**December Newsletter**

**Student Safety**

Saint Andrews Elementary is a ***Nut Aware School***. For the health and safety of our students, **all** nut products are **not** allowed in our building. Some examples are: Peanut butter, Nutella, trail mix and many granola bars to name a few.

**Cafeteria Cutlery**

This fall our cafeteria saw a huge loss in cutlery, mainly spoons. We ask that parents please remember to pack cutlery for your child if they are bringing something from home if required.

**Student Attendance**

As per districts attendance policy (302), parents or guardians are required to provide, in writing, a dated excuse for your child's absence from school. Parents or guardians will be notified when a student misses 5 days of school and a meeting will be held at the school if a student exceeds twelve days.

**Visitors to school**

Within the ASD-N school district all schools will be equipped with a security system. This system includes a camera, intercom and a video screen in the office. For the system to work properly, all doors of the school will be locked (this includes the front doors). When arriving at the school the following will occur:

1. You will need to go to the camera that is located on the brick wall beside the front door.
2. You will need to push the button and inform the office you are there. A video will be displayed on a screen located in the office.
3. The person in the office will ask you to identity yourself and state the purpose of your visit.
4. The person in the office will then push the buzzer to unlock the door to let you in (Left-hand door).

**As always**, you will need to stop at the office when you enter the building to sign-in and obtain a visitor’s pass if necessary. **Please remember that Saint Andrews does not have an Administrative Assistance on Wednesday’s, so visitors may have to wait for assistance.**

**Christmas Concert Photos**

Just a friendly reminder that parents and guardians are only permitted to take photos of their own child/children during school events and photos that might include their students cannot be posted online. Photos that are used on the school website or in the local media have been approved by the administration. **Flash photography** is **NEVER** allowed at school events as we have students that suffer from seizures.

**Christmas CD**

Our school will once again be recording a Christmas CD with some of your favorite Christmas carols and songs. All homeroom classes along with our Choir will be performing and this will make a beautiful gift or family keepsake. CD’s are 10$ each 2 for $15 or 3 for 25$. Order forms were sent home with students.

**Saint Andrews Choir**

Our choir will be performing on Sunday December 13th at the annual “Christmas to Remember Mayor’s Concert” at Saint Mary’s Church at 7pm. More information will follow.

**Cocoa House**

The Saint Andrews annual Cocoa House will be held this year with the students and staff of Ian Baillie at Saint Michael’s Church at 6pm on Tuesday December 15th. The storm date is Thursday December 17th at the same time. More information will follow.

**Boys Basketball**

Our basketball season began on Monday, November 23rd. Practices take place on Monday and Wednesday from 3-4pm. Most games are on Wednesday but a more detailed schedule will be sent home. Once games begin, all players are asked to show up for each game at least 15 minutes before hand. If a home game is being played, students are permitted to stay afterschool until the game begins. Parents/Guardians are responsible for transportation to and from each game/practice. Practices end at 4pm sharp.

**Christmas Dinner - THURSDAY DECEMBER 3RD**

Turkey & Dressing, mashed potatoes, veggies, gravy, cranberries, milk and a Christmas Dessert

**The cost is $6.25, please purchase your ticket by Tuesday, December 1st.** This will be the only meal served on this day.