SAS Trojan Press

Happy Fall!
September/October 2018

ST. ANTHONY TROJANS

Actions speak louder than words; let your words teach and your actions speak.
-St. Anthony of Padua

Dear St. Anthony School Families,

Thank you for a warm, successful first month of school! These last few weeks have brought a great, positive energy to the community. The children show up to school with smiles and high-fives, and I cannot tell you enough how it warms my heart to see them excited to be here.

A new school year can be a hectic time, and often we are rushed into changes without acknowledging our own adaptability. So, I want to take this time to thank the SAS community for making transitions easier. **Your support has been instrumental in keeping students safe, updating technologies, and implementing communication modifications.** The school has slowly made other, behind-the-scenes changes, as well.

One such change comes in the form of our monthly newsletters, which will now include teachers' **"Best of the Month"** moments by grade! Here, I also share a few of my own favorite moments. Over the last month, I have witnessed beautiful examples of servant leadership, or leadership that is derived from the heart with the fundamental goal of helping others. One such instance included a third grader who went out of his way to help a teacher tidy up her room. Later, I saw a sixth grader offer her hand to a Kindergartener, afraid to ride her first bus home. I cannot ignore, either, the fourth and fifth graders who welcomed an unexpected substitute teacher in gym class (thanks for being such good sports for me that day!). Finally, I had the awesome experience of teaching a lesson on mental models to our eighth grade students who wholeheartedly participated in simple experiments and a brief seminar!

These are just the types of acts that one should expect from a school of faith families. Thus far, we have held three faith family prayer services, each dedicated to student-centered learning and sharing around Catholic themes. I am proud that our students have responded to the call to **#betrojanbrave** by taking on new faith-based roles. Other ways in which students are proving their bravery is through academics. Since August, students have successfully completed standardized MAP testing, and have been introduced to novel ways of learning (i.e. Design Thinking and Socratic Seminar). We are nurturing a community of young scholars prepared to ask better questions *(look out parents!)*. Our SAS critical thinkers are learning to further discussions, adapt to challenges, and respect multiple views. Above all, our students are learning to be aware of themselves and others. As I observe teaching and learning in our buildings and across school grounds, I notice critical, positive changes.

To bridge the changes occurring from school to home, I extend an open invitation to you, parents and guardians, to a quarterly **"Pastries with the Principal"** forum. This will be a time to meet as a community of adults shaping the lives of our young people. I expect this to be an open town hall meeting to ask school-related questions, but also a time to practice active listening in order to provide support for each other. **We are one community, and I hope we will all walk this journey of learning together.** Please look for more information to come in the days ahead.

With many blessings,
Mrs. Lucia Heddleson

No School on Friday, October 12th

1st Quarter Ends Thursday, October 25th

No School on Friday, October 26th

IMPORTANT DATES	Oct 13	Oct 18	Oct 19	Oct 25
	Steak Fry	Marco's Pizza Night	Sweetest Day Deliveries	Picture Retakes

Best of the Month in Pre-S & Primary – Grades K-2

Pre-S learns about Colors

The Pre-School class has learned all about colors this month! The students sing the color names in both English and Spanish, know that a rainbow is made out of water and light and even know the rainbow color pattern! The students learned that in the Bible story, "Noah's Ark", the rainbow is a sign of God's love and promise to keep us safe! This is a photo of our students standing under their lovely rainbows and showing how they recreated the story of "Noah's Ark" using sticker scenes!

Kindergarten Family Trees

Life is good in Kindergarten! In both Social Studies and Reading we have been talking about "Families". We have talked about who is in our family, what kinds of activities families do together and how families work together at home. Our Kindergarten families, parents and children worked together at home to create a "family tree" to represent their family. Each family tree is beautiful in all are proudly displayed in the hallway outside of

1st Grade Bucket Fillers

This month we read the book "How Full is Your Bucket" by Tom Rath and Mary Reckmeyer. This book explains that we each carry an empty bucket around. When our bucket is full we are happy, when it is empty we are sad. All of us have the opportunity to be bucket fillers or bucket dippers by our words and actions. Our job is to be bucket fillers! We talked about how to do that. We made our own buckets and have a classroom bucket that can be filled by our kind deeds. When the bucket is full we will celebrate!

