



St. Anselm Catholic School



NEWSLETTER July 2025

Happy July St. Anselm Families

As summer begins to wind down, it's time to start looking forward to the start of a new school year! We are just about a month away from our first day, and I hope you've all enjoyed a restful and refreshing summer.

I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to all of our families—both returning and new—for your continued commitment to St. Anselm Catholic School and to the gift of Catholic education. We are truly honored that you have entrusted us with your child's growth—not only academically, but also spiritually, as we guide them in the teachings and values of our Catholic faith.

Together—as students, parents, staff, and administration—we will work in partnership to make the 2025–2026 school year a joyful, faith-filled, and successful one.

Below, you'll find important information for the upcoming school year, including introductions to new staff members and updates on staff role changes.



Important Dates

August

12-13 Used uniform sale 9AM - 12PM

21 Parent Information Night/Meet Principal
6 - 7 PM

25 First day of school, dismissal at 11:30 AM

25 Back to school night 5:30 - 7 PM

29 No school

September

1 No School

PLEASE JOIN US IN WELCOMING OUR NEW STAFF!

Meet Our New Principal, Mr. Brian Owens



We are pleased to welcome Mr. Brian Owens as the new Principal of St. Anselm Catholic School. Mr. Owens brings 22 years of experience in education, with a background in both Catholic and public schools. He spent 13 years in the classroom, primarily teaching middle school math and ELA, and has served as an administrator for the past nine years. His leadership roles have included overseeing special education and 504 programs, as well as serving as dean for middle school and upper elementary students. Most recently, he was the Assistant Principal at All Saints Catholic School in Canton.

Mr. Owens is an active member of St. Kenneth Parish in Plymouth Township and is excited to lead within a faith-filled community. In addition to his educational career, he proudly served in the United States Army and is a veteran of Operation Iraqi Freedom. Please feel free to stop by the office to meet and talk with the new Principal.

Welcome Mr. Grant Askew



We are thrilled to welcome Mr. Grant Askew as our new 5th–8th grade Science and ELA teacher at St. Anselm Catholic School. Mr. Askew brings with him 14 years of teaching experience from Ann Arbor Academy, where he also served in various leadership roles, including department head. He holds a bachelor's degree from Wayne State University and a master's degree from Marygrove College. A dedicated and active member of his church, Mr. Askew is especially excited to integrate faith into his teaching and daily interactions with students. We are blessed to have him join our school community!

Welcome to Paige Baker



We are excited to announce that Paige Baker is moving to 4th grade. Paige has been working in our early childhood department and is very excited to be moving to her own classroom. She has a strong foundation in supporting young learners from her experiences at Central Michigan and in the classroom. As a graduate of St. Anselm, Paige brings a strong understanding of our school's culture and the Catholic Faith. Please welcome me in congratulating Paige as she moves to this new position.

SCHOOL UNIFORMS

We continue to use Schoolbelles in Canton, MI for our uniform needs. If you have not purchased new uniforms for students, you will need to do so by August 25th. You can visit Schoolbelles in person or online.

Students are allowed to DRESS UP or wear a school uniform for the first day of school. After the first day students should be in uniform. Out of uniform days are reserved for special occasions only, and will be determined by the principal.

We have an assortment of used uniforms, we will have a used uniform sale on August 12th and 13th. Gym uniforms can only be purchased through the office. Gym uniforms may be ordered on the 12th and 13th.

