



Dear Parents and Guardians,

October 6, 2017

Here we are in early October. Scantron baseline testing is complete. The 2017-2018 student council has been commissioned. Halloween events are planned. And soon we'll be advertising our Thanksgiving Canned Food Drive. There is always a lot of learning and fun happening at St. Anthony. Please read all teacher emails and my Friday Note to stay in the loop. My goal is to have you stay informed and involved. We want you fully engaged in all we do here.

*Hoops for Hope...* Last Tuesday nearly fifty of our students enjoyed the annual basketball fund raising event. The bus was delayed in picking us up, but once everyone arrived at George Washington University's Smith Center it was a fun time. All proceeds will benefit our "Blue & Gold" scholarship fund. Thank you to all teachers and parents who chaperoned.

*Woodchips...* The playground near the church received a fresh supply of woodchips yesterday. It looks better and is safer for the students. Check it out!

*Chrome Books...* Two mobile charging carts and 56 brand new Chrome Books and sets of headphones will be introduced to the students on Tuesday. One cart is for grades 1-3 and Spanish (grades 3-8) and the other is for the middle school. Now, even greater technology integration can happen. Stay tuned!

*BINGO...* Student Council is hosting its first Family Bingo Night of the year tonight. All seats are taken; RSVPs only. No doubt it'll be another very fun night. Good luck to all players.

*No School...* Next week is a short week. Monday is Columbus Day and a federal holiday. Friday is the Archdiocese's fall professional development.



**PICTURE  
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*Picture Day...* Wednesday is "Picture Day." All students must wear their academic uniform. Students will take both individual pictures and a class picture. Order forms are enclosed in the Friday Folder; purchasing is optional. In the spring we have another "Picture Day" where students may choose to be photographed out of uniform.

*A+ Rewards...* Please take a few minutes to go online and select St. Anthony as your school of choice to receive your A+ Rewards. It's a fast and easy thing to do and will help bring additional cash into our school. Our ID# is 00195. Also, please encourage family and friends to do the same. If you need assistance call, 1-877-366-2668.

*Child Protection...* Our final fall Child Protection workshop will be held on Tuesday, October 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:00 PM in the cafeteria. You must register at [www.virtus.org](http://www.virtus.org) and complete all steps of the background process. Contact Ms. Moore for details.

*“Trunk or Treat”...* The Home & School’s Halloween event is on Saturday, October 21<sup>st</sup>, 5:30-8:30 PM. The event includes collecting treats from parents’ car trunks and the traditional haunted house. More details and a sign-up form can be found in the Friday Folder.

*Halloween on Campus...* Catholic University invites you to their “rain or shine” Halloween event on Thursday, October 26<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 PM. It will be held on Marist Lawn. Free candy and games will be enjoyed. See the flyer in the Friday Folder.



*Bowtie Brunch...* All young men and important men in their lives (fathers, uncles, grandfathers, godfathers, etc.) are invited to November 4<sup>th</sup>'s “Bow-Tie Brunch.” The 11:00 AM-3:00 PM event includes presentations, activities, and of course delicious food. A registration form is enclosed in the Friday Folder.



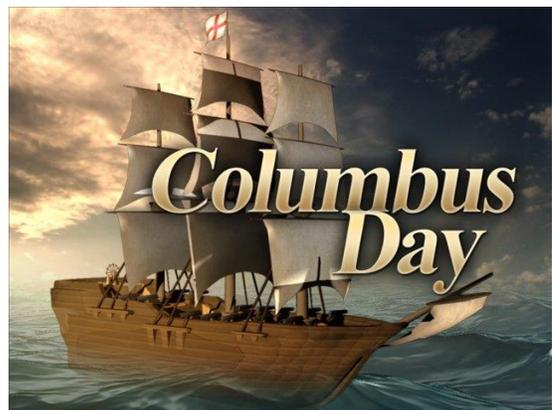
*Facebook...* Fun pictures and school announcements are made on our Facebook page regularly. You don't need a Facebook account to view, but you do need one to “Like Us” or share our posts. I encourage you to visit our page often. There are some really cool things I think you'd enjoy.

Our pastor, Fr. Fred Close, is celebrating a big birthday on Wednesday, October 18<sup>th</sup>. As a school community we will honor him next week. Stay tuned for more details.

Have a great holiday weekend.

Peace,

Michael Thomasian  
Principal



*Proudly celebrating our 95<sup>th</sup> year!*