



ST. ANTHONY  
— DE PADUA —  
CATHOLIC SCHOOL

*St Anthony de Padua Catholic School develops life-long learners  
who live their faith through stewardship and are committed to  
Catholic virtues and academic excellence.*

January 1st, 2021  
*Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God*

Dear Saint Anthony Families,

Hello and Happy New Year! On behalf of Father Ben and our entire faculty and staff, I would like to thank you for your continued support and partnership as we strive to support families by providing an excellent faith based educational experience for children. We are blessed to have so many families choosing and contributing to our parish and school community.

We do plan to open Monday, January 4th, for in person instruction with a virtual option for all grades PK -8. If you feel you should quarantine as a precaution due to possible exposure from traveling, social gatherings with those outside your household, or other circumstances, we are encouraging you to choose the virtual option to allow for such a quarantine.

To help us plan and create a smooth return, we are asking you to indicate if your child(ren) will be returning in person, virtual for a short time to quarantine, or virtual through the end of Q2 on January 15. Please take a moment to let us know by Sunday evening through this [January Return To School survey link](#). We will provide another survey for Q3 later in the month.

Given the return to school after the Christmas and New Year holidays, we will be returning to the 14 day quarantine for close contacts. This decision is made after consultation with the local health department and as we strive to remain open for in person instruction following the holidays. To clarify, if your child or household member was in close contact with a known positive, he or she will be asked to quarantine for 14 days. We will re-evaluate the close contact quarantine time frame again later in January.

Our supplies of extra masks are dwindling. Please be sure your student wears a mask each day and brings a water bottle.

A few other changes to share:

- a new roof and security fence are in progress. The fence will further secure the blacktop when children are playing. It is also intended to further limit foot traffic to the main entrance of the school.
- Jessica Sheehan returns after her maternity leave. Please keep her in your prayers as she transitions back after being at home full time with her little one.
- Bryan Finkelstein has accepted a position at St. Jude Parish. We appreciate the work he has done with our children and look forward to continuing to build a children's choir with our next *Director of Music Ministries* for the parish. If you know of anyone skilled in coordinating the musical talents or others for worship, please let us know!



ST. ANTHONY  
— DE PADUA —  
CATHOLIC SCHOOL

*St Anthony de Padua Catholic School develops life-long learners  
who live their faith through stewardship and are committed to  
Catholic virtues and academic excellence.*

- We are reviewing applications for an instructional assistant to help supervise lunch and recess. These hours would be 10:30 - 1pm. We are seeking individuals who are able to walk quickly while delivering meals to classrooms, assist with light cleaning and disinfecting, and who can actively monitor and redirect children during recess. If you or someone you know are interested, please let us know!
- ILEARN assessments are still scheduled for this academic year. Virtual learners will need to come to campus to take this assessment per state requirement.

For virtual learners, we will have supply pick up from Monday from 3:10-3:30pm and Tuesday from 8-8:15 or 3:10-3:30. If your virtual learner is in need of supplies, please contact your child's teacher or look for an email from your child's teacher. We will then have those ready for pick up. Please pull up by the main doors during these times and we will have someone bring the supplies out to you.

Monday: 3:10 - 3:30pm

Tuesday: 8:00 - 8:15 am, 3:10 - 3:30 pm

Finally, one final reminder. Students were sent home with reusable bags of breakfast packs. Students are asked to return these to school. Those that return them on Monday will receive an out-of-uniform pass.

Thank you so much again.

Most Sincerely,

Karen Bogol  
Principal