

HIGHLIGHTS

St. Anthony-St. Paul

Early Childhood Campus

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Dear Families,

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

We hope you all had a blessed Christmas recess. 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. If you have recently changed your phone number or e-mail, please contact the office to update your information in the system. 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 2nd. These assessments will be administered during the week of January 10th. The NWEA/MAP assessments provide the teacher a better understanding of a student's learning level. The teachers use the data 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.

COVID:

We continue to navigate through the pandemic. Thank you for your patience and cooperation during this difficult time. Please continue to monitor your child's symptoms and do not send them to school if they do not feel well. Contact the office to notify us of any absences. If a class must go remote, we continue to provide instruction via the SeeSaw application. Kindergarten through second grade would also use zoom.

God Bless you all with health, happiness and continued faith in 2022 and always.

Blessings to all!

Ms. J. Perez

Important Dates:

January 3 rd	In-person classes resume
January 6 th	Feast of the Epiphany
January 7 th	Half day for K-2
January 17 th	Martin Luther King Day (School Closed)
January 17-22 nd	Respect Life Week
January 20 th	Mystery Reader Day
January 10-28 th	NWEA/MAP Assessment for all students
January 25 th	Feast Day: Conversion of St. Paul
January 28 th	End of the 2 nd Quarter
January 30-Feb. 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/SeeSaw 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 negative PCR test stating and/or 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 negative test or 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
- Stomach Ache
- Diarrhea

Catholic Identity

Classroom Chatter

Value for the Month: Respect for All Life

Scripture: "I came so that you might have life and have it more abundantly." John 10:10

Liturgical time of year: Ordinary Time

A Prayer for the New Year

Dear Lord,

Thank you for a new year. May everyone in our family be willing to begin anew with a clean slate. We know that you are always ready to forgive us. Help us to be willing to forgive ourselves and to forgive one another.

As we begin a new year, remind us of our truest values and our deepest desires. Help us to live in the goodness that comes from doing what you want us to do. Help us to put aside anxiety about the future and the past, so that we might live in peace with you now, one day at a time.

Amen. –Loyola press

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 and transition into clothing. Students have created fire stations, post offices, pizzerias and hardware stores in their dramatic play areas. During the clothing unit they will begin to transform their classroom into laundry mats, cleaners, and clothing stores.

Kindergarten through Second grades- Preparing for the MAP assessment. Students will focus this month on the value of Respect Life for All through studying the works of Dr. Martin Luther King and during their daily religion lessons during the week of January 17th.

First and Second grades are enjoying attending mass with Father Roman in our chapel. The chapel allows students to attend mass by individual class and is an intimate setting where students are able to ask questions and understand the parts of the mass.

Catholic Schools Week

We are all looking forward to celebrating Catholic Schools week during the week of Jan. 30-Feb. 5th. Information about the events for the week will be sent to you in a separate correspondence. We will have a career day during that week. If you are interesting in presenting for career day, please email your child's teacher or contact the office.

Spotlight on Staff

This month we welcome new teaching assistants to our staff. Ms. Rivers, Ms. Vero, and Ms. Numeroff all join our team and will assist primarily with the pre-kindergarten classes. Please join me in welcoming them to our SASP family.