



“Not all of us can do great things. But we can do small things with great love.”
-Saint Teresa of Calcutta

Dear Parents and Guardians,

September 7, 2018

It was a very warm week, but the learning must go on! At times like this I am most grateful to the inventors of air conditioning and to the Consortium for installing it in each of our classrooms and offices. Students and teachers have been busy at work. You should be receiving paper or digital newsletters/ updates from your child’s teacher. If you are not, please email your child’s teacher today. I also encourage you to familiarize yourself with our website and Facebook page. Announcements and photos are shared daily.



Kudos... Special thanks are extended to Sr. Elise, Ms. Tracy, our choir, our 8th graders, and all who participated in our first school liturgy. It was a beautiful celebration! We are a community of believers always standing in the need of prayer. Please join us at any of our weekly Masses on Fridays at 8:15.

Scantron Testing ... Students in grades 1-8 will be taking the baseline Scantron tests in Math and Reading beginning on Monday, September 10. 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 13 Monday, September 17	Thursday, September 20 Monday, September 24
2	Friday, September 14	Friday, September 21
3	Thursday, September 13	Thursday, September 20
4	Wednesday, September 12	Wednesday, September 19
5	Tuesday, September 11	Tuesday, September 18
6	Friday, September 14	Wednesday, September 19
7	Friday, September 14	Friday, September 21
8	Monday, September 10	Tuesday, September 18

Grades 5-8... Parents in grades 5-8 will be receiving an email from Mrs. Bond with the subject “Rediker Plus Portal”. The email contains information on accessing your child’s grades. Parents are encouraged to review their child’s grades weekly.

HSA... You are strongly encouraged to attend our first Home & School Meeting of the year on Thursday, September 13 in Margot Hall. We begin at 6:30 PM sharp and strive for an “hour of power.” All are welcome. Complimentary childcare for St. Anthony students is offered. Pizza will also be sold. Students of those in attendance will earn a free tag day (out of uniform) on Friday, September 14.

Handbooks... Our handbook is on our website. 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)- pages 6-7
- School Hours/ Extended Care Program- pages 8-9
- Absences- pages 10-11
- Uniform Policy- pages 15- 17
- Other Student Rules and Cell Phone Policy- page 30



Lunch Options... Hot Lunch is typically on the third Wednesday of the 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.

Hoops for Hope... Our annual “Hoops for Hope” fund raiser is on Thursday, September 27 at George Washington University’s Smith Center. Students in grades 5-8 are encouraged to sign-up. The free event includes basketball clinics for our students, a complimentary pizza treat, and a basketball game between lobbyists and congressional staffers. Permission slips were distributed today. First come, first serve. Virtus-certified parents are welcome to join us.

Upcoming Events

Saturday, September 8	Ms. Kane’s Birthday
Thursday, September 14	Back-to-School HSA Meeting, 6:30-7:30 PM
Friday, September 15	Ms. Bacon’s Birthday
Saturday, September 16	Mr. Thomasian’s Birthday
Wednesday, September 19	Hot Lunch
Friday, September 21	Spaghetti Lunch
Thursday, September 27	“Hoops for Hope,” 3:30-7:30 PM
Friday, September 28	Family Bingo
Wednesday, October 3	12:30 PM Dismissal
Friday, October 5	1 st Quarter Progress Reports Distributed

In closing, I thank you for choosing St. Anthony for your child(ren). We appreciate your trust and need your support. The strength of our partnership will have a significant effect on the success of the school year. I strongly encourage you to stay informed and stay involved.

Peace & Blessings,

Michael Thomasian
Principal



Proudly celebrating our 95th year!