

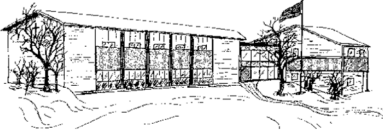
St. Andrew School Newsletter

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Looking Ahead:

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 (Students must be here by 6:30)
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

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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.

End of Year Donations

Please remember that tuition does not cover all school expenses. The end of the year is a great time to give to receive a tax benefit. Tell your friends!

Expected School-wide Learning Results

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Christmas Cookie Contest Results

3rd place/ Best Tasting; The Szpilka family
2nd Place/ Most Original: Mia Melton
1st place/Best Looking Cookie: The Olmstead family
Special Mention-High School: Hannah Clark

Totally Teflon Award
Silver Sifter Award
Golden Ganache Award
Culinary Camouflage Award

Cathedral Children and Youth Choir

If your student is only able to attend one of the below rehearsals, Mr. Phillips will still welcome them into choir for Christmas Eve!

Tuesday, Dec. 19, 3:30-4:30 p.m. in the 7th 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

Tuesday, Dec. 19 - Deadline

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

Wednesday, Dec 20 – Deadline

Ski Forms for 5th grade must be returned by Wednesday, Dec. 20 (no later)



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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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.

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 *Lessons 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 20th 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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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

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.



Emerald Isle Auction 2018



St. Andrew School
A Catholic and Classical School

High Rollers Auction!

Winner will choose one **LIVE** Auction item before the auction begins.
(Some exclusions do apply)
Auction items valued up to \$6,000

\$100 per ticket/ 100 tickets sold

Drawing will be held on **February 24, 2018** at the Emerald Isle Auction, St. Andrew Gym
Need not be present to win; however, each ticket holder must submit the name of the LIVE auction item they want before 6:30 pm, February, 24, 2018.

Live auction items will begin to be posted online January 1, 2018. Visit www.standrewschool.org.
Come to our **PREVIEW** night on Thursday, February 22, 2018 from 4:00-6:00 pm.
All items will be on display!

**Taxes are the responsibility of the winner.*

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Emerald Isle Auction 2017



Don't forget to sell your **Auction raffle tickets!** You can get additional tickets are available in the Auction Rm.

Prizes for selling the most raffle tickets - this is a family event

First prize is one annual fee (\$250) waived.

Second prize is one half of an annual fee (\$125) waived.

Third prize is a \$50 gift certificate.

Fourth prize is a \$25 gift certificate.

Fifth prize is a \$10 gift certificate.

Auction posters are available for families to pick up and distribute to businesses. This is great advertising for the school. Please help us get the word out by taking a few and hanging them in some of the businesses you frequent. If there are parents willing to take several posters to distribute to many businesses, it would be much appreciated. This would count toward your PIP points.



We Could Use A Little Help Around The Holidays!

Before everyone leaves for Christmas break, we would so appreciate it if you would sign out 3-5 yellow procurement cards from the office. There are many great businesses that donate to us every year for the Emerald Isle Auction that have not been asked yet. These companies enjoy helping our school and receive advertising/mentions in multiple places during the auction.

Additionally, if you have any original ideas for an auction item or you would like to donate something yourself that would be fantastic! In the past, families have donated an iPad with Catholic apps; an American Girl doll with handmade clothes; and a weekend stay in Bozeman with gift certificates to the Museum of the Rockies, Spire Climbing Center, and Cat Eye Café. Families who have time shares have donated them toward auction travel packages, and families have combined their efforts to create fun themed packages. The sky is the limit when it comes to exciting and desirable items that you can donate to help generate maximum returns for the school.

Our school needs YOU to make the auction a success.



The Faculty and Staff of St. Andrew School wish you a very Blessed Christmas and Happy New Year!

The school office will be closed from December 21 through January 2. Classes will resume on January 3.

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Parent/Teacher Conferences

Parent-Teacher Conferences will be held January 25th and 26th.

There will be no school on Friday, January 26th for K-12

Parent/Teacher conferences are a chance for you to get to know your child's teacher, find out how your child is doing, and discuss ways that we can all work together to help him/her improve.

Please fill out one form per family and **return it to the office by Friday, January 12th**. *Appointments will be made on a first-come, first-served basis*. A note confirming your scheduled times will be sent home on Thursday, Jan. 18th. If these times do not work for you, please contact the teacher directly to make other arrangements.

Parent/Teacher Conference Form

Name of Family: _____

K-7 Student: _____ Grade: _____ Homeroom Teacher: _____

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8-12 Student: _____ Nelson Buffington Matich Hammen M. Smillie Bell

8-12 Student: _____ _____

8-12 Student: _____ _____

Time periods available for conferences are: **(Please indicate 1st and 2nd choices of times)**

_____ Thursday 3:15 – 4:45 (All grades)

_____ Thursday 6:00 – 7:45 p.m. (All grades)

_____ Friday 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. (All grades)

Parents are also welcome to call for conferences at anytime throughout the school year.

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You have brought them abundant joy and great rejoicing. (Isaiah 9: 2)

Dear Parents,

When we realize what the incarnation means for us, we cannot help but experience great joy! In the past few weeks, our St. Andrew students shared this Christmas joy through celebrations of saint's days, prayer, learning activities and service projects. Here is a snapshot of our school Christmas activities:

- On November 30th we celebrated the feast day of St Andrew with Mass and a treat. This was also the first day of the St. Andrew Christmas Novena which is said by the students each day for the intentions of our entire St. Andrew community*
- Students gathered each morning of advent to light the candles on the wreath, read Scripture, sing advent carols and put an ornament on the Jesse tree.*
- St. Nicolas visited the school to read to the students and leave candies in their shoes.*
- The Kindergarten and First Grade students sang a song for their grandparents and played games with them at the Grandparent Christmas Tea.*
- Students in the 8th-12th grade choir shared their beautiful voices with the community at the Festival of Trees.*
- Students in grades K-7 attended the theatre to see the movie, *The Star*.*
- Second graders made trail mix as Christmas gifts for volunteers*
- Third grade made gingerbread houses for their families and Christmas cards for volunteers*

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- *Fourth grade baked and decorated cookies for God's Love.*
- *Fifth grade made packages to be sent to soldiers.*
- *Students from all grades participated in the Christmas Cookie Contest and Ugly Christmas Sweater Day.*
- *Seventh grade made beautiful angel refrigerator magnets for school benefactors.*
- *Latin IV toured the halls singing Christmas carols in Latin*
- *The high school orchestra played at St. Helena Cathedral for Gaudete Sunday, December 17*
- *The Service Club packaged and sent Boxes of Joy to children in other countries*
- *The Student Government led the effort to collect toys from all grades for the Cathedral Giving Tree.*
- *A first through high school aged choir is preparing to sing on Christmas Eve at the Cathedral.*
- *Last but not least all students are practicing, practicing, practicing to prepare a beautiful Christmas program for you to enjoy this Wednesday!*

I want to thank the teachers and staff who worked so hard to make these events happen. Not only are these short winter days brighter and warmer because of their efforts, but our children are learning the true joy that comes from giving of themselves.

Wishing you joy and peace during this holy season!

Donna Smillie



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