



“Remember, O man, that dust thou art, and to dust thou shalt return.”

Dear St. Anthony Families,

February 15, 2021

I hope you and your family are enjoying the Presidents’ Day Mini-Break. In just two days we will celebrate Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent. All of our students will learn about this holy season consisting of prayer, fasting, and penance so that in 40 days we can joyfully and more fully celebrate Jesus’s resurrection. On Ash Wednesday, all Pre-K students and Benedictine Scholars will receive their ashes using the ancient rite of lightly sprinkling ashes on the head as opposed to the traditional cross on the forehead. Scripture readings and prayers will occur in individual classrooms and students will go to the church on a rotating schedule. Please contact me if you have any questions.



[Read the Ash Wednesday Readings Here.](#)

Enrollment... Now is the time to reregister for the 2021-2022 school year and for new students to apply for enrollment. Many of you expressed interest in having your younger child attend our PreK. Space is filling up quickly; apply on TADS now to guarantee your seat!

Principal Chats... Join me every Tuesday at noon for our weekly “Principal Chat.” The same Zoom link is used each week.

Virtual Learners... All students must have their cameras on during class hours. Students who do not comply will be removed from the virtual classroom. Teachers and students need to see each other to make connections and to enjoy full participation. Also, students should wear their uniform each day. Lastly, please be sure your child is working in the quietest spot possible with the least distractions. Your support will help all students shine!

Space Available... There is still room for in-person learning in grades 5-8. Contact the office or your child’s teacher if you are interested in returning to the building.

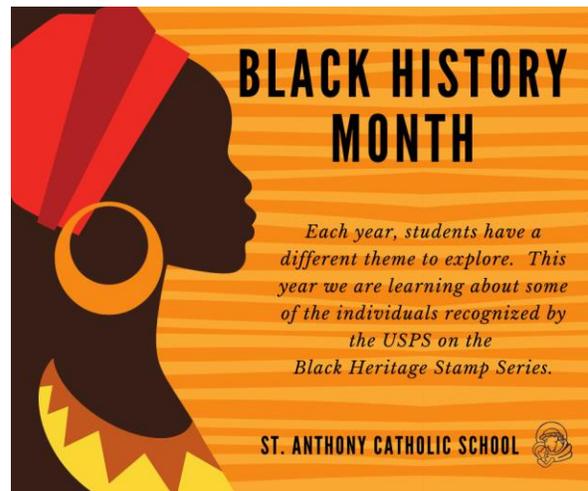
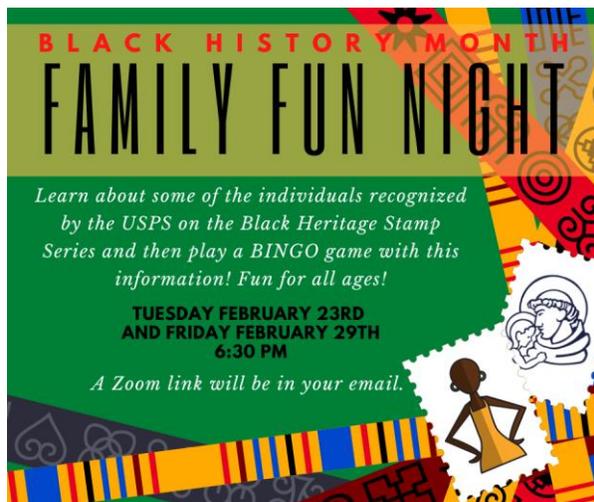
Benedictine Scholars... Our in-person learning is going fantastic thanks to you, your children, and are amazing and dedicated faculty and staff. Here are a few reminders:

- Arrival for all students is 7:45-8:00 AM.
- We are no longer using Luke C. Moore High School’s parking lot. All cars should enter onto Lawrence Street from 10th Street.

- Pick up for grades PreK-Grade 2 is 3:00 PM (Monday-Thursday) and 12:15 PM on Fridays and for Grades 3-8 is 3:15 PM (Monday-Thursday) and 12:30 PM on Fridays.
- Late students must check in at the office. Punctuality is important; please be on time!
- Disruptions should be minimal. Students should bring lunch daily and early dismissal is discouraged.

Inclement Weather... This school year the Consortium will determine whether we are open, virtual, or closed. Extremely cold temperatures, ice, and/or snow are all taken into consideration. Be sure to check your email regularly on these days.

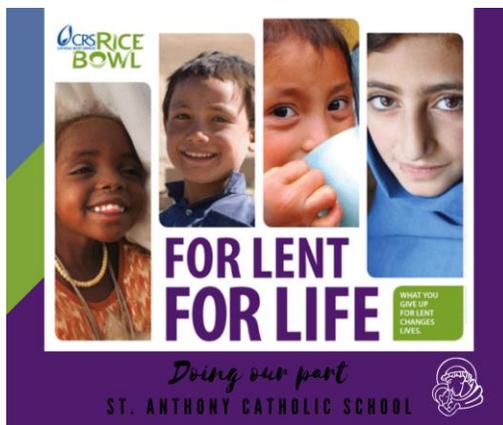
Celebrating Black History!



Many of you are already enjoying our #STA365! This initiative celebrates both well-known and less well-known Black Heritage facts. Visit us on Facebook or Twitter to learn more!

As you can see from these graphics all grades are learning about the U.S. Postal System's Black Heritage Stamp Series. Video presentations are being made. Stay tuned!

Please join us for our next Family Fun Night next Tuesday, February 23 at 6:30 PM.



As we journey through Lent together, let us include Catholic Relief Service's Rice Bowl as part of our Lenten tradition. Sr. Mary Olivia and grade four are hosting the service project. Stay tuned for more details.

Thank you for the many ways you support me, our teachers, and our school. We value our partnership and keep you in our prayers today and always!

Peace,
Mr. Thomasian

Proudly celebrating our 98th year!