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Dear St. Anthony Families,

As we prepare to join communities across the nation in celebrating our Catholic schools, I would like to extend a personal thank you for choosing St. Anthony de Padua Catholic School. We appreciate your trust and the many contributions of time, talent, and treasure our families contribute to our community to make it a special place for our children and families.

I would also like to highlight some of our recent progress and plans for the future - which is exciting and bright!

Our unique *Light of the World* program continues to bring our students and teachers together as they spend time with one another in monthly retreats to celebrate the joys of our faith and develop our Catholic virtues. We look forward to continuing and building upon this beautiful program.

For the 2019-2020 year, we are hoping to bring Spanish and a guidance counselor back to our offerings. This is in addition to computer science, art, music, band, musical, and physical education. Plans also include a student leadership team for junior high students. Our pastor, Father Bob, secured a generous gift that is upgrading our classrooms with fresh paint, new carpet, brighter lighting, and new interactive TVs to enhance student learning in updated classrooms.

Our teachers live by example and are committed to continual learning. Our literacy instruction, including the Daily 5 literacy framework, continues to be effective as evidenced by our 8.5% pass rate increase over the last three years on the state assessment for language arts. Our current school improvement plan focuses on increasing student growth in math through professional development, purposeful use of our NWEA data, and increased teacher collaboration. This past fall, teachers participated in the first of two sessions with author and mathematician Greg Tang. Please take a moment to check him out on YouTube:  
<https://youtu.be/HnecUrHgTkC>.

We continue to implement the talents and training of our Notre Dame Trustee STEM fellows to build effective STEM education into our classrooms from PreK - 8. This year we also increased instructional support for students. We have a reading and math specialist and several instructional assistants providing academic support to students during the school day.

In addition to their hard work in the classroom, teachers work after hours to provide experiences including QuizBowl, band concerts, Adoration Club, Pep Club, Girls on the Run, and coming this Spring - Starbase 2.0. Several of our teachers and many of our parents dedicate many hours to coaching our intramural and ICCL sports.

This year, our fifth - eighth grade teachers worked together to review and enhance our long standing tradition of History Day and Science Fair projects. These projects meet many state and diocesan learning objectives while developing 21st century



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learning skills including communication, collaboration, critical thinking, and creativity. Please consider joining us Thursday, January 31st in the gymnasium to see the Google slide presentations from our 5th graders, experience a living wax museum presented by our 6th grade, view 7th graders science fair projects, and explore the history day websites created by our 8th graders.

Our School Board and HASA organizations are working to support the school and support our bright future. Our board hosted a fantastic Trunk or Treat this past fall, is ensuring our strategic plan is being executed, and meets with the school administration regularly. HASA continues to plan events for our school community including this year's Costume Cotillion, the recent Trivia Night, and our Catholic School Week events next week. We are looking forward to establishing an Athletic Board this spring as we continue to develop our athletics program. HASA and School Board members will be present at our Open House and can be contacted anytime though email: [staschoolboard@gmail.com](mailto:staschoolboard@gmail.com) and [HASA@stasb.org](mailto:HASA@stasb.org).

As a parent and educator, I am proud to have my own children enrolled in our school where they continue to grow and thrive spiritually, academically, and physically. It is a blessing and absolute joy to come to our school each day to work with such outstanding educators and parents to provide an excellent Catholic education in a loving community. Should you have any questions or concerns, I invite you email me to schedule a time to chat.

Thank you for partnering with us to make St. Anthony such a special place for our children and families to live our faith and learn with one another. We look forward to this week's celebration and our continued work with one another. Please join us for our Open House and other events throughout the week. It is an exciting time to be at St. Anthony!

St. Anthony de Padua, Pray for Us!

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