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Fitness-a-Thon: Thursday, May 18th
Spring Choral Concert: Thursday, May 25th
Family Fun Auction: Friday, June 2nd

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School News

Fitness-a-Thon Shirt Sizes

We're trying to get an idea of how many of each t-shirt size we need to order for the Fitness-a-Thon. Please take a moment to fill in the following form linked below. For multiple students, please fill out separate forms. You will have the option to add more names after submitting your first student.

Thank you.

[Fitness-a-Thon Shirt Sizes](#)

May Crowning
Friday, May 5th

1:30 pm beginning in the Mary U. Garden

Students may wear free dress, but they are asked to wear their Sunday best. No jeans or t-shirts. The school uniform is always acceptable.

Students may also bring flowers that will be used to decorate the Mary U. garden.

Principal's Update

Dear Families,

I am writing to share some important news. I have completed the hiring process for the vacancies in 4th Grade as well as the opening in 6th Grade for next school year. All three of these teachers are wonderful and I will share details about them in next week's Roadrunner. I am planning an evening social to allow our parents a chance to meet and welcome them (date and time to be determined). I am still interviewing for the junior high position, the Speech position and the Kindergarten Instructional Assistant. As previously promised, I will keep you undated.

Sincerely,



Michael Cantu
Principal

Thank You

This Friday is our May Crowning beginning @ 1:30 pm. The entire school gathers around the Mary U. Garden, crowns Mary, and then proceeds to the church. This is always a wonderful celebration for our school.



Special thanks to the Chow family and Melina Kaul for cleaning up the Mary U. garden this past weekend. They trimmed the bushes, pulled weeds and added fresh plants to the pots. It looks beautiful!

Save The Date St. Anthony School's Family Fun Auction Friday, June 2nd

New Volunteer Program

As you may have heard about at the last PTC Meeting, we are slightly adjusting our volunteer requirements to help continue to meet the needs at our fundraising and community events. With that in mind

- **Hours are staying the same.** 36 volunteer hours are still required of in-parish tuition families (18 hours for single parent households)
- **Only hours volunteered at the school or the parish will be counted** (this included CYO hours)
- Every family will be required to volunteer for at least **one Development**

Fundraising Event and one PTC Community Event. Volunteers can support these events in a variety of ways: before the events, during the events or even support doing projects that support the events at home.

- Development Fundraising Events: Making a Difference Annual Appeal, Grandparents Day, Fitness-a-Thon, STAAR Auction, Open House, New Family Night and/or the Family Fun Auction.
- PTC Community Events: Welcome Back Reception, Tailgate Party, Octoberfest, PTC Luncheons and/or serving on a committee.
- **Community hours will no longer count** toward your required volunteer hours.
- All hours must be completed by an adult; student hours will no longer be accepted.

More information will be coming home before the end of school along with an opportunity to decide what events you would like to support.

If you have any questions beforehand, please contact the Development Office.

Band News

To All Band Parents: The Band Festival is on May 17th at Kennedy Catholic H.S. beginning at 7 PM. You should have received the required field trip form. Please return ASAP.

Also - Please note the Kennedy Catholic Elem. Summer Band Camp! Keep the music going!

Download a flyer below:

[Kennedy Catholic Band Camp](#)

Beat the Bridge

-From the St. Anthony School We Act Committee

This year we are supporting the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation's Beat the Bridge cause. Beat the Bridge supports people with type 1 diabetes. Please help St. Anthony School fight type 1 diabetes by sending your students to school with a donation. Once your child turns in a donation, they will be able to fill out a Beat the Bridge shoe that we'll display around the school.

Thank you for your support.



Come celebrate over 130 years of combined service from 4 of St. Anthony School's beloved Faculty & Staff Members

At the end of this school year, 4 longtime St. Anthony School faculty and staff members will be retiring: Maureen Blodgett, Vicki Lazor, Mary Ormiston and Sr. Maureen O'Brien. Their

service has touched the lives of countless students and families at our school and in our community.

Come celebrate their retirement with us on Sunday, June 4th.

The celebration will begin with the 10:45 am mass at St. Anthony Parish and an open house afterward in the parish hall from 12:00 pm to 3:00 pm. Join them at mass or stop by the hall to say hello, thank them and wish them well in their retirement.

We're also putting together a book for each of them with thoughts and memories from students and parents. Please take a moment to share your thoughts or memories of these 4 wonderful St. Anthony School faculty and staff members.

[Retirement Memory Book](#)

If you know former St. Anthony School families and students, please forward this message to them.

St. Anthony School Presents:

VINTAGE POP! Spring Choral Show

SAVE THE DATE!