Schoolbelles School Uniforms

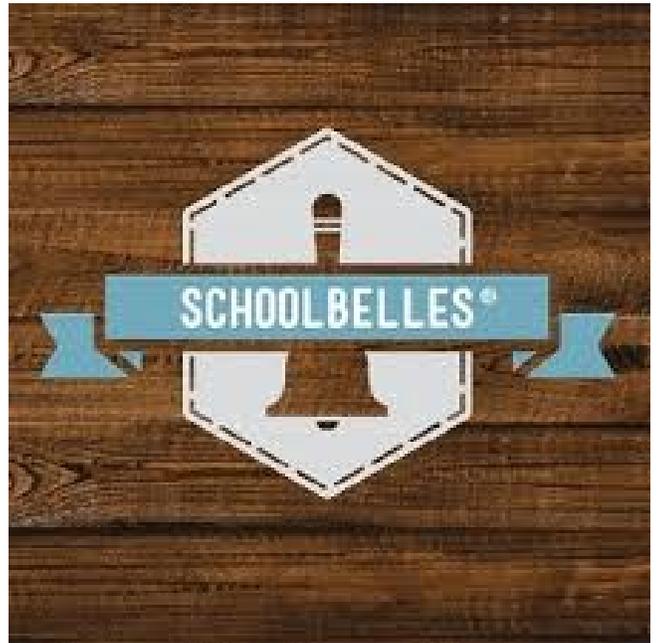
42053 Ford Road

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School Code: S0556



Uniform Reminders

- Students younger than first grade are not required to wear daily or gym uniforms.
- Gym uniforms consist of black or gray tops and bottoms which the school emblems and stags down the leg, these must be purchased through the office.
- Students may not wear shoes with black soles on gym day as they scuff the floor.
- Students may wear red and black polo shirts. Students may not wear white polo shirts. You may purchase polo shirts from other stores so long as they are the same style and the same shade of red or grey. If you are not sure if it will match, please ask us.
- Elementary girls wear uniform jumpers. Middle school girls may wear black or plaid Schoolbelles pants with a brown, black, or navy belt. They may also wear skirts that must be no higher than a palm width above the knee. Middle school girls who wear skirts that are too short will need to have a change in skirt or pants brought from home, or will be provided something from the used uniform closet if there is something that will fit.
- Students grades 1 and up may wear either dress shoes or tennis shoes with regular uniforms. They may not wear shoes that light up, are multi-colored, have glitter, or will scuff the school floors. They may not wear shoes with rollers in the heels. In short, they must be a consistent color and not distract from the learning environment.
- Students may not wear sandals, open backed or open toed shoes, clogs, boots, or heels. Laces must be tied and cannot hang.
- If a student is wearing dress shoes, it is recommended that they bring a pair of tennis shoes for recess, these may be kept in their locker or cubby.
- Black uniform shorts are permitted in August September, April, May, and June.

STUDENT APPEARANCE AND BEHAVIOR COMMUNICATION

Appearance

- Boy's hair must be cut above the collar, ears, and eyes. They may not shave their heads, have tinted or dyed hair, bowl cuts, or have designs cut into their hair. Boys may not wear extravagant jewelry.
- Girls hair must be neat and of natural color. They may not have dyed, streaked, or bleached hair. They may have highlights of a natural color. No make-up, nail polish, or extravagant jewelry is permitted.

Behavior Communication

- All behavior referrals and write ups will be entered into facts. Parents will have full visibility of all such documentation.
- An updated communication policy has been included in this packet and will be available on the website.

CHANGE IN LUNCHROOM POLICY

Cafeteria Microwave Use Discontinued

In previous years, one or two microwaves were available for student use in the cafeteria. However, this led to several challenges. Long lines often formed, leaving students with limited time to eat. Additionally, the misuse of microwaves—such as heating dry food items—created safety hazards, including smoke and an increased risk of fire.

Supervision also became a concern. Monitoring the microwave line required staff to divert their attention away from the 50–60 students seated and eating, making it difficult to maintain a safe and orderly lunch environment.



To prioritize student safety and improve the lunch experience, microwaves will no longer be available for student use.

Students have two options for lunch:

1. **Hot Lunch** – Available daily through the Chartwells website.
2. **Bagged Lunch** – Students may bring a lunch from home. If you would like your child to enjoy a warm meal, we encourage you to send it in a thermos.

Thank you for your understanding and support as we continue to create a safe, efficient, and nurturing environment for all students.