



## Roadrunner Newsletter

November 1st, 2017

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### Upcoming Dates and Events

**Noon Dismissal:** Wednesday, November 1st

**No School:** Thursday, November 2nd and Friday, November 3rd

**Parent/Teacher Conferences:** November 1st-3rd

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## School News

### Grandparents and Special Friends Tea

#### Invitations

Our annual Grandparents and Special Friends Tea is coming up on Friday, November 17th. Invitations to grandparents and special friends that we have in our database went out last week. Check with grandparents and, if they did not receive an invitation, please click on the link below to fill out a form. We will mail them an invitation early next week.

[Extra Grandparent Invites](#)

#### The Day

The day is divided into four 1 hour 15 minutes sessions in order to accommodate the number of people attending. Grandparents were assigned a time on their invitation. Students will be brought over to the hall at their designated time to meet up with their guests. There will be light refreshments and tea served along with activities.

It is imperative that grandparents arrive at their assigned times.

If you have any questions about what times grandparents or special friends are supposed to arrive, please email Chris McCoy at [mccoy@sasr.org](mailto:mccoy@sasr.org).

### **Volunteering**

We need many volunteers to help the day run smoothly and be memorable for all that attend. All volunteer positions count as completing your Development Event requirement and can also be counted toward your volunteer hours.

Don't delay. Those who indicated that the grandparents tea was one of their top 3 events have already had access to the signup. Shifts are filling up quickly and if you want to volunteer when your student is there, sign up early. The link is below.

[Grandparents Day Volunteer Information](#)

### **For 7th and 8th Graders**

7th and 8th graders who do NOT have a guest coming can help serve and use those hours as part of their community service hours. Have them keep an eye out for the signup sheet in their classrooms.

### **T-shirts are In!**

If you ordered a "Property of St. Anthony School" T-shirt, they are in! Stop by the Development Office to get your shirts.

### **NEWS FROM THE BAND WAGON!!**

We are off and running! The fifth graders are excited now that their instruments are together! Reading rhythms and notes have begun!!

Our School Band members (gr. 6-8) are preparing for the Christmas Assembly on Dec. 12th and school program on the 18th!! Busy times in the music world!

Parents: Please make sure instruments are going home on band days! PRACTICING is so important!! Your child's home efforts will be recorded each week, starting in November!

Thank you!  
Miss McKamey

### **News Regarding Virtus/Safe Environment Online Classes**

The Safe Environment Office is simplifying the process of determining when an online refresher module is required and assigned.

The online refresher is being separated from the date of the most recent background check. This will leave the online refresher tied to the most recent class date and increase the system's accuracy. The Go Live date of this new system is Monday, November 6, 2017. Please be aware that you might receive a notification from the Virtus helpdesk regarding your online update on November 6th. If this is the case, you can trust that it is accurate and it is indeed time to take your renewal class.

When it is time to renew your background check, you will receive a separate notification from the Virtus helpdesk. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Diane Kane at 425-277-6162 or email [kane@sasr.org](mailto:kane@sasr.org).

## **From our School Counselor**

### **Parent-Teacher Conference**

Meeting with your child's teacher may trigger anxiety. Our featured video talks about some tips to allay the anxiety of parent-teacher conferences.

[Parent Teacher Conferences](#)

Research studies show that positive parent-teacher relationships benefit children's development. Consider these four strategies to help build a trusting relationship with your child's teacher:

[Four Strategies to build trusting relationships with teachers](#)

### **Playground Supervision**

We strive to ensure that students at St. Anthony School have a fun and safe recess. This involves implementing policies that are meant to safeguard every student, including their personal property.

In consultation with our Playground Supervisors and the Principal, a new policy will be applied to the bringing of personal property to recess starting November 6, 2017. Per our Principal's directive -

*"No child should bring their toys/balls/cards out to the playground. Show and tell is allowed but supervised by the classroom teachers who set the rules for their classroom."*

It also helps to remember the current policy stipulated in our 2017-2018 Family Handbook Section on Personal Property at School (p.24)

*"Students are strongly discouraged from bringing personal property to school, unless requested to do so by the teacher for an educational purpose. The school does not assume responsibility for any loss or damage to personal student property, and any item brought to school is done so at the student's risk. Also, any student property deemed to be endangering to self or others, disruptive to the learning environment, or contradicting Catholic values, may be confiscated by school staff and returned to parents via the school office."*

-Julius Pre

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## **From Last Week**

### **We Scare Hunger - From the We Act Committee**

Please continue to bring in canned food each day between October 30th and December 1st to supply the St. Vincent de Paul Food Bank.

