



Bear Blast

January 3 – 7, 2022



Our Mission - *United by our core values of Faith, Family, Knowledge and Service, St. Anthony Catholic School is committed to providing a learning environment that promotes academic excellence, spiritual growth, and moral development. Preparing students to be good stewards of God's gifts.*



Message from the Principal

Dear St. Anthony Families,

I hope everyone had a happy and holy Christmas Season! We are looking forward to beginning a successful 2022 year on Monday! Unfortunately, I will not be in school till later this week. Covid hit my family during this holiday season, and I was not exempt. I definitely did not want my first communication of the new year to be about COVID-19. I am sure I am not alone. Hopefully this current surge in cases in our area will end quickly!

New CDC Isolation and Quarantine Guidelines:

The CDC issued new and updated guidance for isolation and quarantine periods. The specifics are outlined below. [CDC Updates and Shortens Recommended Isolation and Quarantine Period for General Population](#) | [CDC Online Newsroom](#) | [CDC](#)

Face Masks: Students and faculty will continue to be required to wear face masks while in the building.

Virtual Instruction: Teachers will no longer be required to stream instruction live through Google Meet while also teaching simultaneously in the classroom. Students that are under the new 5-day mandatory quarantine or isolation period may follow classroom lessons and activities directed from each teacher. If an entire class must quarantine or isolate, then virtual instruction via Google Classroom will occur.

Blessings,
Mrs. Salemmo

Important Dates and INFORMATION

January 3 – School Resumes

January 6 – 2:00 Dismissal; Faculty Meeting

January 10 - 28 – Winter MAP Testing

January 11 – SCISA Spelling Bee

January 12 – End Second Quarter

January 17 – No School; MLK Day

January 18 – Battle of the Books

January 25 – Report Cards

January 28 – Noon Dismissal; PD for teachers

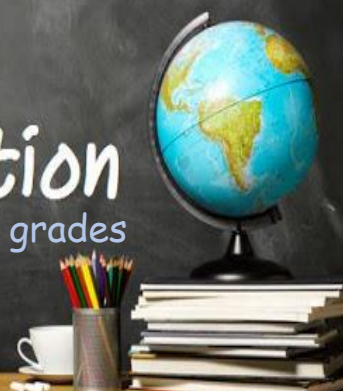
Jan. 30 – Feb. 5 – Catholic Schools Week

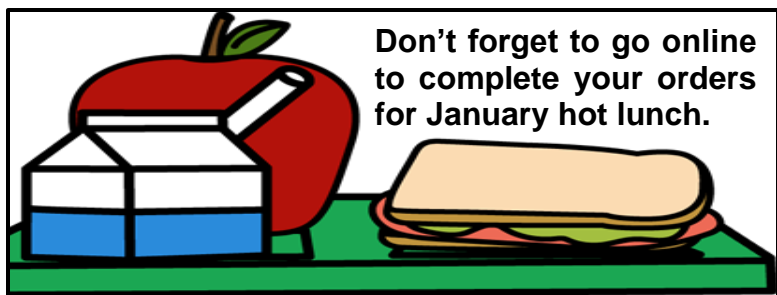
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Thursday is a 2:00 Dismissal. If this presents a challenge for your schedule, After Care will be provided free of charge until 3:30. After 3:30, normal fees will apply.

Testing Information

Students in 5K - 8th grades
will be MAP testing
January 10 - 28.





New CDC Quarantine Guidelines

If Students/Staff Test Positive for COVID-19 (Isolate)

- **Everyone, regardless of vaccination status.**
 - Stay home for 5 days.
 - If you have no symptoms or your symptoms are resolving after 5 days, you can leave your house.
 - Continue to wear a mask around others for 5 additional days.
 - *If you have a fever, continue to stay home until your fever resolves.*

If a Student/Staff Were Exposed to Someone with COVID-19 (Quarantine)

- **If student/staff**, have been boosted **OR** completed the primary series of Pfizer or Moderna vaccine within the last 6 months **OR** completed the primary series of J&J vaccine within the last 2 months
 - Wear a mask around others for 10 days.
 - Test on day 5, if possible.
 - *If student/staff develop symptoms he/she should get a test and stay home.*
- **If student/staff**, completed the primary series of Pfizer or Moderna vaccine over 6 months ago and are not boosted **OR** completed the primary series of J&J over 2 months ago and are not boosted **OR** are unvaccinated
 - Stay home for 5 days. After that continue to wear a mask around others for 5 additional days.
 - Test on day 5 if possible.
 - *If student/staff develop symptoms he/she should get a test and stay home.*



Tuesday, January 4, 3:30 to 5:30
Scenes 8 and 9

Thursday, January 6, 3:30 to 5:30
Scenes 10 and 11

Please pick up your child/children in the regular carline. Do not leave your car.

God of all time, help us enter the New Year quietly, thoughtful of who we are to ourselves and to others, mindful that our steps make an impact, and our words carry power.

May we walk gently.

May we speak only after we have listened well.

Creator of all life, help us enter the New Year reverently, aware that you have endowed every creature and plant, every person and habitat with beauty and purpose.

May we regard the world with tenderness.

May we honor rather than destroy.

Lover of all souls, help us enter the New Year joyfully, willing to laugh and dance and dream, remembering our many gifts with thanks and looking forward to blessings yet to come.

May we welcome your love. In this new year, may the grace and peace of Christ bless us now and, in the days, ahead.
Amen

— Vinita Hampton Wright



A printed copy of the Basketball schedule for the 2021-2022 season was sent home in the Tuesday Folder, and you can access the schedule at this link [Basketball Schedule](#). Please mark these dates on your calendars so you will be prepared for the upcoming games.

PLEASE NOTE

Students need to wear tennis shoes on PE Days. Students who do not have the appropriate footwear will not be able to participate in PE activities.

Please be sure to label all sweaters, coats, hats, scarves, etc. with your child's name. At the end of each quarter, any unclaimed items will be donated, as appropriate.