

HIGHLIGHTS

St. Anthony-St. Paul

Early Childhood Campus

November, 2020 Issue

Dear Families,

We are entering into the holiday season and have successfully completed the first two months of school. We have been following all procedures put in place to keep us all safe during re-opening and continue to remain open five days a week. I am happy to report that we have not had any COVID cases here at the Valley Cottage campus. We continue to pray that everyone remains healthy. Our celebration of Halloween was not the traditional giving of candy but we made it special and the students had a great time.

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.

The value for the month of November is goodness. Scripture tells us Do good, seek peace and pursue it...(Psalm 34:15) This month we show our students how to be servant to others by collecting food and donating it to the St. Ann/St. Paul food pantry. Each class was assigned an item to donate for the pantry. Please send your donation in by Nov. 19th.

Events: Each month the teachers will have a special mystery reader zoom into the classroom with them. The reader will be chosen at random and the teacher will provide a story for them to read.

A parent workshop is being offered on Thursday, Nov. 5th for all families. The workshop will focus on structure, rules and routine. Why are they important? How do you create structure and routines at home? How could you use routines for virtual learning? How should you plan transitions? How do you set and implement rules at home?

Report Cards will be distributed on November 18th. Your child's teacher will be in communication with you the week of November 10th to set up a time that is best for you to meet with them on Nov. 18th for a conference to discuss your child's progress and goals. In order to accommodate all our families, the meeting will be a maximum of 15min. If you feel you need more time to speak to the teacher, please make a separate appointment to meet with the teacher for a longer period of time.

As mentioned in the previous newsletter, we are preparing ourselves to go fully remote in the event Governor Cuomo asks our district to shut down. By now you should have signed and returned the technology and zoom agreement forms. If you have communicated to us that your child does not have access to a device at home, they will be provided one. If you need a new form, please contact the office. You should also have access to the SeeSaw application. The teachers will log in with students via zoom each day following the daily schedule and the students will submit their assignments via SeeSaw.

Blessings to all!

Important Dates:

November 5th Parent Workshop @ 6pm via Zoom

November 6th Half Day 11am
End of the First Quarter

November 11th Veteran's Day (School Closed)

November 18th Parent/Teacher Conferences
Report Cards

November 19th Mystery Reader Day

November 25th-November 27th Thanksgiving Recess
(No School)

November 29th 1st Sunday of Advent

REMINDERS

- Please pay your tuition on time to avoid late fees. Tuition is due by the 20th of every month.
- Every month a new COVID screening form must be signed for each student.
- Drive slowly in the parking lot when dropping off your child. Follow the traffic pattern and please park in a spot before letting your child out of the car.

Catholic Identity

A Prayer of Thanksgiving

Today we give thanks for our many blessings, as we pray for those in need. We give thanks for our family and friends, as we pray for those who are lonely. We give thanks for our freedoms, as we pray for those who are oppressed. We give thanks for our good health, as we pray for those who are ill. We give thanks for our comfort and prosperity, as we share our blessings with others. As we give thanks this day, may the love of God enfold us, the peace of God dwell within us, and the joy of God uplift us. Amen.

Adapted from the prayer found on: [Face ForwardColumbus.com](http://FaceForwardColumbus.com)

Classroom Chatter

Pre-Kindergarten classes continue to work on learning routine in the classrooms. The month of November focuses on Autumn, trees and the harvest. The teachers are implementing SeeSaw activities into the technology station in the classroom. You may also log into the SeeSaw app. at home to view the activities.

Kindergarten is in full swing with Ms. Spinks. She is also implementing SeeSaw into her daily lessons. Please log in with your child at home to view Ms. Spinks meet the teacher message.

First grade is looking forward to honoring our Veterans. They will continue to practice the Great Commandment of "love your neighbor as you love yourself" by providing service to others.

Spotlight on Staff

Welcome to our new St. Anthony-St. Paul Early Childhood Campus

This month we welcome Ms. Lisa Bialer to pre-kindergarten. Ms. Bialer will begin in the 5 hour pre-school classroom on November 5th as the leave replacement Lead Teacher. Ms. Bialer currently holds a Masters degree and is certified in early childhood education. She has worked with early childhood students for 18 years and is very excited to work with the students at St. Anthony-St. Paul school.

We also welcome Ms. Brianne Casiano as an Aide. She will work with Ms. Sawyer's pre-kindergarten students. Ms. Casiano is beginning her career and is excited to be able to assist Ms. Sawyer in the classroom. She is a graduate of Spring Valley High School. She is also enthusiastic about working with Ms. Sawyer and the students.

Last, we welcome Ms. Johanne Leonard. Ms. Leonard is also working as an Aide with pre-K and Kindergarten. She is currently in college attending Pace University. She is bilingual and speaks Creole. She has already been able to help us make a connection with the students that speak English as their second language. Thank you Johanne for already being a terrific addition to our team here at St. Anthony-St. Paul school.