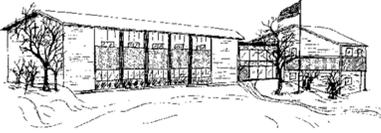


# St. Andrew School Newsletter

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## Looking Ahead:

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| Dec 12       | Happy Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe!   |
| Dec 14       | Christmas Cookie Contest  |
| Dec 18       | Ugly Christmas Sweater Contest  |
| Dec 20       | Grades 8-12 Movie at Cinemark   |
| Dec 20       | K-5 Christmas Program 1:00-2:30 (Students may go home with parents after the program) |
| Dec. 20      | 6-12 Christmas Program 7pm ( <b>Students must be here by 6:30</b> )                   |
| 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 <b>5<sup>th</sup> grade only</b>  |
| Jan 15       | Parent-teacher conference request forms due today                                     |
| Jan 16-18    | 8 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup> grade Semester Exams – noon release for grades 8-12 |
| Jan 19       | End of semester   |
| Jan 25-26    | Parent teacher conferences  |

## Thursday, 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! Prizes will be offered for best tasting, best looking, and most interesting cookie.



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## Christmas Shopping

When you are ordering Christmas presents, don't forget to use Amazon Smile. 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 so easy.

### Cathedral Children and Youth Choir

Last week the Cathedral music director, Jason Phillips, visited the students to see how many would be able to sing at the 5:00 pm Christmas Eve Mass. If your child signed up, an email was sent with the following information:

Students who signed up to sing should attend at least two rehearsals between now and December 24. You can choose two from the dates and times below. If your student is only able to attend one of the below rehearsals, Mr. Phillips will still welcome them into choir for Christmas Eve!

**Monday, Dec. 11,** 3:30-4:30 p.m. in the Cathedral Center Music room

**Tuesday, Dec. 12,** 3:15-4:15 p.m. in the 7<sup>th</sup> grade classroom at St. Andrew's School

**Monday, Dec. 18,** 3:30-4:30 p.m. in the Cathedral Center Music room

**Tuesday, Dec. 19,** 3:30-4:30 p.m. in the 7<sup>th</sup> grade classroom at St. Andrew's School

**Friday, Dec. 22,** 3:30-4:30 p.m. (Dress rehearsal with as many participating Choir members as possible) in the Cathedral Center Music room, concluding in the Cathedral Sanctuary

### Martinson's Candy – Last Chance

If you have discovered errors in your candy order, please contact Chris Szpilka at [cmszpilka@ou.edu](mailto:cmszpilka@ou.edu).



#### Monday, Dec. 18<sup>th</sup>

K-12 teachers and students are invited to wear the ugliest sweater they can find. This is NOT a free dress day. Uniforms must be worn under the sweaters

#### Tuesday, Dec. 19 - Deadline

Jr. High Boys Basketball shirts must be returned to Mrs. Birnel. Player fee is also due.

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## Christmas Programs



The K-5 Christmas program will be held on Wednesday, December 20 from 1:00 to 2:30. Christmas break will begin as soon as the program is over. Parents who attend may take their children home after the program. If you are not able to attend, please call your child's teacher and he/she will take your child to the classroom after the program until you arrive.

- **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.

## Christmas Cookies

**There will be a reception after both the K-5 and the 6-12 Christmas programs.  
Please bring two dozen cookies per family. Thank You!**

### ***What is Lesson and Carols?***

The 6-12 Christmas program is called *Lessons and Carols*. This is a service celebrating the birth of Jesus through Scripture and hymns. The readings which are from Genesis, prophetic books and the Gospels, tell of the fall of humanity, the promise of the Messiah, and His birth in a lowly stable in Bethlehem. Christmas carols and hymns are interspersed throughout. Grades 6-12 will present *Lessons and Carols* on Wednesday, December 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. Please join us as we prepare our hearts for the birth of the Christ child.

- **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.

## **6-12 STUDENTS MUST BE AT THE SCHOOL BY 6:30**

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## Dec 20: Ski Forms for 5<sup>th</sup> grade must be returned by TODAY (no later)



- Here is some information to help answer any questions about the up-coming ski days: **January 12<sup>th</sup> for 5<sup>th</sup> grade only** and February 2<sup>nd</sup> and March 2<sup>nd</sup> for everyone.
- All students in grades 3-12 are allowed to go to the ski hill without an adult accompanying them. Students in grades K-2 need to be accompanied by a parent or responsible adult that will stay on the hill with them for the day.
- It is the parents' responsibility to transport their children to and from the ski hill. St. Andrew School will not be providing transportation. The students should be at the ski hill between 9:15 and 9:30 am and will need to be picked up at 3:00 pm.
- Some of the teachers may also be skiing to represent the school. It is not, however, their job to take care of your child. If you feel your child needs supervision and is in grades 3-12, you must have an adult at the ski area to take care of the child's needs. Lunch will not be provided, so everyone is responsible for their own meal. You may eat at the lodge or bring your own lunch.
- The cost is \$15.00 for the access fee and \$15.00 for a rental. If only a helmet is needed, the rental cost is \$5.00. Parents and relatives are also welcome to ski on the St. Andrew days for this discounted price. They will also need to fill out a ski form; more forms are available at the school office. Please limit these tickets to immediate family only. Please make checks payable to St. Andrew School.
- Skiing and snowboarding lessons will be given in the morning. The afternoon is for the students to ski with groups.
- Regarding the "Bunny Hill/Backyard": The final word from the ski hill is as follows: Anyone who is wearing skis and is on the snow must pay the \$15 access fee whether you will be using the lift or not—this also goes for anyone with a child wearing skis who will be staying in the "Backyard" for the whole day.
- 5<sup>th</sup> Grade students: The absolutely last day to turn in ski forms and money for the Jan. 12<sup>th</sup> ski day is Wed., Dec. 20<sup>th</sup>. Anyone who has not turned in their money and forms by this day will have to pay the regular ski prices when they get to the hill. St. Andrew School will not be able to take late forms.



The ski days are really fun and a great opportunity for St. Andrew students and families! We hope to see you all at the hill!

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

The season begins right after Christmas break;

**HOWEVER.... the girls will not get to play if a coach does not come forward.**

Please call Sarah Birnel if you can coach the girls. (406-202-0954)

## Seniors



Please remember to submit your photo to the office for the yearbook and the Senior wall.

Pictures for the wall should be 2¼ x 3".

**Deadline is: February 15th**

## 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.

## December 31 Deadline for Tax Credit: 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.

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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.**

### **Options Clinic is Hiring!**



Offering great hours and an opportunity to blend your nursing skills and your faith to make a difference.

Options Clinic is looking for a nurse to manage the clinic's medical services, including ultrasound and STD testing. Training in limited obstetrical ultrasound will be provided.

Complete job description and other details available upon request. Call 422-1011 or email [tracy@optionshelena.org](mailto:tracy@optionshelena.org) by December 15th.

Please help spread the word. Thank you!

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