2nd Grade Letter Practice

We are having fun taking a break from our MAP tests. We have partnered up with a friend or two to practice our manuscript letters, specifically a, b, d, o, and u. We have used shaving cream to shape the letters on our desk tops. We all had fun!!

Best of the Month in Middle School – Grades 3-5

3rd Grade Catapults

In Science our class has been working on design thinking. Students first had to design what they wanted their catapult to look like. The goal was to launch the pom-pom the farthest with their catapult. Students then used their design to build and test their catapults. After testing, students wrote about how they would change their design to launch even farther next time. They really enjoyed being able to use their creativity on this activity.

4th Grade Earthquakes

This week in reading the 4th grade class read an expository text titled, *Earthquakes*. The main idea of the story was that although earthquakes cannot be predicted, people can prepare for them, making sure that the damage is minimal. Working in small groups, the students had to construct a three-story building using toothpicks and marshmallows that would not collapse during an earthquake. To test their model, the students would put it on a pan of jello and I would shake it for 30 seconds, simulating an earthquake. If the model collapsed, students were given a second chance to create one to pass the test.

5th Grade Ecosystems

The fifth grade studied ecosystems and how organisms interact with each other. Then they chose a biome to research and constructed a cube to illustrate the plants, animals and characteristics that compose that biome.

Marco's Pizza Night

Thursday, October 18th

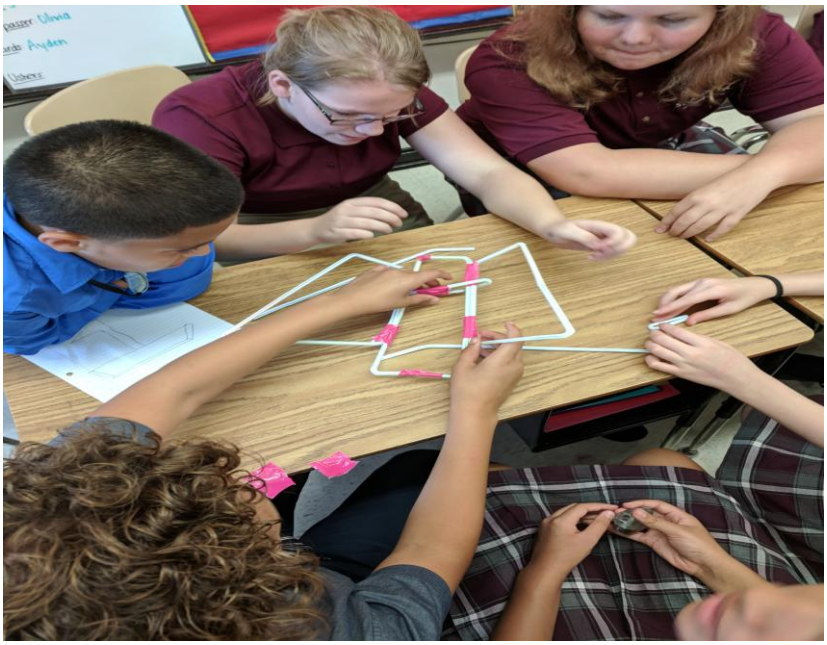
440-288-3000
2311 Colorado Ave.
Or
online at www.marcos.com

Mention St. Anthony's and your child's Teacher when you order!

Best of the Month in Junior High – Grades 6-8

6th Grade Travels to Africa

Sixth grade's geographical adventure has started by looking at the countries of West and Central Africa. We've learned about some unique cultural elements found in this region. We have listened to griots, traditional African storytellers that pass down stories that teach about their culture and often have a moral lesson. We also learned about the beautiful ceremonial masks West African nations are known for. 6th grade did an awesome job making masks that imitate this style!



7th Grade Science

The 7th graders have been busy this year working with the Scientific Method to complete many projects. Working together isn't always easy, especially when everyone has great ideas. However, being able to try an idea and re-work that idea by adding other thoughts, creates amazing success and teamwork!

6th – 8th Grade Language Arts Remembers 9/11

In Language Arts, the 6th-8th graders spent some time focusing on the events of September 11th this month. We had discussions as a class and also some reflection questions to enhance critical thinking about such an important day in American history. We discussed not only what it must have felt like at the time, but what it still feels like today and how we have changed and grown as a country since then. While doing this, students also expressed how we can still commemorate the lives that were lost on this day. Along with their writing pieces, each student also created a visual piece to represent their view of the events then and/or now.

