

From the Pastor

Dear Parents, Alumni & Friends,

On the cusp of Easter 2021, my pastor's letter is easy to write, because this desert time, Covid-19 time, has brought to light both the magnitude of the challenges we face, and the fact that reason, by itself, while capable of producing a certain amount of civic coexistence, cannot establish fraternity. At a time when the fragility of existence and the failures of politics are undeniable, and we desperately need sustained, focused attention on what is essential, we still have Saint Anthony Catholic School!

In a world that needs deliverance from a "What must I do to inherit eternal life?" attitude, let alone the excesses of an "eat, drink and be merry, for tomorrow we die" mindset, we need to hear Jesus tell Martha "There is only one thing necessary," and hear him ask Bartimaeus "What do you want me to do for you?" for this is God's world,



and salvation is God's work. At Saint Anthony, we know we are not orphans, but sons and daughters of the living God, brothers and sisters in Christ, cooperating with his saving love.

At St. Anthony of Padua, each child is treated as the unique and unrepeatable expression of God's love that they are, and when we fail, this too is understood as an opportunity to refocus on "the one thing necessary," our relationship with God in Christ, and begin again.

Transformation is not just something that happened to Jesus long ago and far away but is a present hope and reality in our school past, present, and future, thanks in no small part because of your prayers and support. Have a blessed Easter!

Peace and Love,



Father Fred

Beautification Projects Continue



On December 7, 2020 we once again partnered with our wonderful neighbors, Casey Trees and the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur. Five additional trees were planted on our campus—a Southern Magnolia, a Blackgum, an American Elm, a Sweetbay Magnolia, and a Shingle Oak. These trees will provide beauty and shade for years to come. The Southern Magnolia is dedicated in honor of Wilton Cardinal Gregory. Next time, you're in Brookland come by to see! We are extremely grateful to Casey Trees and the Sisters for their longtime friendship and support.



From the Principal's Desk



Principal Thomasian leads the school community in virtual prayer.

Greetings from Brookland!

"It's all about the children" is a phrase that I have often heard during my twenty years at St. Anthony. Over the years, this phrase has been exemplified in countless ways, but it has come to life in a more dramatic and loving way this school year.

During the pandemic, we have much of which to be grateful. Among these blessings are the wonderful and



Ash Wednesday on Feb. 17 marked the beginning of the Holy Season of Lent.

faithful members of our school family that allow us to fulfill our mission. The Consortium of Catholic Academies, of which we are a proud member, has not only supported our efforts to open our doors for in-person instruction, but also made sure we had all that we needed to do so in a safe and engaging manner. They have also worked to enhance our technology and secure additional devices for our students. Next, you, our alumni, parishioners, and friends,

continued to generously support our Blue & Gold Scholarship Fund while also contributing to improvements and upgrades to our aging school building.

Finally, our faculty and staff have gone above and beyond to give both our in-person and our virtual students the highest quality Catholic education possible. They have adapted their teaching, implemented new technology, and remained positive and enthusiastic through it all. They are simply remarkable people. For Fr. Fred, the Consortium, the parish and our alumni, friends, faculty and staff, it has proven to truly be "all about the children."

Thank you for all you do for our beloved St. Anthony. Your faithfulness allows our students to shine! As we continue to move forward, let us continue to keep each other in prayer and always remember, "It's all about the children."

With Gratitude,

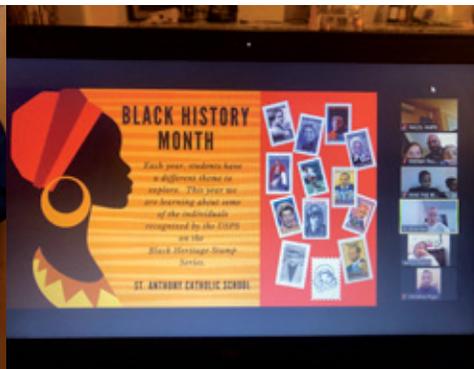
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Celebrating Black Heritage



Black History is American history! In February, our school celebrated Black History Month by studying the U.S. Postal System's Black Heritage stamp collection. Each class created unique video presentations that were introduced by our emcee Mrs. Bond and enhanced by Mr. Washington's beautiful stamp paintings. An internal virtual platform was created by Sr. Elise and each presentation was sorted into



various "streets." Students learned about these important Black Americans and later enjoyed two virtual Family Fun Nights!