The class (and teacher) with the most donations will receive a prize!

### **New Afterschool Club Full**

We appreciate the interest in the new Math Club and wish we could accommodate everyone; however we have reached the capacity of the club with the registration forms that have been turned in as of last week. We have started a waiting list, so if you haven't yet signed up but are interested, please turn in a form (see the linked flyer) by November 3rd and we'll place you on the waiting list in the event we have spots open up. We will notify all the families that submitted forms of their status by early November.

[Afterschool Math Club](#)

## **Fulcrum Scholarships**

The Fulcrum Tuition Assistance Program is now open for St. Anthony School Families. Click on the link below to access the site (scroll down the page for the application).

[Fulcrum Tuition Application](#)

## **Picture Submissions for the Yearbook Links**

### **Ways to submit pictures for the Yearbook**

[Dropbox Picture Request for the 2017/2018 School Yearbook](#)

[School Annual Yearbook Picture Submissions](#) (our St. Anthony School code is 409163617 if you are asked.)

**Or you can always just email your photos to [mccoy@sasr.org](mailto:mccoy@sasr.org).**

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# Parent Groups

## **From The PTC**

### **Staff and Teacher Appreciation Lunch – Today, November 1st at 11am**

As parent/teacher conferences get started today, we celebrate our amazing teachers and staff with a delicious PTC potluck lunch. We hope the meal can fuel them through these long days. We so appreciate all you do for our kids!



### **Veteran's Day Prayer Service - November 10th at 9:30am**

The PTC and Girl Scout troops will sponsor a Veteran's Day Prayer Service on Friday, November 10th at 9:30 in the gym. All are welcome to attend. We want to honor your family members who have served in the armed forces during a special presentation. Please email a photo of your loved one identifying name, branch of military served, and how they are related to your children to [heffron@sasr.org](mailto:heffron@sasr.org).

Every year our students make hundreds of wonderful cards that are distributed to our local veterans in the community. This year we'd like to make cards available to share with your loved ones. If you are interested in receiving cards to mail or deliver, please include a note along with the photo to Mrs. Heffron or email [ptcsaintanthonyschool@gmail.com](mailto:ptcsaintanthonyschool@gmail.com) with details.

### **PTC Contact Information**

We want to hear your ideas for building our community and hear any concerns you have. Email the PTC at [ptcsaintanthonyschool@gmail.com](mailto:ptcsaintanthonyschool@gmail.com).

Our PTC mission (and my vision) for this school year is to WORK TOGETHER in GROUPS at every single Event and to Build our Community by embracing ALL FAMILIES and Celebrating our diversity. We will put into practice our theme "Christ, be our Light."

God Bless you!  
Erika Gutierrez

## From the Active St. Anthony Parish Parents (ASAPP) Group

### Parish Stewardship Commitment:

Just a reminder that one requirement for maintaining the in-parish tuition rate is to submit a Parish Stewardship Commitment pledge. Don't forget to turn your commitment card into St. Anthony Parish! We appreciate your support of the school and Parish communities.

### Upcoming ASAPP 2017-2018 School Year Events/Activities:

- Poinsettia and Wreath Sales: Order pick-up December 1st; and Mass sales December 2nd – 3rd
- Italian Dinner: January 27th
- Sunday Mass Coffee/Donuts: February 11th

We appreciate everyone who has signed up to indicate initial interest in our ASAPP activities. If you haven't had a chance to do so, please sign up at the link below and we will contact you as we begin our planning activities. (Note: Separate sign up links will be sent for events/activities throughout the year to obtain commitment for specific volunteer needs.) Thank you!

[www.SignUpGenius.com/go/10C094CAEA72AA4FB6-20172018](http://www.SignUpGenius.com/go/10C094CAEA72AA4FB6-20172018)

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## CYO News

### CYO Soccer

Thank you to all the soccer coaches for all of your hard work and dedication for this past season.

Congratulations to the 6th grade girls' team for making the playoffs. Unfortunately they lost in the first round to Our Lady of Fatima.

