

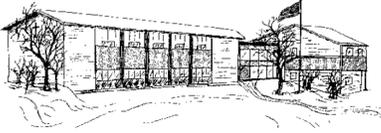
St. Andrew School Newsletter

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Looking Ahead:

Dec 7	Early release 11:35, teachers' meeting
Dec 8	Late start, 8:15, Feast of the Immaculate Conception
Dec 11	Deadline for Giving Tree gifts
Dec 14	All Library books due
Dec 20	8-12 Movie at Cinemark
Dec 20	Christmas Programs
Dec 21-Jan 2	Christmas Break
Jan 3	Classes resume
Jan 4	Swing dance lessons, grades 8-12, 3:15-4:15 in room 303
Jan 10	Early release, 11:35, teachers' meeting
Jan 11	Uniform (and other clothing items) sale in gym
Jan 12	Ski day 5th grade only
Jan 15	Parent-teacher conference request forms due today
Jan 16-18	8 th -12 th grade Semester Exams – noon release for grades 8-12
Jan 19	End of semester
Jan 25-26	Parent teacher conferences

Weekly Events

Cathedral Children's Choir practice: Tuesdays 3:15

School Store: Wednesdays 11:30-12:00

Homework Club: M-TH 3:00-4:15

Advent prayer



Parents are welcome to join us for the Advent Scripture Readings every morning in the gym, promptly at 8:00. 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.)

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Dec 7: EARLY RELEASE

Our early release day is Thursday, December 7th for teachers meetings.

All students will be dismissed at 11:35am.

Please make sure arrangements have been made for your children



Dec 8: Grandparents' Christmas Tea



Grandparents of kindergarten and first grade are invited to a Christmas tea on December 8th at 1:00 p.m. in the school gym. This event will include making a craft with their grandchildren and getting to know the other grandparents in the class.

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.



Dec 11: Deadline for bringing CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE gifts to the gym
Gifts must be unwrapped with the tag attached

Dec 12: Ski Forms for 5th grade are being sent home today



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

Dec. 14 Christmas Cookie Contest

Do you have a totally awesome Christmas cookie recipe? Do you think you could win on those cooking shows if you were just given the chance? Well now's your chance! Bring a dozen of your favorite cookies next Thursday, Dec 14. There will be several categories for judging including best tasting, most creative and best looking. Students and parents in all grades are welcome to enter the contest!

Dec 20: Ski Forms for 5th grade must be returned by TODAY (no later)

Dec 20: Christmas Program

- **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.
- **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.

We currently have available the following items:

Black pants sizes 7, 8, 10, 10 Slim, 10 Husky, 12, 12 Slim, 14, 14 Husky, 16, 18, 18 Slim, 33w
34x30, 36w, 36x30

Red ties

White shirt, probably a size 14

Please check with Mrs. Teodosio or Mrs. Buffington in the office.

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

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Sports

Desperately needed: a coach for the Junior High girls' basketball team.

The season begins right after Christmas break, but the girls will not get to play if a coach cannot be found. Please call Sarah Birnel if you can coach the girls. (406-202-0954)

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.

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

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!



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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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.



Thanks to all the 6-12 grade students who participated in the Festival of Trees

event, and to their parents, families, and teachers for enabling the students.

Well done, students! This was a unique opportunity and you rose to the occasion. I heard many positive comments from the audience.

Blessings,
K. VanDiest
6-12 Choir Director



Knights of Columbus Christmas Gathering
Sunday, December 10th

Join the Knights for lunch and family fun
at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 1867 North Washington Street.
Santa will be present from 11:30-1:30. Lunch will be served between 11:30 and to 3:00.
Games for kids of all ages begin at 12:00 and Bingo starts at 1:00.
(There will be a minimal fee to play bingo.)
All are Welcome!

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Emerald Isle Auction 2018



Don't forget to sell your **Auction raffle tickets!** Additional tickets are available in the Auction room if you want more.

Auction posters can be picked up in the school office. This is great advertising for the school. Help us get the word out by taking a few and hanging them in some of the businesses you frequent.

And while you're at it, don't forget to pick up some **procurement cards** in the school office. You can help acquire some great items for the auction.

Our school needs ALL OF US to help make the auction a success.

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