



“Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.”  
Psalm 118

Dear St. Anthony Families,

April 11, 2021

Happy Divine Mercy Sunday! I hope you and your family enjoyed a peaceful Easter break. Classes resume tomorrow on a regular Monday schedule. If your family traveled outside of Maryland and Virginia or is experiencing any possible Covid symptoms I ask that you stay home and follow the Mayor Bowser’s health guidelines. If in doubt, please act in an abundance of caution. Any Benedictine Scholars needing to learn from home may join their class via Zoom. Your cooperation is essential. Thank you in advance for helping to keep our school community safe and healthy.

*New Quarter...* The third quarter ended on April 1. Report cards will be emailed home on Friday, April 16. We are now in the fourth quarter. Let us encourage our students to work toward a strong finish.

*Sacrament News...* A handful of our second graders received their First Reconciliation on Wednesday, March 31. These same students will receive their First Holy Communion on Sunday, May 2. Our eighth graders will tentatively receive their Confirmation on June 5. Please keep all of our students preparing for the sacraments in your prayers. If you are interested in having your child baptized or receiving a Catholic sacrament please contact me.

*Summer Program...* The St. Anthony Summer Program has expanded to serve rising PreK3 to rising sixth graders. Our amazing team will include Mrs. Andercheck, Ms. Randolph, Ms. Kane, Ms. Thomas, Mrs. Kimathi, and Ms. Carter. (Depending on enrollment staff may be increased.) Students will engage in academic enrichment, arts and crafts, outdoor sports and playtime, and in-house field trips.



- The six week program will operate June 21- July 30, 8:15 AM-3:15 PM.
- Due to Covid restrictions, before and aftercare will not be offered this year.
- The Summer Program tuition is \$1,400 plus a \$50.00 non-refundable registration fee.
- Unfortunately, we are unable to pro-rate or offer "pay as you go."
- Tuition must be paid in full before the start of the program.
- Opportunity Scholarship funds may be applied to the summer tuition.
- Campers must be successfully potty-trained.
- All payments must be made online.

St. Anthony will also partner with the Youth Leadership Foundation (YLF). YLF offers an all girls' program for students entering 3rd- 12th grade called PALS. PALS will be located at St. Anthony. TAP, the boys' program, serves the same ages and will tentatively be held at St. Francis Xavier. Transportation between schools will be offered for a limited number of students. Stay tuned for more details.

*Thank you...* Thank you for participating in our CRS Rice Bowl project and our Lenten Canned Food Drive. The fourth graders counted up each contribution. The total was an amazing \$1,500! Our seventh graders delivered a few hundred donated food items to our parish food pantry just before break. Once again, your generosity is overwhelming and much appreciated. Special thanks are extended to Sr. Mary Olivia and the fourth grade and Mr. Huston and the seventh grade for their leadership.

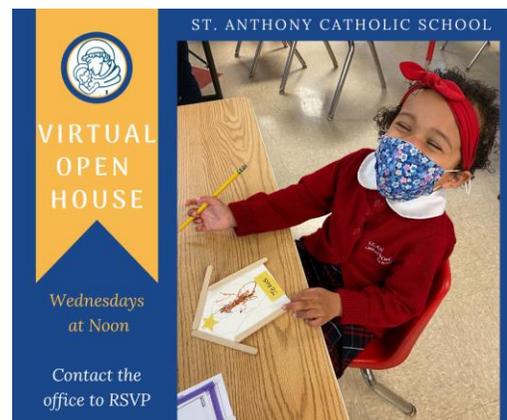
*Friday Exchange...* A few classes may participate in an exchange tomorrow, Monday, April 12 to distribute work for the week of April 12-16. Please check your email for communication from your child's teacher. From there the exchange will return on Fridays—April 16, 23, 30 and May 7, 14, and 21. As always, refer to communication from your child's teacher for details.

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

*Virtual Open House...* We will host Virtual Open House sessions on April 14, 21, and 28 at noon.

Prospective families should RSVP on our school's website and a Zoom link will then be emailed to them. Your help in spreading the word is appreciated.

*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 Pre-K. Space is filling up quickly; apply on TADS now to guarantee your seat! If you missed the official financial aid application deadline, please know you should still complete it. Assistance is still available.



*Thank you...* Holy Trinity School in Georgetown hosted a very successful books drive to benefit some of our archdiocesan schools, including St. Anthony. Boxes of books arrived just before break. Among them were dozens of books written by Black authors featuring more diverse stories and characters. We are extremely grateful to our Holy Trinity friends for their kindness and generosity.

*Plus Portals...* Students in grades 4-8 have all of their grades regularly posted on the Plus Portals website. Please check this site weekly to monitor your child's progress and to see if he/she has any outstanding assignments. I encourage you to also visit your child's Google Classroom to read the stream and review assignments. Contact your child's teacher with any questions.

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*Easter Fun...* We are still in the Easter Season! This Friday, April 16 our PreK3-Grade 5 students will partner with CUA for outdoor Easter fun. This may cause a minor change in the schedule. Please see communication from your child's teacher for more details.

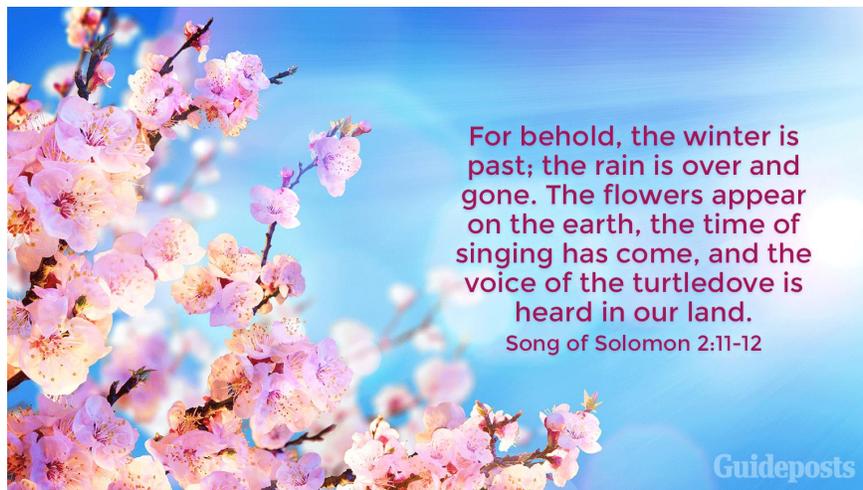
*International Day...* Like most things, our annual International Day will look a bit different this year. However, it will not be virtual or recorded. It will be held in Margot Hall on Thursday, April 29 & 30. Be on the lookout for details.

*Calendar News...* We will not have school on Friday, May 7. This is the day of our faculty and staff retreat. In addition, school will be closed on Friday, May 28 and Monday, May 31 for a Memorial Day break. See our website for the complete calendar.

Please know of my gratitude for your support, cooperation, and flexibility this school year. These are challenging times and yet we are still giving our students a great school year. I could not be more proud of our students, faculty, staff, and families. Thank you to all who make our school such a loving and wonderful place to learn and grow!

Again, welcome back. Have a great week!

Sincerely,  
Mr. Thomasian



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