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2026 Newsletter



Dear St. Anthony Families,

Happy October! It is hard to believe how quickly the school year is moving. It has been wonderful to see our students settling into routines, building friendships, learning new things, and growing together as a school family.

October is a special month for us as Catholics because it is the Month of the Holy Rosary. Throughout the month, we will be incorporating the Rosary into our school days and encouraging our students to make prayer a regular part of their lives. I also encourage you to take a few moments as a family to pray the Rosary together. Whether you pray a full Rosary or begin with just one decade, it is a beautiful way to grow closer to Jesus through Mary.

As we move through October, I am reminded of how important our St. Anthony family is. Our mission calls us to achieve academic excellence, grow in our Catholic faith, and become leaders who serve our community. Each day, through learning, prayer, kindness, and service, we have opportunities to live out this mission.

Thank you for your continued partnership and support. I look forward to all that October will bring as our students continue to learn, grow, pray, and lead.

With blessings,

Mrs. Halopka

We, the family of St. Anthony's School are committed to spiritual growth development, academic excellence, and compassionate leadership. We will live the message of Christ to prepare students to be faith-filled lifelong learners through prayer, service, and love.



October is here - which means no more shorts or capris can be worn to school unless it is 70 degrees or above 24 hours before. Also with colder weather approaching, please make sure your child / children have a warm jacket and possibly something to cover their ears to wear for recess. Thank you.



**Friday, October 9th
Fall Diocesan Inservice**

**Friday, October 16th
No School**

FRIENDS OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION is Saturday, October 17th. Tickets are SOLD OUT! Don't forget about the \$10 donation per family to go towards the purchase of a larger item.

EXTRA HELP NEEDED - LUNCH ROOM

Help in the lunchroom is needed to monitor the students and help them, like helping with their milk or helping little ones emptying their trays.

If interested or have any questions, please contact the school office.

SCRIP PROGRAM: Keep sending in those Scrip orders and racking up those tuition rebates. We keep the paperwork on all your orders, so your rebates won't be lost.



New Scrip Buyers! Want to reduce the amount of your tuition? Just purchase Scrip and 4% per scrip card will be taken off your tuition. Some families have had their tuition paid almost entirely by purchasing Scrip.

Please remember if you purchase Scrip and want it sent home with your child, we need your signed permission form that was in the school packet. If you can't find the form, please ask for another one. Scrip will not be sent home with your child without it.

You want nothing to do with Scrip? You are missing out. Not only could you help your school

out, but YOU are the ones missing out on saving money. And who doesn't want to do that?

Remember Joanne can answer your ?'s.
Call 257-9274.

A graphic with a red border. At the top left is an illustration of an open book with "HOLY BIBLE" written on it. To the right is a logo featuring a blue cross inside a circle, with a chalice and hostia below it, and the words "Mass Schedule" to the right. In the center, the word "October" is written in a large, stylized, orange and red font. Below it, the following schedule is listed:

Tuesday, October 13th - Grade 3 & 4
Tuesday, October 20th - Grade 7 & 8
Tuesday, October 27th - Grade 5 & 6

SCHOOL WEBSITE UPDATE: The payment buttons for Tuition and Lunch are now easier to find on our school website! Visit our school's website, scroll to the bottom of the page, and you'll see the new payment tabs.

School tuition and hot lunch payments can be made online—it's safe, simple, and convenient! Please note that school tuition payments are now being managed by Tricia at the Parish Office. If you have any questions regarding tuition payments, please contact Tricia Cowan at tricia.cowan@staathens.org or call the Parish Office at 715-257-7684.



It's time again for our annual Christmas Wreath sales! Prizes again will be given to the top sellers. All orders must be back to school by Wednesday, October 23rd. Pick up is on Saturday, November 14th in Fr. Graham's garage from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm. The oldest child should be bringing home an order form.

St. Anthony's School receives a profit of approximately 46% of the sale price. Any questions you can contact either the school or Tina Schreiner (715-297-3795).



7 – Emily Swanson
12 – Mr. Hollenbeck
14 – Charlotte Thorson
15 - Hank Harris
22 – Bennett Beran
29 - Chloe Lincoln
30 - Lincoln Conner
31 - Father Graham
31 - Clover Payton

Fire Prevention Week:

Fire Prevention Week, observed October 4–10, is a great time to remind everyone that fire safety starts with simple everyday habits. A few minutes of preparation can help protect our homes, families, workplaces, and communities. Check smoke alarms regularly and replace batteries when needed. Make sure everyone knows two ways to escape from each room and choose a safe meeting place outside. Never leave cooking, candles, or space heaters unattended, and keep anything that can burn away from heat sources. This Fire Prevention Week, take time to talk with your family about fire safety and practice your escape plan. Stay alert, stay prepared, and remember preventing a fire is everyone's responsibility.



PK/K

We have made it through the first month of school and our Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten students are doing great. September was primarily devoted to getting to know each other and settling into our classroom routines. Families, friends and feelings were topics that we explored. We are looking forward to an exciting school year filled with fun, learning, and exploring. And of course, many special moments.– Mrs. Daul

1st & 2nd

First and Second grade has had a great start to the school year. We have been very busy getting into a routine and are settling in. We have worked very hard on learning how to write personal narratives in second grade and reading our first book for the year. We had a fairly successful first spelling test and great practice reviewing addition and subtraction. We are jumping into place value this coming week and our second book is called "Henry and Mudge." For both classes we have learned about Gifts that God has given us and we even spent a day learning about "Our Lady of Good Help." Social studies has found us learning about community and rules of our community, what makes a good leader and how to be a better friend. – Ms. Baumann



3rd & 4th

Third and fourth grade is off to a great start! We have been busy settling into our routines and learning lots of new things. In science, we have been learning about plants and animals and how living things grow and survive. In religion, we have been growing in our faith and are beginning to learn more about Mary and the Rosary as we enter the month of October. We have also been working hard on our reading, writing, math, and spelling skills and are becoming more independent learners each day! We had a great time getting outside of the classroom for our school field trip to Wilke's Corn Maze and are excited for all that October has in store!

