



ST. ANSELM CATHOLIC SCHOOL MISSION STATEMENT

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- Thurs. Mar. 30 - Last class - You be the Chemist 3-4 pm Choir Club
Mon. Apr. 3 - Jeans or Sweats \$1.00 for Missions Computer Club Roms Grs. K-4 Photography Class
Tues. Apr. 4 - Young Authors Grs. 1-4 Homework Club
Wed. Apr. 5 - Ham Orders Due
Thurs. Apr. 6 - Choir Club

HAPPY BIRTHDAY THIS WEEK TO:

- Mia Malkowski (P) Mrs. Sophiae (4)
Birdget Mikiciuk (5) Joseph Geoghegan

COMING EVENTS!

- Mon. Apr. 24 - 28 - 6th Grade Science Camp
Sat. May 6 - First Communion
Mon. May 8 - May Crowning

REMINDERS!

THERE WILL BE NO BUS SERVICE NEXT WEEK MONDAY, APRIL 3 - FRIDAY, APRIL 7. WE ARE OFF FOR EASTER BREAK WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12 - SUNDAY, APRIL 23RD. CLASSES RESUME ON MONDAY, APRIL 24TH.

CONGRATULATIONS 3RD QUARTER HONOR ROLL STUDENTS!

GRADE 4

- Allie Adams
Maya Fadlallah
Gian Carlo Folloso
Danielle Kelley
Jane Kelley
Nicholas Mulka
Alivia Nosis
Madison Perkins
Niveen Sleiman

GRADE 5

- Jannah Ayache
Tobias Jorgensen
Ethan Krusil
Amanda Shumaker

GRADE 8

- Trevor Delaney
Lana Elzein

GRADE 6

- Riley Cash
Julian Djurasaj
Yasmina Fadlallah
Oswaldo Nava

GRADE 7

- Aya Ayache
Hikmat Bazzi
Rachel Bullock
Joyce DiPietro
Savannah Fish
Bianca Marcon
Maya Shammout

- Rayan Elzein
Dania Yassin

Greetings St. Anselm Families,

Welcome to fourth quarter! Time has been flying because we have been so busy! We are working our way toward Easter break and to the end of the year. Let's pray for the warm weather to make it's way back to Michigan.

Here are a few things from my desk.

The 5th, 6th, 7th, and 8th graders will head to Gleaners on April 7 and April 26. We will be borrowing buses from DCHS to take our students to volunteer in Detroit. We have plenty of chaperones within our staff. The students will leave at 8:30 and will return at 12:00. They will be able to eat lunch when they come back to school.

Permission forms have all been turned in and a fact sheet about what the students will be doing should come home at the beginning of next week. The 6th and 8th graders will go on April 7. The 5th and 7th graders will go on April 26.

This field trip will be a great opportunity for our students to help those who are less fortunate. We will also take three more groups of middle school students to All Saints Soup Kitchen before we finish the school year.

Next, I sent out our calendar for the 2017-2018 school year about two weeks ago. I want to explain a couple of things. First, I have done my best to avoid half days because I realize that those are very hard for working parents. We have eliminated the half day of school on August 28. We will only have "back to school night" and start with a full day on August 29. Preschool and Kindergarten will have half days the first week to help with their adjustment to school.

We will now take a full day off for parent-teacher conferences. That way, all parents can be seen on the same day. This past November, we had parents who had to come in on different days because we ran out of time.

As far as the Christmas concert is concerned, Mr. Lurie and I spoke about piloting a "day" program instead of the traditional night program. Parents and guests will be invited to the Christmas concert after lunch. We will try it for 2017-2018 and see if it works well for the future.

We will continue to have a week winter break in February. While I realize that some parents have to get childcare that week, many of our families go out of town. It is a much needed break to clean the building. Also, without a winter break we would be going to school for almost 60 days in a row. That is a long time during the winter. With our lack of half days, we have the ability to have a longer winter break, and that is a blessing.

Lastly, we are constantly striving at St. Anselm to do the very best for our students. I have some changes on the horizon for 2017-2018. They are pretty substantial and I will send a letter home in April about our plans to move forward providing excellent education within our faith-filled environment. As my staff and I are constantly working and looking ahead, I want to address the issue of homework. Homework is valuable. As a former high school teacher, I knew which students were ready for the rigors of high school and which were not, within the first days of school. The biggest challenge for ninth graders? Homework. Without a doubt. Homework helps with time management. This is something our students struggle with. When our students leave our building, we can not control what they are doing at home. If they are not finishing their assigned work, they can't move on to the next lesson. And, if they don't understand something, but do not even attempt the work, the teacher can not check for understanding.

I am asking that all parents check with their students in the evening, on a daily basis. If something looks off, please email or call the teacher to ask for clarification. Our students are busy during the school day and they need to take the time at home to finish their work. I firmly believe that we are "partners in education," as Mrs. Kliber says. Let's work together to make quarter 4 the best one yet.

Have a great weekend.

Mrs. Angela Kraetke
Principal