St. Anthony recognizes and celebrates African American heritage not just in February but throughout the year. Join us in honoring both familiar and less well-known African Americans by following our #STA365 social media initiative.

ALUMNI NOTES



Felicia L. Chambers, Esq. '75 was inducted to the Washington Bar Association Hall of Fame in June 2018.

Formed in 1925, the Washington Bar Association is one of the nation's first African-American bar associations.

Among those proud of Felicia's honor is her aunt Marilyn (Brown) Furbush G.S. '64/H.S. '67. Both Marilyn and her niece graduated from St. Anthony High School in three years.

Felicia retired in 2016 from the U.S. Department of Justice Civil Division, after a 30-year career, concluding her career as a Senior Trial Counsel. We also congratulate Felicia on her 2019 wedding to Joe Brown.



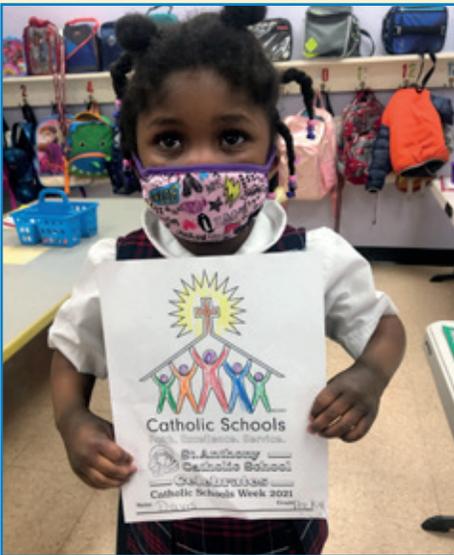
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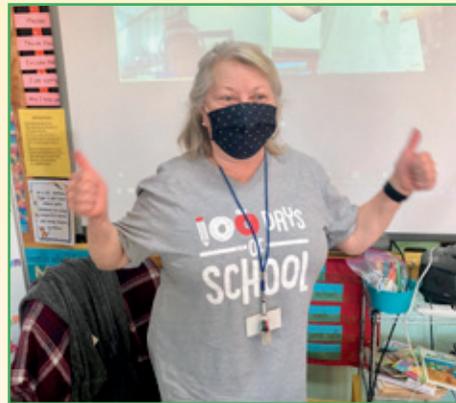
St. Valentine's Day Fun!



Prayer Time.



Catholic Schools Week Spirit!



Celebrating the 100th Day of School.



Distance Learning at its finest!



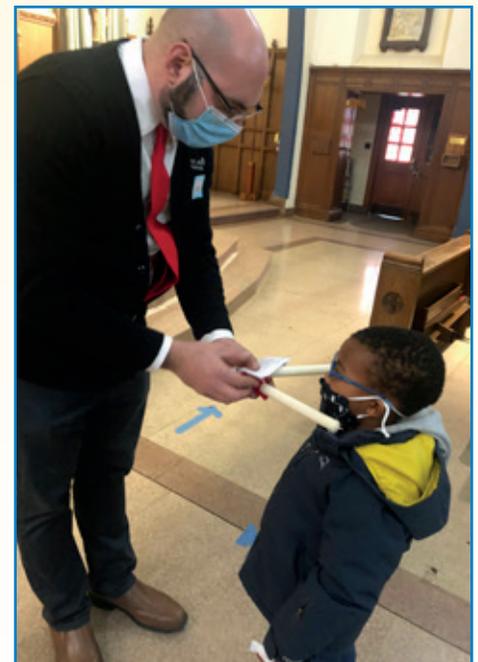
Enjoying Mardi Gras Festivities!



Hard at work!



Playtime!



Blessing of Throats.

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May the souls of the faithfully departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

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Mission Statement

The mission of St. Anthony Catholic School is to prepare its students for lives of leadership and service rooted in an encounter with Jesus Christ.