



**“One does not live on bread alone,  
but on every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.”  
Matthew 4:4**

Dear Parents and Guardians,

March 8, 2019



Lent began on Ash Wednesday (March 6) and lasts forty days. The Church sets aside Lent as a special period of prayer, penitence and preparation so we can see where we stand with the Lord—and with the Lord present in those around us. Let this Lent be a time of self-reflection, courage, and resolve to get right with God. Many of us made New Year’s resolutions and have already abandoned them.

This Lent let us pray for the grace to carry through with our Lenten promises whether we chose “to do” or “to do without” something in order to be more pleasing to God.

*Re-registration...* Registration is not automatic. You must re-register online each year through TADS. If you have re-registration questions please contact the office.

*Sacraments...* A “Sacrament Survey” is included in this week’s Friday Folder. Please indicate whether you want to learn more about the Catholic faith and/ or have your child(ren) receive sacraments. This invitation is open to all and is especially important for second and eighth grade students. Please take the time to complete and return the survey by Monday.

*Science Fair...* Our annual science fair will be held on Tuesday, March 19<sup>th</sup> for grades 5-8 from 9:00 AM -2:30 PM. A second science fair will be held for grades 3-4 on Tuesday, March 26<sup>th</sup>. If you or someone you know works in a science related field and has a couple of hours to serve as one of our judges please notify Ms. Moore or Mr. Matthews. Only folks with expertise in a science-related field may serve as a judge. Service hours will be granted for this event.

*Congratulations...* Our eighth graders recently received their acceptance letters from our Catholic and private high schools. Overall, there was very good news and our students have many wonderful options from which to choose. The high school application process is a rigorous one. Involved are two years of records, Scantron results, the High School Placement Test, essays, teacher recommendations, shadow visits, and in many cases, interviews. High schools look at all these components plus a student’s conduct and effort. Join me in congratulating the “Class of 2019” on their success!

*Math Engagement Night...* Bring your child and experience hands-on engaging math activities from 6-8 pm on Thursday, March 28 in Margot Hall. Recommended for grades 1 and up. A flyer is included with the Friday Note.

*Earn Service Hours from Home...* One hour of service can be done at home. I am seeking parents to write a brief blurb recommending the school to prospective families. Help spread the good news of a St. Anthony education! Please notify me before you submit your testimony.

[www.greatschools.org](http://www.greatschools.org)

[www.privateschoolreview.com](http://www.privateschoolreview.com)

[www.schooldigger.com](http://www.schooldigger.com)

*Looking Ahead...* St. Anthony has a 12:30 PM dismissal next Wednesday, March 13 and no school on Friday, March 15<sup>th</sup>.

*Well-done...* Thank you to everyone who helped sell World's Finest Chocolate. Your support is appreciated.

*Lock-In...* Space is still available for our March 29<sup>th</sup> Lock-In. Return your completed form and money on Monday. It's always a fabulous event.

*Policy reminder...* St. Anthony follows Archdiocesan policy regarding retention. Retention in the primary grades is normally dependent upon the development of reading and language arts skills. Retention of students in grades 3 through 8 is normally dependent on achievement in the basic skills subjects: Reading, Math and Language Arts.

Failure in two of the basic skills subjects (i.e. Math and Reading) or in one of the basic skills subjects plus another academic subject (i.e. Math and Science) is a basis for retention. The principal, after consultation with appropriate staff members and parents, shall make the decision as to whether a pupil is retained.

Students who do not pass an academic subject for the year will be required to attend an approved academic summer school and receive satisfactory marks in order to be promoted.

*Summer Program...* Our six-week Summer Program (June 24-August 2) is now enrolling rising Pre-K, kindergarten, first, and second graders. The program begins at 8:30 AM and concludes at 3:30 PM. Before and aftercare are available. Please visit our website for more information.

Please be sure to review your school calendar or visit our online calendar to stay informed of upcoming events. Our website and Facebook page are two great ways to learn what's happening in our school and to see some great pictures. You do not need to have a Facebook account to view our school's page.

Thank you for your partnership and for trusting St. Anthony to educate your child(ren). Have a great weekend.

Sincerely,

Michael Thomasian  
Principal

*Proudly celebrating our 95<sup>th</sup> year!*