



# St. Anthony

## CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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## **2020-2021 Reopening Plan**

Our school year opened with live Student Orientation the week of August 24-28. The first day of school was Monday, August 31. We opened the year with virtual instruction and will continue virtually until the D.C. government provides further updates and guidance. This plan outlines how the school will communicate with students and families, the technology that may be used, and how students can be supported at home. Teachers will prepare lesson plans that utilize the technology available to continue facilitating instruction to their classes.



### **School Hours**

Each grade's schedule varies slightly, families should familiarize themselves with general school hours—Monday-Thursday is 8:00 AM -3:15 PM and Friday, 8:00 AM-12:30 PM. Visitors to the school are discouraged. During this time, we ask that you contact us by phone or email.

### **Attire**

Students are required to wear a St. Anthony top during distance learning—red polo, white Peter Pan or Oxford button down, PE, and spirit t-shirts are all acceptable.

Benedictine Scholars may wear their academic uniform or their physical education uniform, Monday-Thursday or Monday-Friday. Students may wear their spirit t-shirt and jeans or other long pants (no leggings) on Fridays. Shorts may be worn on Fridays in August- September.

### **Principal Chats**

Principal Chats are held on Zoom every Tuesday from 8:30-9:00 AM and 12:00-12:30 PM. The same link will be used each week. All are welcome.

### **Alerts and Notifications**

St. Anthony will use its email system, website, and Facebook page to communicate with families.

## **Office Hours**

All teachers have scheduled office hours for students and another set of office hours for parents and guardians. Please refer to your child's schedule for specific days and times.

## **Friday Exchange**

Friday Exchange is an opportunity for families to pick up packets and/ or materials for the next week's distance learning. This is also an opportunity for families to drop off materials, assignments, etc. The hours are 8:00-10:00 AM and 2:00-4:00 PM. Tables will be set outside of the main office.

## **Internal Communication**

The faculty and staff meet every Friday afternoon. The school alternates between general faculty and staff meetings and grade level meetings. Professional Development is offered by the Archdiocese of Washington every Wednesday afternoon.

## **The Learning Experience**

It is understood that distance learning cannot completely replicate the experience that students have within the confines of St. Anthony Catholic School. However, teachers will continue to follow the academic standards and create meaningful learning while we are away from the building. We encourage continued physical activity while away from school and observing social distancing norms.

## **Distance Learning Plan**

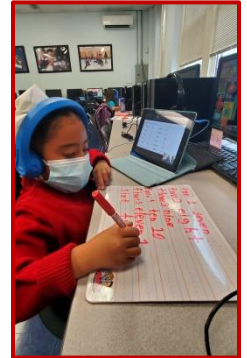
Teachers created classroom schedules that meet or exceed the archdiocese's instructional requirements. Families should familiarize themselves with their child's schedule and are encouraged to post a hard copy in a central location in the home. Methods used will vary depending on the grade level of the student. Generally, PreK-Grade 2 use Seesaw and Grades 3-8 use Google Classroom. (Other digital resources may be embedded on these platforms.) Teachers will use a variety of digital platforms to both assign and to collect student work. Special teachers (art, music, and P.E.) will share lesson plans through the homeroom teacher for the younger students and Google Classroom for the older students.

Teachers will email parents with general announcements and reminders on a regular basis. All work must be submitted digitally unless specified by your child's teacher. Teachers will monitor completion and grade all assignments. It is imperative that work is submitted in a timely manner. Each level has its own late work submission policy. All assignments will be in alignment with

the Archdiocese of Washington curriculum standards. A copy of the curriculum standards can be found at [www.adwcatholicsschools.org](http://www.adwcatholicsschools.org) .

### **Benedictine Scholars Program**

St. Anthony created the Benedictine Scholars Program to better assist students and their families. This program invites into the building five students from each grade to receive supervision and support during their virtual instruction. These students were selected by the administration and faculty based on a variety of factors. New protocols include a daily health screening, temperature taking, and assigned doors and bathrooms. When possible and if space allows, additional students may be added to the program.



### **Technology**

Families should provide students with devices and internet access to complete all assignments. If a family does not have a device or consistent internet access, they should notify the school principal who will assist the family in creating a plan.

### **Go Guardian**

Students in grades 3-8 are monitored by Go Guardian. This software helps schools easily manage their devices, better understand their students, and ultimately keeps students safe and more focused while online.

### **Student Responsibilities**

- Identify a comfortable, quiet space with an internet connection where you can work effectively and successfully.
- Students should dress appropriately either in the uniform or follow tag day guidelines.
- Students should be seated at a desk or other writing surface.
- Students should come to class with all of the necessary textbooks, workbooks, notebooks, and other materials.
- Student's behavior should align with St. Anthony's code of conduct as stated in the handbook.
- Please minimize distractions while online. Students should not eat while in class or open up any windows, applications, or games without the teacher's permission.
- Complete assignments with integrity and academic honesty, doing your best work.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> graders should proactively message teachers on Google Classroom with questions or if the assignments are unclear.
- All assignments must be submitted on time for full credit.



### **Parent Responsibilities**

- Provide a comfortable, quiet space with internet connection where students can work.
- Set a schedule with your child at home.
- Ensure students keep to a routine.
- Provide a healthy breakfast, snack, and lunch when not in class.
- Monitor communications from teachers.
- Proactively email teachers with questions or if the assignments are unclear.
- Encourage physical activity and discourage any excessive screen time.
- Remain mindful of your child's feelings of stress and/or anxiety.
- Pick up/ drop off necessary materials on Fridays.
- Please contact the St. Anthony administration with any questions or concerns.
- We are a tuition-based school. Please make your monthly payments in a timely manner.
- Class time is valuable. Parents should not ask the teacher questions or attempt to conference.
- Assist your child in appropriate ways, but allow them to do their own work.

### **Student Support Services**

Ms. Steele, the school counselor is available through email for help with social, emotional and/or academic concerns. Additionally, she can help facilitate virtual social connections between students. Ms. Steele will continue counseling the students with whom she has worked throughout the school year. Ms. Steele can also assist families in need of resources.

### **Social Media**

Social Media is an engaging way for us to stay in touch. You are invited to email Mr. Thomasian photos for use on Facebook and Twitter. If you are connected on social media we ask that you "follow us" and help us spread the good news of a St. Anthony education. @STA\_Brookland

### **Principal's Message**

St. Anthony is committed to serving you and our students whether in person or virtually. The faculty, staff, and administration are prepared to continue teaching and supporting families. Our distance learning program is both rigorous and engaging. Consistent classroom schedules, use of textbooks and workbooks, designated office hours, Plus Portal, and Friday Exchanges combine to make this time safe, productive, and student-friendly. Students are expected to do their best based on the resources available to them. We understand every family dynamic is unique; please share any obstacles that affect your ability to fully engage with this distance learning plan. Staying informed and involved are the best ways to stay on track. Know you can always email anyone from our faculty, staff, or administration. We are here for you! In the meantime, let us continue to keep each other in prayer. Together, we will get through this!

