St. Anthony News

It's GROW time!

Message from Mr. Alarcon

We are getting closer to the beginning of the school year! Our staff has now reported and are getting ready to welcome all of the children. This year will be a pivotal year in education. With everything that has happened over the past couple of years, we know everyone is ready for a normal school year. While this year will still have some hurdles occur, our goal is to make this year as close to normal as possible.

To accomplish this, we will need your help. Please make sure to monitor your child's health and be understanding of the situation we are in as a school. We want to put the safety of your child and the staff first, while also still maintaining choice and education.

As you know, you can always contact me. If you ever have any questions, please email me at alarconj@stanthonylorain.com

2021-22 School Calendar - please click

Playground Update

I can proudly say that we are closing in on the final stages for the playground. We are currently looking at installing it outside of the main entrance. This will provide safety as well as give the school a unique look. As of today, we are going through the Diocesan Approval process. There is no timetable for that. As always, we will keep you updated with it all. Below, you will be able to see a picture of the structure.



COVID Update

The local, state and federal government have not mandated masks to be worn in schools. They are recommended by each agency, but not required. At this time, we are allowing parents and staff to choose whether to wear masks. If a mandate occurs, it will be followed by our school. This has been a difficult decision, but we do feel that parents/staff should have the right to choose. Saying all of this, we do know that things do change quickly and we will keep you updated on any new developments. Below is the flow chart for exposure to someone with COVID in the classroom. For example, if a student contracts COVID, the flow chart is what we will follow. At this time, we have no plans of doing any online learning. Students that are quarantined will receive classwork as if they were absent.

Lorain County Health Department Flow Chart for exposure to someone with COVID in the CLASSROOM - please click

Flowchart explanation

Basically, the flowchart from the Lorain County Health Department explains if a STUDENT TESTS POSITIVE in your child's classroom. For students in the classroom that are NOT wearing a mask, they will be need to be quarantined. If a student is wearing a mask, they will not need to be quarantined. Students that will be quarantined will receive make-up work from their teachers. We will not need to be virtual school.

Desk dividers

If you would like your child to have desk divider, please email Mrs. Alonso at alonsov@stanthonylorain.com

Desk dividers are plastic dividers placed on the students desk. The advantage is that it offers another layer of protection. The negative is that it hinders communication with the teacher as well as seeing the front board.

This does not take the place of mask on the Lorain County Health Department flow chart.

New Staff Members/Movement in the school

For the 2021-22 school year we made some adjustments. We are excited to have Mrs. Campfield (Cichon) move to Kindergarten! As many of you know, she was our fantastic 2nd grade teacher. We know she is going to do amazing things in Kindergarten! Our new second grade teacher is Ms. Akers! She comes to St. Anthony's with an amazing positive energy that will complement our school. Mrs. Rentz has changed positions. For this school year she will be our Music and Art teacher! One of Mrs. Rentz's greatest passions is music. We cannot wait to see all of the fantastic things she does with her kiddos. We are proud to announce that we have hired Mrs. Walling to take over the 4th grade. She is going to do an extraordinary job this school year. Finally, we have a new 5th grade teacher, Mrs. Martin. We cannot wait to see her with her students do fantastic things.



Arrival/Dismissal

We will be continuing the same protocol as last year for arrival and dismissal minus some different times. Another difference will be that we will not be taking temperatures at this time.

Arrival 8am 8am-810am grades 6-8 810am-820am grades 2-5 820am-830am grades PK-1 *Siblings come with the younger group*

Dismissal 230pm 230pm grades PK-1 240pm grade 2-5 250pm grade 6-8 *Siblings leave with the youngest group*

If a student comes earlier than 8am, they will be sent to the social hall. As of now, we will be continuing to have breakfast in the classroom. Lunch will be in the cafeteria.

Dress Code

Our dress code has not changed for this school year. A short time ago, we were notified that our local provider of gym clothes and some polos will not be able to work with us this year. They have felt the perplexity of COVID and have been hit with a lack of employees. We are currently looking for another local provider. Saying that, students can wear plain black or maroon jogging pants/mesh shorts and a plain t-shirt or another St. Anthony shirt if need be for gym. We also have many lightly used and new clothes on campus. Please contact Mrs. Winkler if you are interested.

Pre-School and Kindergarten Orientation - August 30th at 5:30pm (Please Click)

Back to School Night - September 1st 5pm-6:30pm

This is a great time to drop off your supplies, tour the school and meet the teachers! Also, please make sure to participate in the scavenger hunt for ice cream from K-Cream put on by PAC! PAC will also be selling pizza for \$1 and providing free water!

We are always looking for more parents to join PAC, please stop at their booth to sign up.

Dates to Remember

August 30th - Preschool and Kindergarten Orientation 5:30pm

September 1st - Back to School Night 5pm-6:30pm

September 6th - Labor Day

September 8th - First day of school

September 14th - Grandparent's Day

September 24th - Teacher In-Service Day

Fall MAP Testing Grades K-8
ELA – 09/20
Math – 09/21
Science 5th/8th grade – 09/22
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PAC Sale!

PAC will be selling St. Anthony water bottles and pop sockets at Back to School Night! \$5 for water bottle and \$1.50 for pop socket





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