

Welcome to your January Cru's News!

Welcome to St. Andrew's "Cru's News," the e-newsletter that captures monthly highlights of our scholars, artists, athletes, and servants, as well as alumni stories and important event reminders. If you consider yourself a member of the St. Andrew's community, then this newsletter is for you! Want to contribute a story? Contact communications@sasaustin.org

February Calendar Highlights

(For a complete list, view our online calendar here)

US Grandparents' Day 2/4, 9:30 am, DFAC

US Play "To Kill a Mockingbird" 2/4, 4:00 and 6:30 pm, DFAC 2/6, 2:00 and 6:00 pm, DFAC *Mature subject matter (Ages 12+)

LS 39th Annual Rhythms Night 2/4, 6:00 pm, Crusader Hall *Spirit Shop open 5:30-7:15 pm

LS/MS Grandparents' Day 2/5, 7:45 am, Nazro Hall *Spirit Shop open 7:30-8:30 am

Art/Architecture Trip 2/5 - 2/7, Los Angeles

Winter SPC Tournament 2/11 - 2/13, Houston

Presidents' Day (No Classes) 2/15

Final Parent Association Meeting 2/17, 12:15 pm, LS/MS DuPont Room

Special Speaker Event: "A Parent's Toolbox" 2/23, 12:15 pm, US Library

KENDRA SCOTT THE BUTTER



TODAY! Shop Kendra Scott for Thompson's Habitat Project

Enjoy "sips and sweets" while you shop at SAS parent Kendra Scott's brand new store (3800 N. Lamar) on January 29, 6:00-8:00 pm and she will donate 20% of sales to Austin's Habitat for Humanity in support of 11th-grader Taylor Thompson. Taylor has already broken ground on one Habitat home, and he hopes to raise enough money to finance a second home soon.

Taylor is fundraising for Habitat in honor of his mother Maureen, who lost her battle with cancer in October 2014. He is using design plans that Maureen, an architect, originally created as a Habitat volunteer herself.

*Whether purchasing Kendra Scott items in store or over the phone, say "for Maureen Thompson" and sales associates will apply the donation to Habitat. Enjoy shopping for a worthy cause!



Visit Spirit Shop on Grandparents Day

The Spirit Shop will hold special shopping hours on Thursday, February 4 before and after Rhythm's Night (5:30-7:15 pm). We will also be open early Friday, February 5 as grandparents are arriving (7:30-8:30 am). Come check out our latest items!



Save the Date: Spring Gala "Par-Tee" on April 9th

Come celebrate St. Andrew's at our annual Spring Gala Par-Tee on April 9th!

When: Saturday, April 9, 2016 ~ 6:00 pm Where: Lion's Municipal Golf Course

Guests will enjoy:

- A delicious Masters-inspired dinner from The Grove with dessert by Teo and signature cocktails from local distillers
- Pitch and putt and long drive contests
- A golf cart raffle and amazing auctions
- Live entertainment during cocktail hour from <u>Blue Channel Jazz</u> (featuring SAS second grade teacher Andy Boutot) and Austin's own amazing cover band <u>Suede</u>

Tickets: Corporate and family sponsorships and individual ticket sales will be live online in early February. More Details



Final Parent Association Meeting

Parents, please join us for the last PA Meeting of this academic year!

When: Wednesday, February 17 at 12:15 pm (Lunch provided!)
Where: DuPont Room (inside Nazro Hall, LS/MS campus)

We have a great line-up of speakers:

- Alice Nezzer will be speaking about the "new" Middle School, 6th grade academic and sports changes, etc.
- Priscilla Lund will speak about what is happening in the Admissions Office
- Kathy Wynn will speak about Kindergarten
- · Concert Chairs will discuss Spring Gala details

More Details



Special Speaker Event: "A Parent's Toolbox"

St. Andrew's Upper School Parent Enrichment Committee presents:

"A Parent's Toolbox: Keeping Teens Healthy and Parents Sane"

What professionals who work with teens want parents to know about alcohol and drug use, mental health, and the law

When: Tuesday, February 23, 12:15 pm Where: Upper School Library (5901 Southwest Parkway)

Speakers: Special guests Worth Carroll (Attorney, Sumpter & Gonzalez) and Crystal Collier (PhD, LPC-S) will provide real-life, ready-to-use strategies and advice for St. Andrew's parents who might be wondering... More Details

Seniors Need Your Help for Senior Project

Our seniors need you, your skills, your studio spaces, your passion, your extra lumber, your oldsewing machine...whatever you can think of, they might be able to put it to use during their Senior Project!