Best of the Month in Spanish

Praying in Spanish

¡Avancemos! Let's keep going. In Spanish class this year we will be learning the basic Catholic prayers. Thus far the younger students are working on the Sign of the Cross and the older students on the Glory Be to the Father. We hope to have both mastered by the end of the quarter and move on. We are also learning greeting and salutations in all grades. The sixth grade, pictured praying below, have demonstrated an eagerness to learn both.

PAC Current Events

Get your tickets ***NOW*** for our

Steak Fry

Saturday, October 13th
5-9pm, serving until 8 pm

Cost:
$25 for Steak Dinner
Steak, Potato, Salad, Roll, Dessert, & Beverage

$5 for Child under 10 Dinner
Hot Dog, Chips, Dessert & Beverage

All funds raised go to fund student field trips!

Get your Box Tops turned in **by Wednesday, October 24th**.

Which class will turn in the most?

Get everyone you know to help save labels for you. Anyone can help earn cash for our school. Thank you for helping to make a difference for our school!

Parent Advisory Committee (PAC)

Thank you for everyone that came out for our first PAC meeting of the year on **September 5th**. We had a wonderful turn out of optimistic, excited parents and guardians filled with great ideas to make St. Anthony's the best place it can be. We are already putting some of them in action.

We also need to thank everyone that came out to support our first Dine to Donate event this year at Chipotle on August 26th. **We raised $334.78.** The funds will go to defray the cost of field trips for our students. **Look for more announcements of Dine to Donates throughout the year.**

Upcoming events include:

- **Steak Fry** *(Sat., Oct. 13th, 5:00-9:00 pm)* **Get your tickets NOW!**
- **Trunk or Treat** *(Sat., Oct. 20th, 6-7:30 pm)*
- **Box Tops for Education** *(Due Wed., Oct. 24th)*
- **Mama Jo's Gift Cards for the holiday season** *(begins Nov. 2nd)*

Stay tuned to your email for more events & details!

We hope to see you at these events!

PAC Meeting Nights 6:00 pm
St. Anthony School

December 5, 2018
March 6, 2019
May 1, 2019

Mark your calendar NOW & plan to attend!

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ST.ANTHONY OF PADUA PARISH SCHOOL

STEAK FRY

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CHINESE AUCTION

Sponsored by the Parent Advisory Committee
to fund student field trips

SAT., OCT. 13, 2018

5pm--9pm--serving til 8pm in the
St. Anthony Social Hall

$25/person

steak, potato, salad, roll, dessert,
1 beverage of choice
$5/child under 10--hotdog, chips, dessert,
1 beverage of choice

TICKETS AVAILABLE AT SCHOOL/CHURCH OFFICE

PosterMyWall.com

OCTOBER

We will draw a winner everyday this month for our Raffle Calendar Fundraiser. Thank you to everyone that supported St. Anthony's. Good Luck to All!

	1	2 Kindergarten & 1st Grade Field Trip to Apple Hill 	3	4	5	6 Mass 4 pm
7 Mass 10 am	8 *Columbus Day*	9 VIRTUS Training Session 8:30 am Learning Center	10	11	12 **No School** (Teacher In-service Day)	13 Mass 4 pm **PAC Steak Fry 5-9 pm Social Hall**
14 Mass 10 am	15 **PSR Begins** Sweetest Day Candy Gram Orders Due!	16 *Boss' Day*	17	18 **Marco's Pizza Night**	19 **Sweetest Day Deliveries!** 	20 Mass 4 pm **Trunk or Treat 6:30 pm**
21 Mass 10 am	22 **School Mass 8:30 am**	23	24 Last Day to turn in your Box Tops	25 **End of 1st Quarter** Picture Retakes	26 **No School** (Teacher Record's Day)	27 Mass 4 pm
28 Mass 10 am	29 **No Mass** *(Mass will be on Thursday, November 1st for All Saints Day!)*	30	30 	**Make sure to turn in your Box Tops by *Wednesday, October 24th***		

3rd Grade ELA Testing from October 22nd – November 2nd

Book Fair Week