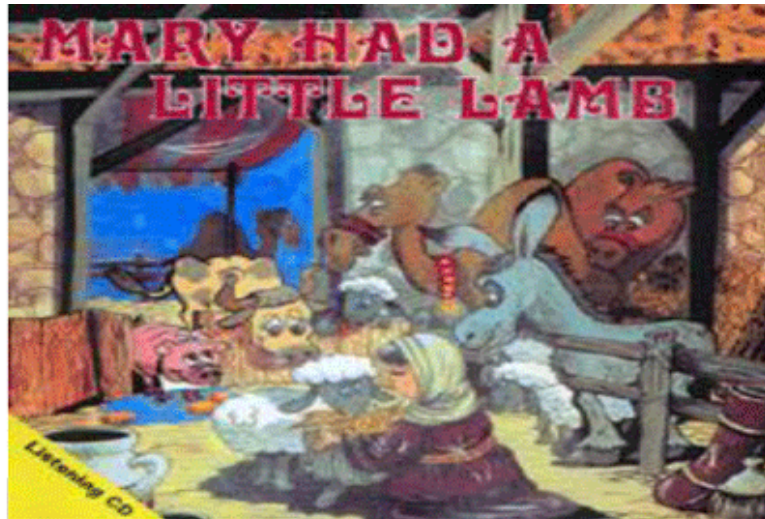
Congratulations to the 8th grade boys' team for not only making the playoffs but winning their semifinal game against St. Louise 2-1 and advancing to the championship game. The game will be played Saturday November 4th 2:30 pm at Bishop Blanchet High School. Please come and cheer them on!

Go Roadrunners!



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## Community



St. Stephen the Martyr Middle School Youth (grades 6-7-8)

Will present A Musical - Dinner Theater "Mary Had A Little Lamb"  
The story of the Nativity told by the animals.

When: Saturday, December 9, 2016

Time: 6:30 – 8:30pm

Auditions: Sunday, November 5, 2017 4:00 – 5:00pm

This musical tells the Christmas story from the viewpoint of the stable animals. God's plan of replacing the sacrifice of an unblemished lamb with the Messiah, who would eventually die for man's sin, is presented so beautifully that children and adults can each understand at their own level. There are twelve speaking parts: ten animals (4 lambs, 3 camels, 1 pig, 1 donkey, 1 cow), a male and female narrator.

To sign up to audition for a part in the Musical:

Contact Debbie Blomquist at 253-631-6175 ext. 113 or

E-mail [sstm.youth@gmail.com](mailto:sstm.youth@gmail.com)

All Middle School Youth (Grades 6-7-8) are invited to be a part of the dinner theater (back stage/set up, serve the dinner).

To preview the play / music go to [www.creativemin.com](http://www.creativemin.com)

[St. Francis of Assisi Holiday Bazaar Information](#)

**St. Brendan School Holiday Craft Fair**



The 38th Annual St. Brendan School Holiday Craft Fair is November 11th & 12th, 2017. Open Saturday, Nov. 14th from 9 am to 5 pm and Sunday Nov. 15th from Noon to 4 pm. In addition to 110 craft vendor booths throughout our 2 story building, we have a Holiday Gift Raffle, Refreshments, Baked Goods, and a Guest Appearance by Santa! Our craft vendors were juried and selected from approximately 400 applications! All crafts sold by the craft vendor must be handcrafted. Parking is available on the streets near St. Brendan, at the churches across the street on Saturday only, and throughout the weekend at the Maywood Hills Elementary School, 1 block away. Bring a friend - Admission is FREE.

Check us out on Facebook - Saint Brendan Holiday Craft Fair

### **Christmas Tag Decorating Party**

Please join us to help decorate tags for this year's Annual Christmas Giving. All kids are welcome to join in this fun event.

*When:* Thursday 10/26

*Where:* San Lorenzo Ruiz Room located in the PMC

*Time:* 3:00-5:30 PM

*If you have questions, please contact:*

Alyssa Beasley: [alyssa@st-anthony.cc](mailto:alyssa@st-anthony.cc)

Emmee Michler: [michler@sasr.org](mailto:michler@sasr.org)

### **Christmas Giving - We need support!**

Would you like to be involved with helping families in need this holiday season? Would you like to help put together the gift tag tree? We also need help interviewing families in need of assistance, collecting/sorting gifts, and presenting gifts to families. Get involved as little or as much as you want! If you are interested in helping please contact Alyssa Beasley at 425-277-6208 or [alyssa@st-anthony.cc](mailto:alyssa@st-anthony.cc).



*Wednesdays | 6:00p - 8:00p  
@ Parish Hall*



[St. Anthony Parish Formed Information](#)

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