If you have supplies that you'd like to donate or are just curious to learn more about how you can support this wonderful program, please email <u>Kimberly Horne</u> (<u>khorne@sasaustin.org</u>).



Free Heart Screening for Young Athletes on Feb. 6

Visit <u>hearthospitalofaustin.com</u> for more details

Applications Due Monday, February 1!

A gentle reminder to families applying for the 2016-17 academic year: your application is due on Monday, February 1! Applications are submitted online via the "Admissions section of our website (www.sasaustin.org).

Do you know someone who is interested in St. Andrew's? Share our new Admissions videos with them for a glimpse at the St. Andrew's experience. Visit our <u>At a Glance page</u> or our <u>SAS YouTube channel</u> to watch and share with others! Watch St. Andrew's At A Glance now!



Register for Summer Camp at St. Andrew's!

What: Summer Camp

When: May 31-June 24, 2016 Who: Austin youth, ages 4-18

Register: Read more details and register here



SAS Celebrates MLK Legacy

This year St. Andrew's students and faculty honored the legacy of Martin Luther King, Jr., in chapel, art, and the greater Austin community. Lower and Middle School students joined together for a special MLK chapel assembly in which they heard from guest speaker Joah Spearman, Founder and CEO of Localeur, as well as performances by percussion ensembles. First graders used the MLK quotation, "Faith is taking the first step even when you can't see the whole staircase," as inspiration to... Read More



Waugh '20, Owens '20 Honored at Scholastic Art Awards

Congratulations to Sophia Waugh '20 and Rachel Owens '20, who were recognized at The Scholastic Art Awards for Central Texas on January 24! Sophia earned a Silver Key award for her drawing "You Are Always So Happy," and Rachel earned an Honorable Mention for her digital art titled "I Am Not Afraid To Walk In This World Alone." Read More

Latin Scholars Take Top Prizes on National Exam

Back in December, Latin students at the Upper school took the National Classical Etymology Exam. They were joined by and competed with students from across the United States. There is one exam, and awards are based on the level of Latin in which a student is enrolled. Students in each level can be awarded gold, silver, or bronze medals for outstanding results. Thirteen Upper School students were recognized. Read More



Thompson '17 Breaks Ground on Habitat Home

Taylor Thompson '17 recently raised over \$85,000 to build Habitat for Humanity homes in honor of his mother Maureen, who was a champion of Habitat and helped design some of their homes. Read More



Science Olympiad Through the Eyes of a Sixth Grader

Walking to the Middle School, laughing as the building doors open to reveal a narrow entryway that billows out into a hall of wonders. Stairs to the left lead to the one and only Science Olympiad. We're finally here! Read More



Senior-Directed "Perks" and "Chamber Music" On Stage

This year's Senior-Directed Series featured the final productions by directors **Shelby Bray, Natalie Jacks,** and **Megan Lanctot**. Natalie and Megan co-directed their adaptation of Stephen Chbosky's "The Perks of Being a Wallflower," which combines elements from both the movie and book. Shelby Bray directed Arthur Kopit's "Chamber Music," a story set in 1938 about eight famous women who are

all in the same insane asylum. Read More

Students, Faculty Discuss Social Justice at NAIS Conference

Every December, students across the country gather together to talk about social justice issues in our nation at the National Association of Independent School (NAIS)'s Student Diversity Leadership Conference (SDLC). Read More



Ty Detmer Heads to BYU as Offensive Coordinator

After six years as head football coach, Ty Detmer has said a fond farewell to St. Andrew's for what he calls "a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity" to serve as offensive coordinator at his alma mater, Brigham Young University. Ty told the *Austin American-Statesman*, "You would have thought taking this job might have been a no-brainer, but it wasn't. It's something I had to think long and hard about." Read More



Kristin von Kreisler '56

Alumna Kristin von Kreisler '56 releases her latest novel *Earnest* this month. The story follows a yellow Labrador, Earnest, through the break-up of a young couple and their custody battle over him. Kristin based her story off a real couple who made headlines when they spent over \$100,000 fighting over custody of their dog. Read More



Megan Thompson '14

Megan Thompson '14 was named the Northwest Conference's "Women's Swimming Student-Athlete of the Week" after scoring the most individual points of any Whitworth woman against NCAA D-I school Seattle U. Read More



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