auditorium. Mrs. Kihana VanDiest will direct the choir.

Students must attend this event unless they have been excused previously by Mrs. VanDiest; a note from the parents must be sent to the school office by Nov 20<sup>th</sup>.

Mrs. Smillie, Mr. Nelson, Mrs. Buffington, Mr. Greaney and Mrs. Lozano will chaperone.

Students must be at the staging area by 2:25. Entrance is through the Neill Ave doors.

Attire: Black slacks and white shirt, red tie/red cross-tie, dress shoes if possible.

Free parking is available across from the front doors of the Civic Center in several places: on Park Ave., both sides of the street, BCBS parking lots, and the parking garage near the movie theater.

## **Dec 7: EARLY RELEASE**

Our early release day is Thursday, December 7<sup>th</sup> for teachers meetings.

**All students will be dismissed at 11:35am.**

Please make sure arrangements have been made for your children

## **Dec 11: Sacred Heart Club**



*Sacred Heart of Jesus, St. Andrew Junior League*

**Monday, December 11, 11:35**

**Art Room**

Prayer, fellowship, snacks and the opportunity to learn more about the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

All students are welcome. Bring your lunch.

## **SAT and ACT**

All seniors should have either taken 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.

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## High School Service Club

The Service Club will meet once a month at lunch to organize various service activities. (Meeting dates will be announced). Students will organize and raise money for various service projects such as Box of Joy and Food Share Collection. They will also contact organizations in town to offer their assistance when needed. ALL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS are invited and encouraged to be a part of this club!

## 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.

## Sports

We are still looking for a coach for a Junior High girls basketball team. Please call Sarah Birnel if you have a talent in this area. (406-202-0954)

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Gratitude can transform common days into thanksgivings, turn routine jobs into joy, and change ordinary opportunities into blessings. William Arthur Ward

The thankful receiver bears a plentiful harvest. William Blake

Gratitude is the inward feeling of kindness received.  
Thankfulness is the natural impulse to express that feeling.  
Thanksgiving is the following of that impulse. Henry Van Dyke

**Thanksgiving blessings and safe travel  
to all our St. Andrew family!**

### **Psalm 100**

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the lands!  
Serve the Lord with gladness!  
Come into God's presence with singing!  
Know that the Lord is God!  
It is he that made us, and we are his;  
we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.  
Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise!  
Give thanks to him, bless his name!  
For the Lord is good;  
his steadfast love endures for ever,  
and his faithfulness to all generations.

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