



*"Looking back with gratitude, looking forward with joy!"*

Dear St. Anthony Families,

September 18, 2022

Many thanks to you, our faculty and staff, and our students for all of the kindness and love showered on me on my birthday. Your thoughtfulness means a lot. The day was filled with prayer, sweet treats, fun cards, and even a trip to Turkey Thicket with a three of our classes. It was a Spirit Day to remember.

*Thank you...* We had excellent attendance at our first Home & School Association Meeting of the year. If you heard something that you liked, if you were inspired to join a committee, or want to serve in leadership we want to hear from you! Everyone is encouraged to stay informed and stay involved.

*MAP Testing...* Students in grades 1-8 will be taking the baseline MAP tests in Math and Reading over the next two weeks. Students in Grades 2-8 will also be taking the MAP Language Usage test. Please see the schedule below. This is the first of three testing periods during the school year. The results will be distributed with the 1st Quarter report cards. All testing is scheduled in the morning and we ask you to please ensure that your child is on time, well rested, and eats a healthy breakfast each day to prepare for this initial testing session of the school year. You can learn more about MAP tests by visiting:

<https://studentresources.nwea.org/index.html>

Grade	Reading (R)	Math (M)	Language Usage (LU)
1	Thurs. Sept 22	Thurs. Sept 29	N/A
2	Mon. Sept 19	Mon. Sept 26	Tues. Oct 4
3	Mon. Sept 19	Mon. Sept 26	Thurs. Oct 6
4	Wed. Sept 21	Wed. Sept 28	Wed. Oct 5
5	Wed. Sept 21	Wed. Sept 28	Wed. Oct 5
6	Wed. Sept 21	Wed. Sept 28	Wed. Oct 5
7	Wed. Sept 21	Wed. Sept 28	Wed. Oct 5
8	Wed. Sept 21	Wed. Sept 28	Wed. Oct 5

*Hot Lunch...* We are partnering with AnyTyme Services to launch new hot lunch offerings beginning tomorrow. All ordering and payments are done online. [Click here for the link!](#) We're interested in hearing your feedback.

*Extended Care...* All students attending before-care or aftercare must register to officially enroll in the program. Payment must be made on TADS, the Consortium website, and/ or by check. Before-care is in the cafeteria, 7:00-7:45 AM, and aftercare begins at dismissal and ends at 6:00 PM. A late fee is charged for late pick-up.

*Parent/ Student Handbook...* Please visit our website to read our 2022-2023 handbook. Familiarizing yourself with policies and procedures and discussing them with your child (ren) will make it a smoother year for all.

*Service Hours...* We have re-established our Family Service Hour Requirement. Please visit our handbook pages 6-7 for details. At this time, I strongly urge all parents and guardians to begin the Child Protection/ Archdiocesan Background check so that you may be ready to serve as chaperones and volunteers when needed. Information can be found on our website.

The first step is to go to [www.virtus.org](http://www.virtus.org) to create an account and to schedule a "Protecting God's Children" training session. Next, complete a paper volunteer application which is available at the school and soon will be available on our website. (This application should be returned to Ms. Moore.) Lastly, schedule your fingerprinting at a site that does LIVE SCAN fingerprinting. See our website for more information.

*T-Shirt Sale...* Our 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Blue & Gold Spirit Shirts are now on sale in the main office for \$10 each. We currently have Small, Medium, Large and X-Large in stock.

*Social Media...* If you are connected on social media we ask that you "follow us" on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter and help us spread the good news of a St. Anthony education. We will be using hashtags #STABrookland and #STA100Years this year!

If you would like to nominate yourself or a fellow parent to possibly serve on the Home & School Association (HSA) Leadership Team please email me and write **HSA Leadership** in the subject line. We are potentially looking for four key positions—President, Vice President, Secretary, and Service Hour Coordinator. The president schedules and leads meetings and works closely with the principal. The vice president steps up when the president is unavailable and is the time keeper at meetings. The secretary takes notes and shares minutes with the community, and the service hour coordinator tracks family hours, sends out billing, and helps families to get involved. As we move forward as a team with specific roles we invite new and returning families to consider serving. We will accept nominations for one week and then make a decision on how best to move forward in the most strategic and productive way. There's a lot that we can do for our students, our faculty and staff, and our school when we combine our efforts. I look forward to hearing from you!

Sincerely,

Mr. Michael Thomasian

Principal