- Miss Woellner



5th & 6th

The 5th and 6th graders have been busy:

- + In social studies, we are working on a lot of geography this year. We are studying the whole western hemisphere! We are currently combining technology, research, and reading skills to create slides that will demonstrate what we have learned about climate.
- + In ELA and reading we are spending part of our time on grammar: sentences, punctuation, capitalization, etc.... In reading, we are just starting a historical fiction book called, 'Bud Not Buddy'. It takes place during the Great Depression.

+ Spelling, vocabulary, spelling, vocabulary and handwriting. These are constant goals across the curriculum.

+ Music....We are learning to read music, write a little music, explore rhythms, and even to write music. Once all the students have recorders, we will learn to play them. Hopefully the recorders will become part of our celebrations at Mass.

+ Art...Illuminations were part of the Medieval period bookmaking. Each student had to embellish their first name initial and make something beautiful that would glorify the Lord.

Homework is an important part of middle school. When they don't have a daily assignment, they can be studying their spelling words, countries of the western hemisphere, the 50 states, or just plain take time reading. Thank you! - Mrs. Ellenbecker



5th & 6th Religion & Math

In their study of Baptism, 5th and 6th graders acted out the actual rite of the sacrament, complete with water, oils, candle, garment, prayer AND baby doll. Father Payton and Father Harris did a fine job, as well as all the parents and godparents. In addition, the students brought to school some mementos of their own Baptism: candles, white garments and photos. – Ms. Roll



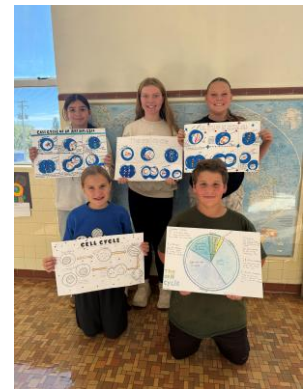
7th & 8th Grade

Our 7th and 8th graders have been busy learning about life science!

We just wrapped up our chapter on the cell cycle, cellular respiration, and photosynthesis. To show what they learned, students created posters explaining one of these three processes. They did a fantastic job showing off their knowledge and creativity!

Up next... GENETICS! We can't wait to learn all about how traits are passed from one generation to the next!

– Mrs. Halopka



Heavenly Father,
Thank You for the blessings of a new month. Through the prayers of
Mary and the Holy Rosary, help us grow closer to You each day.
Guide our students, families, and staff to learn with purpose, serve with
kindness, and lead with faith.
Mary, Queen of the Holy Rosary, pray for us.

Amen.



October



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Served Daily: Assorted Fresh Fruits and Veggies, Milk (1% chocolate, 1% white), Menu Subject to change without Notice "This Institution is an Equal Opportunity Provider"				1 Sloppy Joe WG Bun or Sloppy Joe Biscuit Pizza Roasted Potato Baked Beans	2 WG Spaghetti W/ Meat Sauce, Steamed Broccoli WG Garlic Bread	3
4	5 Hamburger WG Bun Cheese Slice Baked Beans Roasted Potatoes	6 Tacos or Chicken Fajitas Soft Shells or Tortilla Chips Shredded Cheese Refried Beans	7 4K-2 Pizza Dippers 3-8 Pizza Fries w/ Sauce Tuna Salad Steamed Peas	8 Scalloped Potatoes Diced Ham Cooked Corn Dinner Roll	9 	10
11 	12 Chicken Patty WG Bun Roasted Potatoes Green Beans	13 WG French Toast Bites Sausage Links Strawberry Yogurt Hashbrown	14 Grilled Cheese Sandwich Or Tuna Melt Crackers Tomato or Cream of Mushroom Soup	15 WG Spaghetti w/ Meat Sauce Steamed Broccoli Trees Garlic Bread	16 	17
18	19 Salisbury Steak WB Buttered Noodles w/ Gravy Green Beans Buttered Bread	20 4K-2 Chicken Strips 3-8 Chicken wingettes Mashed Potatoes & Gravy WG Dinner Roll	21 BBQ Riblet WG Bun Roasted Potatoes Cooked Corn	22 Tacos or Chicken Fajitas Soft Shells or Tortilla Chips Shredded Cheese Refried Beans	23 Shredded Chicken Alfredo Sauce WG Buttered Noodles Steamed Broccoli Trees	24
25	26 WG Chicken Nuggets WG Chicken Flavored Rice Green Beans	27 Chicken Noodle Soup Fish Crackers Peanut butter & Jelly Sand String Cheese	28 WG Cheeseburger Pizza Baked Beans Pickles	29 WG Pancake Puffs Sausage Links Strawberry Yogurt Hashbrown	30 WG Spaghetti w/ Meat Sauce Steamed Broccoli Trees WG Garlic Bread	31 



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
The family of St. Anthony de Padua Catholic School is dedicated to helping students achieve academic excellence, an understanding of the Catholic faith, & leadership in serving our community.				1	2	3
4 	5	6 NO MASS	7	8	9 	10 
Fire Prevention Week						
11	12	13 Mass – 3/4 Parent/Teacher Conferences	14	15 Parent/Teacher Conferences	16 	17 FRIENDS OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
18 	19	20 Mass – 7/8	21	22	23 Rosary – 2:15	24
25	26 Vison & Hearing Recheck – 9:00	27 Mass – 5/6	28	29	30	