



“Lord Jesus, open the Scriptures to us make our hearts burn while you speak to us. “
Luke 24:32

Dear St. Anthony Families,

April 18, 2021

St. Anthony is blessed to be located in the heart of “Little Rome.” This week we enjoyed two beautiful days with our Brookland neighbors from the Franciscan Monastery and The Catholic University of America. Our kindergarten celebrated St. Bernadette, their classroom patron saint, by visiting the monastery’s Our Lady of Lourdes grotto on Thursday. On Friday, PreK-Grade 5 “roomies” and “Zoomies” enjoyed an Easter egg hunt, egg decorating, relay races, and games. We are grateful and appreciative to CUA’s Campus Ministry for hosting the Easter fun! Visit our Facebook to view some great pics from the week!

New Quarter... Report cards were emailed home on Friday, April 16. In some cases, Scantron mid-year testing results and summer school/ retention letters were also sent home. Contact your child’s teacher if you did not receive an email from us or if you have questions. Together, 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 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.



After just one week of opening registration our Summer Program is about half full. Registration for non-St. Anthony students will open on Saturday, April 25. If you’re intested in attending act now!

- 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.

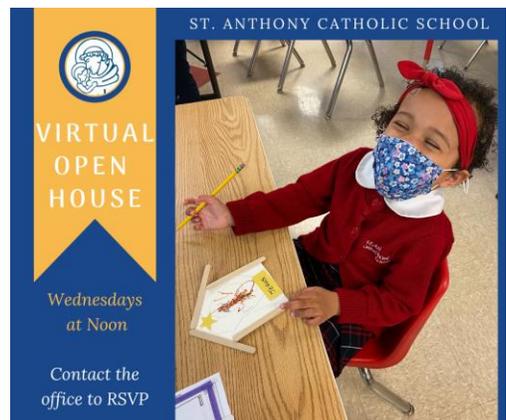
Friday Exchange... Looking ahead! Friday Exchanges will be held on Friday, April 23 & 30, Thursday, May 6, and Friday, May 14 & 21 and Thursday, May 27. As always, refer to communication from your child's teacher for details.

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 21 & 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.



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.

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 for our Benedictine Scholars, also known as our "roomies." Our virtual learning, or "Zoomies" may visit Margot Hall for self-guided tours on Friday, April 30 during Friday Exchange hours. Be on the lookout for details.

Update... This year's "Taco in a Bag" lunch will happen on Tuesday, May 4th during the lunch periods. A flyer will be distributed to our "roomies" this week. Our Concurso de Deletreo (Spanish Spelling Bee) will be held virtually on Thursday, May 6th. Stay tuned for more information.

Proudly celebrating our 98th year!

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.

Social Media... Mother's Day is on Sunday, May 9th. Last year we celebrated our mothers and grandmothers on our social media. This year I'd like to do the same. Please email me or your child's teacher a picture of your child with their mom or grandmother to be part of the fun. All are encouraged to participate.

Have a fabulous week!

Peace,
Mr. Thomasian



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