

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Welcome back to school! We are pleased to have your child in our classes this year. Our goal is to work as a team --teachers, parents, and students-- to ensure an excellent learning environment. The policies and procedures below are based on our St. Anthony root beliefs.

We believe we are created in the image of God.

Homework: Fifth grade students should expect an average of 30-50 minutes of homework each night. Please reach out if your child is consistently taking longer.

Students will utilize their student planners to record all homework assignments each day. Students will bring home their planner and homework folder each night to ensure they are prepared for school the next day.

Teacher webpages will be updated by 5pm with each day's homework. In addition to homework, webpages will include important dates, upcoming assessments, study resources, and project information.

Feel free to reach out via email or to another classmate regarding questions about homework. **Per diocesan policy, teachers may not respond to emails from students.**

Late Work: Student work should be turned in on time. **Late assignments will be marked as a zero in the grade book until they are turned in.** Additional late work policies were communicated in a letter specific to late work. No late work from a unit will be accepted after the end of the unit test, or three days prior to the end of the grading period.

Absences: It is the **student's** responsibility to ask for their missed work and create a plan with the classroom teacher to complete the assigned work in a timely manner.

In the event of a long-term absence, students, teachers, and parents/guardians will work together to create a plan for missing instruction and work.

Powerschool: Grades will be updated in powerschool on a weekly basis. At the end of each week, students will bring home growth binders and graded assignments. Please use this opportunity to reflect on student progress and check in on all grades/missing work. We encourage you to hold onto all papers until you have checked Powerschool for the week with your child.

Honor Roll: Students in 5th grade are able to earn Honor Roll each quarter. Information about Honor Roll is shared here from the Student Handbook:

Honor Roll

In order to encourage academic excellence, St. Anthony School recognizes those students in Grades 5-8 who demonstrate a high level of academic achievement each quarter.

Requirements for Honor Roll distinction are:

High Honors

- ❖ Final quarter GPA at or above 3.75 in six (6) core classes
- ❖ Percentage grades in all classes must be above 83%
- ❖ Conduct grades of 1 in any class, including specials
- ❖ Study skills at a 1 or 2

Honors

- ❖ Final quarter GPA at or above 3.3 in six (6) core classes
- ❖ Percentage grades in all classes must be above 83%
- ❖ Conduct grades of 1 in any class, including specials
- ❖ Study skills at 1 or 2

Honor Roll Recognition

Honor Roll recipients are recognized each quarter in our school communications, on our website, and at school assembly. At the end of the year, students who attain honor roll all 4 quarters of the school year are recognized at the closing Mass, followed by a breakfast reception. Those achieving honor roll all 4 quarters will receive a spirit jacket chevron. Those students achieving high honor roll all 4 quarters will also receive an honor roll pin.

We are disciples of Jesus Christ.

Conduct: We advocate attitudes that are virtuous and academically enriching. Conversations regarding discipline will be centered around our Catholic Virtues and our Root Beliefs. Students will receive a conduct mark for behavior contrary to our root beliefs.

Conduct slips will be sent home at the end of each week in growth binders. Parents will be notified after two conduct marks in one week, or when additional conduct marks would result in a loss of privilege.

Sports Eligibility: 5th graders have the additional privilege of participating in school sports throughout the school year on ICCL teams. Eligibility for sports is evaluated weekly, using the following criteria found in the Student Handbook:

Extracurricular Eligibility Policy – Since our goal is to reinforce that improved effort can have a positive impact on one's academic situation, we evaluate athletic eligibility on a weekly basis. Ideally, each child will be proactive in maintaining his or her grades to ensure eligibility. In the event a student has difficulty, we want the student-athlete to be able to make appropriate changes to play again.

The basic guidelines are as follows:

- All grades must be at 70% or above.
- Conduct must reflect respect for others and the school.
- Regular and timely attendance

Once a student is deemed ineligible for the week, we will not review the situation until the following week. Ineligibility means a student cannot represent our school in competition. The decision to participate in practice is left to parents and coaches. A student will be removed from the team/activity upon the third week of ineligibility within a season. These weeks do not need to

be consecutive. The third incidence of ineligibility within a season results in removal from the team. The purpose of this policy is to reinforce that student-athletes are first and foremost students.

We believe we are made for relationships with God and others.

We invite you to please join us at 8:15am on Wednesdays and Fridays to celebrate Mass as a community.

Snack: Students may bring a clean, healthy snack to be eaten at their desk during independent work time. (Please no chips, takis, or desserts.)

Birthdays: Students may dress down on their birthday.

Birthday Treat Policy:

Due to concerns regarding allergies and food safety, all birthday treats must be store bought. The store bought item should have an ingredient label on it and **be individually packaged** to ensure students will avoid reaction. Thank you for your understanding.

Communication:

As educators, we feel that the learning process and the students' performance will be enhanced when we work together to develop each and every child to his or her fullest potential. We welcome all questions and concerns, and appreciate you contacting us (the classroom teachers) first so we can have open and effective communication. Emails to akole@stasb.org and jlawlor@stasb.org is the best form of communication and will be answered within **48 business hours**.

Safe Environment:

As we work together to keep our students safe, just a friendly reminder that [Safe Environment](#) Clearance is required to chaperone field trips and assist in the classroom. In addition, all visitors must sign in at the front office and wear a Visitor's Badge

Thank you,
Adelle Kole and Jackson Lawlor