THURSDAY, MAY 25, 2017 for TWO Mini Concerts!

PK-3RD GRADE @ 6:15-7:00 AND 4th-8th grade 7:30-8:15

[**Click Here for More Information**](#)

Nutrition Committee Survey

Good afternoon St. Anthony Parents!

The St. Anthony School Commission has recently formed a nutrition sub-committee. The purpose of the sub-committee is to evaluate ways in which we can improve our children's nutrition while at school. The initial tasking of this sub-committee is to evaluate the development of guidelines regarding classroom parties (holidays, birthdays, etc.) and other school events.

It is not the intent of the sub-committee to ban sweets at school. However, concerns have been raised by some parents that the students are being provided an excessive amount of sweets and junk food at school and we would like to evaluate ways in which we might be able to make some improvements.

As part of the evaluation, the nutrition committee decided to obtain input from both the faculty and the parents regarding actions we can take to better serve our children's nutritional needs. With that in mind, the committee sent a survey to the faculty, requesting their opinions about whether steps should be taken to reduce the level of sweets/junk food at school. The results of the survey were mixed. While some teachers did not believe there is an

issue with the current level of sweets at school, others felt that the level of sweets provided at class celebrations, birthday parties, and bake sales is excessive.

Now that the faculty has completed their responses to the survey, the nutrition committee would greatly appreciate it if you would take the time to share your thoughts and opinions about this issue. The survey (linked below) is short and completely anonymous; it will be used by the committee to help draft nutritional guidelines, as appropriate, and to create a discussion with parents regarding nutrition in the classroom and our school.

The survey will be open for two weeks, so please take time to respond. Thanks so much for your thoughts and ideas regarding these issues.

[Nutrition Survey](#)

Kindergarten Instructional Assistant Position

The position is 25 hour week- 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM- Monday through Friday. Qualified candidates should have a background in early childhood education. Together with Beverly Williams, the instructional assistant will support the growth of our Kindergarten students on a daily basis, working under the direction of our Kindergarten teachers. Each instructional assistant will be primarily assigned to one teacher but there will be some overlap, depending upon the task at hand. Please email a cover letter and resume to Michael Cantu if you are interested.

[Roadrunner Coffee](#)

[Updated Draft 2017/2018 School Calendar](#)

Parent Groups

PTC News

PTC School Movie Night on May 19th

Mark your calendars for the upcoming School Movie Night, which will be on Friday, May 19th. The featured movie is Moana!

More details will be provided in next week's newsletter.

Recap of the final PTC Meeting of the Year

Thank you to all that attended and helped at the 4/27/17 PTC meeting. Mr. Cantu highlighted news regarding enrichment activities, academic programs, filling teaching positions, and school facilities and the Development Office outlined changes in the volunteer requirements for next school year. More information on those topics will be provided in the weeks to come. We also enjoyed Father Tom Vandenberg, who shared about the importance of healthy family relationships and the great gift of the Sacrament of Marriage. Our new Octoberfest Leads introduced themselves and Miss McKamey and our amazing school band treated us to a wonderful performance! Lastly, the school community was invited to attend the viewing of Screenagers.

Congratulations to KB, 5A, and 7B - they won treat parties for having the most parent attendance at the meeting!

We also want to recognize parents Edelyn Lizardo, Debbie Suchoski, Cecilia Tran, and Kathy Wong, as well as students Karen D. Elena N., and Molly T. for helping with childcare. Thank you!

Open Position for Next School Year - PTC Communication Focal

Would you like to be part of the PTC Steering Group that oversees community-building activities at St. Anthony School, and works closely with the school leadership on important development projects? The PTC is looking for a Communication Focal for next school year. This position involves the following key activities that count for volunteer hours and can mostly be done at your convenience from home:

- Coordinating PTC items for the Roadrunner Newsletter
- Working with the PTC Chair and School Principal to develop PTC All-Parent Meeting Agendas
- Attending PTC Steering Group Meetings (monthly)

Please contact Erika Gutierrez at ptcsaintanthonyschool@gmail.com or Dionne Palermo dionnek99@hotmail.com for additional information.



FILIPINO-AMERICAN COMMUNITY OF ST. ANTHONY

*'to preserve and enhance our ethnic and cultural heritage
among our children and throughout the community'*

Filipino American Community of St. Anthony 8th Grade Scholarship Application Guidelines

Who is eligible: Open to all 8th graders that will be attending a private/Catholic High School.

Format: Essay 700 words or less, typed double spaced. Please state your name on separate cover sheet only.

Topic: Please choose one of the following essay topics.

