

HIGHLIGHTS

St. Anthony-St. Paul

Early Childhood Campus

January, 2021 Issue

Dear Families,

HAPPY NEW YEAR to all!

We hope you all had a blessed Christmas recess. The days go by so quickly and we are now in 2021! Now that the weather is starting to feel like winter we are updating our automated emergency alert system IRIS. In the event of a school closure you will be notified by home phone, mobile phone or email. Please complete the form attached and inform us of any corrections needed to your contact information. We cannot successfully contact you without current phone numbers. Thank you for your assistance.

Assessments:

January brings with it NWEA/MAP assessments for grades Kindergarten through 8th. These assessments will be administered during the week of January 17th. The pre-kindergarten students were administered a Brigance assessment in December. These assessments provide the teacher a better understanding of the students learning level helping them to differentiate their class lessons to meet each child's needs.

Registration:

The registration process for new students has started. If you have a friend that is interested in attending or touring our school, please ask them to call the school (845-268-6506) with their contact information and we will set up an appointment for them to come see our school.

You should expect that tuition will increase at all schools at a similar rate, as has been the case in past years. We will inform you as soon as tuition rates have been set and when re-registration for our current student will take place.

God Bless you all with health, happiness and continued faith in 2021 and always.

Blessings to all!

Ms. J. Perez

Important Dates:

January 1 st	No School
January 4 th	In-person classes resume
January 6 th	Feast of the Epiphany
January 8 th	Half day
January 11-15 th	Respect Life Week
January 14 th	Mystery Reader Day
January 18 th	Martin Luther King Day (School Closed)
January 18-22 nd	NWEA/MAP Assessment for all students
January 25 th	Feast Day: Conversion of St. Paul
January 29 th	End of the 2 nd Quarter
February 1-5 th	Catholic Schools Week

REMINDERS

- Please pay your tuition on time to avoid late fees. Tuition is due by the 20th of every month.
- All remote students must be on zoom each day. If they do not log in they are considered absent for the day.

COVID Protocol Reminder— Remember if your child exhibits any symptoms below related to Covid including but not limited to runny nose and coughing we must have a doctor's note stating these symptoms are not related to the Covid virus. **Please do not send your child to school if they have any of these symptoms.** They will be sent home until we have the doctor's note.

- Fever or chills
- Runny nose/Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- New loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea

Every person must **sign a new COVID screening** form each month. Please see the attached form.

Catholic Identity

Classroom Chatter

Value for the Month: Honesty
Scripture: Put away falsehood, speak the truth... Ephesians 4:25

A Prayer for the New Year

Dear Lord, as we begin this brand new year, please bless us, our families and our friends. Bless us with joy to fill our days, peace to fill our hearts and love to fill our lives. May our homes be places of warmth and acceptance. May Your presence in our lives bring peace to our communities, our country and our world. May Your love light our way each day of this new year. Amen.

Feast Day of the Conversion of St. Paul

St. Paul, named Saul at his circumcision, a Jew of the tribe of Benjamin, was born at Tarsus, the capitol of Cilicia. He was a Roman citizen. He was brought up as a strict Jew, and later became a violent persecutor of the Christians. While on his way to Damascus to make new arrests of Christians, he was suddenly converted by a miraculous apparition of Our Lord. From a fierce persecutor he became the great Apostle of the Gentiles. He made three missionary journeys which brought him to the great centers of Asia Minor and southern Europe, and made many converts. Fourteen of his Epistles are found in the New Testament. He was beheaded in Rome around 66 A.D., and his relics are in the Basilica of St. Paul Outside-the-Walls near the Ostian Way.

Pre-Kindergarten—Continue their investigation of buildings. This month students are building pizza, snowmen, puppies, etc. Keep working on SeeSaw activities with your child. SeeSaw is also integrated into the class stations.

Kindergarten and First grade- Preparing for the MAP assessment. Students will focus this month on the value of honesty through studying the works of Dr. Martin Luther King and in their daily religion lessons.

Spotlight on Staff

We wish Ms. Casiano all the best as she begins a new journey in the Army. Join me in welcoming Mrs. Tracy Coviello as a teacher aide. She will work with Ms. Sawyer's pre-kindergarten students. Mrs. Coviello comes to us with previous experience working with early childhood age children and is excited to be able to assist Ms. Sawyer in the classroom.

Let's take time to thank Ms. Foley for coordinating remote learning from putting together all of pre-kindergarten "To Go" bags, making appointments with all families to have the bags picked up, and assisting with logging onto zoom and seesaw. Ms. Foley knows each family of all students in-person and remote and has done a terrific job answering everyone's questions, assisting with school application, coordinating uniform distributions, and assisting all of faculty. Thank you Ms. Maureen Foley.