



"The Lord has loved me so much: we must love everyone and be compassionate!"  
-St. Josephine Bakhita, 2017-18 School Theme



Dear Parents and Guardians,

September 1, 2017

Tuesday morning's rain did nothing to dampen our student and staff's excitement. I must say our opening was quite smooth. All of our new and returning teachers and new and returning students really seem to be working well and eager to get to work. As I visit the classrooms I'm impressed by the organization and creativity of our teachers and by the good behavior and enthusiasm of our students. I am confident this will be an amazing school year.

On Wednesday I was surprised with the Archdiocese of Washington's 2017 Distinguished Principal of the Year award. Your children filled the church, sat patiently, and gave a warm applause as I entered and received the award. Since then I have received many congratulatory messages and comments on our Facebook Page. I love serving at St. Anthony. We have a dedicated instructional team, awesome children, and fabulous parents, alumni, and parishioners. Thank you for your well-wishes and on-going support of my work and our school's mission.



*Important Forms...* All families must return three important forms—the Emergency Contact Form, 2017-2018 Walking Permission Slip, and the ADW Family Survey. Approved Cell Phone Forms must be on file for any student bringing a phone to school. These forms were distributed and can also be printed from our website. Contact your child's teacher or Mrs. Bond with any questions.

*Handbooks...* Our handbook is enclosed in this week's Friday Folder. It is important that parents/ guardians and our students are familiar with school policies and procedures. I ask that you read the entire handbook; however, I would like to emphasize a few significant topics.

- Parent Participation (service hours)- page 7
- School Hours/ Extended Care Program- page 8-9
- Absences- pages 9-10
- Uniform Policy- pages 15- 17
- Other Student Rules and Cell Phone Policy- page 29

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*Healthy Snacks & Lunch...* Children are encouraged to bring nutritious food for snacks and lunches. Refrain from foods that are highly processed, contain high fructose corn syrup or artificial flavoring or coloring, and have high levels of sugar and/ or sodium. (Lunchables are strongly discouraged.) Students are not allowed to bring or drink soda or energy drinks while in school or in extended care. Parents may drop off forgotten lunches in the school office. Lunch purchased at fast food restaurants and dropped off is strongly discouraged. Students receiving fast food will not eat in the cafeteria with their classmates. No child is permitted to leave the school grounds to purchase lunch or to patronize any local shops.



*Lunch Options...* Hot Lunch is one Wednesday a month. (It consists of a hotdog, drink, and a snack.) Subway is offered every Thursday. Pizza is offered every other Friday. All lunches must be pre-ordered using the designated form. Smart Lunch is offered daily and must be pre-ordered using the online form. A link to Smart Lunches can be found on our website.

### *Upcoming Events*

Saturday, September 2	Mrs. Bond's Birthday
Monday, September 4	Labor Day- No School
Tuesday, September 5	Scantron Testing Begins
Wednesday, September 6	12:30 PM Dismissal
Friday, September 8	Ms. Kane's Birthday
Thursday, September 14	Back-to-School HSA Meeting, 6:30-7:30 PM
Friday, September 15	Spaghetti Lunch
Friday, September 15	Ms. Bacon's Birthday
Saturday, September 16	Mr. Thomasian's Birthday
Sunday, September 17	Parish 125 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Mass, 10:00 AM
Wednesday, September 20	Hot Lunch

Again, welcome back! Your feedback is welcome. Feel free to share your cares, concerns, and compliments at any time. Together let's make the 2017-2018 our best year yet.

Yours in Christ,

Michael Thomasian  
Principal



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