- What do you value about diversity and how has it positively influenced you in your life?
- What do you appreciate about diversity and how do you incorporate diversity into your own life?
- What are the benefits to learning about different cultures and why is this important in our society today?

Submit via email to facsa.officers@gmail.com by Friday, May 19, 2017.

Blind essays will be reviewed and two recipients will be chosen.

Questions regarding application guidelines can be sent to facsa.officers@gmail.com

Active St. Anthony Parish Parents (ASAPP) Group

ASAPP Family Scholarships are due May 15th

The ASAPP Scholarship is open to ASAPP families with students currently in 2nd-7th grades. Applications are due to the St. Anthony Parish Office by May 15th. We encourage all eligible families to apply! See the attached scholarship application for additional details.

[ASAPP Scholarship](#)

Family Fun Auction – June 2nd

ASAPP is excited to support the June 2nd Family Fun Auction by managing a surprise event there. We will need a few parent volunteers during the 3-hour event. Look for more details in the coming weeks.

Important Dates for the 2016-2017 School Year

- **May 15th:** ASAPP Family Scholarship Applications Due. Winners announced last day of school.
- **June 2nd:** Family Fun Auction; 5-8pm.

CYO News

Cross Country

We are now accepting registrations for the 2017 Fall Cross Country Team. Cross Country is open to students in grades K-8. Download a registration form below: [Cross Country Registration Form](#)



Interested in playing CYO soccer for St. Anthony next year? Fall Soccer registrations for 2017 are now open.

Please take a moment to download and fill out the Soccer registration form linked below. Teams will be formed over the summer so we need all signed registration forms and fees returned to the school office by the **June 9th deadline**. Soccer is open to all St. Anthony School students and non-students, as long as their families are parish members of St. Anthony, St. Stephen the Martyr or St. John the Baptist parishes.

We have teams for all students in grades K – 8, both boys and girls. Don't miss out on the opportunity to play CYO soccer next fall.

*Please note there has been an increase in the CYO family registration fee.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Gina Christopher at jgl10@comcast.net or Tina Corsi-Mejia at tb8879@att.com
[Soccer Registration Form](#)

Volleyball

The 7th grade AAA girl's volleyball team played for the championship after defeating Our Lady of Lake 2-0 Saturday. They played a hard fought match in the championship on Sunday against Holy Family Kirkland before losing 2-1, thus finishing second. Thank you to all who came out to cheer them on this past weekend. Great job girls!!!



CYO Summer Camps

Give Your Child the Summer of a Lifetime at CYO Summer Camp! Summer camp is more than just eating s'mores, swimming in the pool, and exploring the woods. CYO Summer Camp is about transforming lives through programs rooted in Catholic tradition and personal encounters with Jesus Christ. Lessons in problem solving, team work and the Catholic faith are taught through fun hands on games and high adventure activities away from smart phones and flat screens. Send your son or daughter or whole family to CYO Camp, those sacred memories will last a lifetime. Click below for more information.

[CYO Camps](#)

For our day camp program (and only the day campers) there is a bus that picks up from St. Anthony Parish. It is \$50 for the week per camper.

Community

Many of you may know Louis Cunningham. He grew up at St. Anthony Parish. He is being ordained a Deacon on Saturday, May 20 at 10 am at St. Anthony Parish. All are welcome.



MIDDLE SCHOOL RETREAT

Sunday, May 7th * 2:00pm—8:30pm * St. Stephen's Social Hall

For Youth in Grades 6-7-8

YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS THIS !!!

[Click Here for More Information](#)

TOSA (Taste of St. Anthony)

This year's Taste of St. Anthony's (TOSA) celebrates Mary, Mother of All Nations and will be held on Saturday, May the 6th from 11:30 am - 4:30 pm at the Parish Hall.

Come and enjoy lots of yummy food and free entertainment. You can also win cash prizes or a bicycle if you join in the exciting raffle.

For one low admission fee you can enjoy all the dishes from around the world to your hearts content. Starting Saturday, Apr 22nd advance tickets will be sold outside the church after all weekend Masses. Advance tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for kids 6 to 12 (children 5 and under are free). Admission goes up to \$12 for adults on the day of the event.

So buy your tickets early and see you at TOSA!



Bellarmino Volleyball Camp

The 2017 Bellarmino Volleyball Camp is right around the corner! Registration is now open for the June 20th-23rd Camp for 4-10 graders. This annual camp is a kid favorite, for all levels of experience from beginners to the highly experienced. Coaches will focus on skill development and game play with a tournament the last day of camp! High energy and knowledge staff will make it a fun learning experience. For registration instructions and more information, go to the Bellarmino website (www.bellarminoprep.org), look under summer camps in the Athletics section. See you in June!

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