



“You aspire to do great things. Begin with little ones.”
-St. Augustine

Dear Parents and Guardians,

September 6, 2019

It is important that we have all required forms on file. In an effort to do so we will host a “Spirit Day” on Wednesday, September 11 for classes that have returned 100% of their Emergency Forms and Walking Permission Slips. Those earning this special treat will wear their class-designated color Spirit T-shirt and denim pants (no shorts). These forms can be downloaded from our website. Be sure to turn in your forms ASAP!

Hoops for Hope... Our annual “Hoops for Hope” fundraiser is Tuesday, September 17 at Gallaudet University. Students in grades 4-8 are invited to participate on a first come, first served basis. Permission slips were sent home today. We will leave school at 4:00 PM and return by 7:30 PM.



Scantron Testing ... Students in grades 1-8 will be taking the baseline Scantron tests in Math and Reading over the next two weeks. Please see the schedule below. This is the first of three testing periods during the school year. The results will be distributed with the 1st Quarter report cards. All testing is scheduled in the morning and we ask you to please ensure that your child is on time, well rested, and eats a healthy breakfast each day to prepare for this initial testing session of the school year.

Grade	Reading/LA Scantron	Math Scantron
1	Thursday, September 12 Monday, September 16	Thursday, September 19 Monday, September 23
2	Friday, September 6	Tuesday, September 10
3	Wednesday, September 11	Wednesday, September 18
4	Tuesday, September 10	Tuesday, September 17
5	Wednesday, September 11	Wednesday, September 18
6	Monday, September 9	Monday, September 16
7	Monday, September 9	Monday, September 16
8	Friday, September 13	Friday, September 20

Save the Date... Our first Home & School Meeting of the year is Thursday, September 12 at 6:30 PM in Margot Hall. Pizza will be sold between 5:00-6:15 PM. (Proceeds benefit the primary level.) Complimentary childcare will be provided for St. Anthony students. There will be a tag day for those children whose parents attend the meeting. We hope you will join us.

Eighth Grade Reminders... HSPT registration information has been sent home. Please register your child ASAP. Also, the 8th grade family High School Meeting will be held on Thursday, September 19 at 6:00 PM. Please contact Sr. Elise with any questions.

POLICY REMINDERS

Child Protection... New parents and new volunteers who wish to volunteer must create an account on www.Virtus.org, obtain finger-printing from a local police station, and attend Virtus training through the Archdiocese of Washington to participate in any classroom, recess, fieldtrip, and before/aftercare activities. Returning families who have completed the process may volunteer until January. Beginning February 1st all volunteers must receive finger printing. Contact Ms. Moore with any questions.

Parent Participation... St. Anthony Catholic School believes strongly in “parent power”. The greater the parent/ guardian support, the increased success we can achieve as a school. There is endless research outlining the countless benefits of parent involvement in children’s education.

Each family is required to serve a minimum of twenty service hours during the school year. Ten hours must be served each semester. This means the first ten hours must be complete by January 17, 2020. A cash fee of \$15 will be assessed for each service hour not served. **Unmet obligations will be added to the family’s bill at the end of each semester.**

The Opportunity Scholarship Program will not cover service hour fees. Failure to satisfy this obligation will mean that the child’s place at St. Anthony may be forfeited and that transcripts will be withheld.

Please refer to page seven of the handbook for more details. Our handbook can be found on our website.

I hope that you and your child(ren) are having a positive experience as we begin a new school year. Our faculty, staff, and students are working hard and make me proud every day. Much of the learning, praying, and playing is highlighted on our Facebook page. If you haven’t already “liked us” on Facebook please do so and feel free to “share” posts as you wish. You can easily view the page (even without an account) from our website. As always, I am open to hear your cares, concerns, and compliments.

Enjoy your weekend.
In Christ,

Michael Thomasian
Principal

*Our current enrollment is 226 students.



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