

# St. Anthony of Padua Grade School



## Family Handbook 2016-2017

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Dear Parents and Students,

Welcome to St. Anthony of Padua Grade School! I believe you have made an excellent decision. In choosing St. Anthony's, you have demonstrated a commitment to the values of a Catholic school education. We hope to form your child's faith, while providing them with a challenging curriculum and a nurturing environment.

The faculty and staff look forward to working with you as partners, to help us live our mission with your children. This year we will continue to reinforce the Salesian message, "Be who you are and be that well." At every age level, we will teach the children to be their very best, never compromise their values, and to use their God-given talents to reach their potential.

Our motto for this school year will be, "Veni, Sancte Spiritus," "Come, Holy Spirit," reminding us of the significance of the third person of the Blessed Trinity and the importance of the Holy Spirit in our lives. From September through May, each month we will focus on one of the nine *fruits of the Holy Spirit* as named by St. Paul in his writing to the Galatians (5:22-23). The fruits are **love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control**. We look forward to having Jesus lead us as we lead your children. We hope to set good examples of unconditional love, true compassion, and service to others.

Please read this document carefully and sign the attached agreement, which states that you understand and agree to follow the policies of St. Anthony of Padua Grade School during the 2016-2017 school year.

Thank you for entrusting me and my staff with your most precious gift from God, your child. I am looking forward to an amazing year.

Blessings,  
Mrs. Judith J. White, M.A.  
Principal

## **GENERAL INFORMATION**

**St. Anthony of Padua Grade School** is a three-year old preschool through 8th grade Catholic School under the direction of the Catholic Diocese of Wilmington.

The curriculum stresses academic achievement within a Christian community where the child feels that he/she is loved and respected by peers, as well as teachers.

We recognize each student's individual gifts, and strive to help them reach their potential with opportunities for service and extra-curricular activities, as well as academics. A life in Christ, according to the Gospel, is at the heart of all that we do here. United with each other in meaningful liturgy and prayer, the students can further come to an understanding of the Catholic Christian life. At St. Anthony's, we are attempting to "teach as Jesus did."

The Diocesan curriculum guidelines, consistent with the State of Delaware guidelines, are followed for the teaching of all secular subject areas. The curriculum is marked by current content and fresh approaches to methodology.

We strive to offer a program that makes use of a wide variety of audio-visual and technology tools, as well as problem solving, discussion, and cooperative group work. Our Reading series was updated in 2013 to implement Common Core Standards.

St. Anthony of Padua Grade School is accredited through the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools; Commission on Elementary Schools.

### **St. Anthony of Padua Parish Mission Statement:**

St. Anthony of Padua Parish is a Roman Catholic community rooted in a tradition of dedicated, loving service to God and to each other, as we experience the presence of Jesus Christ on our journey toward Salvation.

### **St. Anthony of Padua Grade School Mission Statement:**

St. Anthony of Padua Grade School values our past and embraces our future. We blend our Italian cultural heritage, Franciscan and Salesian spirituality with academic growth and new technology. We provide a safe haven where teachers model responsibility, commitment, and compassion, and there is a genuine respect for all. Our school, parish, and community work together and support each other for mutual growth. St. Anthony of Padua Grade School is dedicated to nurturing the children academically, spiritually, and emotionally, assisting them to lead enriching and fulfilling lives. We are committed to providing a Catholic education to those who desire it.

## **Belief Statements**

The St. Anthony of Padua School Community believes that it should:

- Integrate Italian cultural heritage with Franciscan and Salesian spirituality.
- Infuse academic knowledge with spirituality.
- Encourage school and parish to support each other for mutual growth.
- Model respect, responsibility, commitment, and compassion in a safe environment.
- Demonstrate respect for all.
- Offer a Catholic education to those who desire it regardless of financial status.

## **Our School Community**

The Parish of St. Anthony of Padua began in 1924, under the direction of the Oblates of St. Francis de Sales, with the Reverend J. Francis Tucker as the first pastor. One of his early decisions was to give special attention to the education of the children of the parish. Father Tucker sought the assistance of the Franciscan Sisters from Glen Riddle, Pennsylvania, to develop and plan the philosophy and curriculum for the children attending the new school.

The Sisters arrived in January of 1938. They began their ministry in the old Number 11 school building, which had been renovated by Father Roberto and his crew of volunteers, and has since been torn down. With the growth of the school's population during the 1940's and 50's, the Number 11 school building became inadequate. Once again, Father Roberto and his hundreds of volunteers generously gave of themselves with service and contributions to build a new school. The crews worked nights, Saturdays, and holidays for over five years to complete the new building.

The dedication of the new school on May 29, 1958 was more than a ceremony placing a cornerstone; it was a testimony to the men, women, and children of St. Anthony's who made their parish a very special part of their lives. Today over 275 students of different personalities, intellects, and abilities attend St. Anthony of Padua Grade School. The teaching staff serving those students includes both religious and lay personnel. Our support staff manages the offices, cafeteria, and building.

In the 2006-2007 school year, a Pre-School program was initiated to serve students 3 and 4 years of age. This academically based program introduces our youngest learners to a school setting, teaches them social skills, and encourages emotional development in a warm and loving environment. For several years, faculty and staff have provided affordable before and after school care for families. This is a service provided in the school building.

St. Anthony's community includes four square city blocks. The Church at 9<sup>th</sup> & DuPont Streets

offers a beautiful worship space for students. Two schoolyards between Scott and Lincoln Streets offer facilities for recreation and sports. Additionally, students may take advantage of a second gymnasium, Fournier Hall, on Howland Street. The school itself boasts new computer and science labs. St. Anthony of Padua Grade School strives to meet the needs of all students and their families in the community.

### **Admission Information and Non-Discriminatory Policy**

All Catholic schools admit students of any race, color, religion, national and ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school. St. Anthony of Padua Grade School does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, national or ethnic origin in the educational policies, admissions policies, scholarships and loan programs, athletic or other school-administered programs.

Children entering preschool must be three (3) years of age by August 31.

Children entering kindergarten must be five (5) years of age by August 31. Students will be conditionally accepted into kindergarten with full acceptance contingent on displayed readiness on the kindergarten entrance test.

At the time of registration, all new students seeking admission to St. Anthony of Padua Grade School are evaluated and placed on the basis of current standardized test scores and report cards. Students transferring from another Catholic school in the Diocese of Wilmington may be exempt from an entrance evaluation.

Requirements include:

- \*Health Records
- \*Immunization Records
- \*Birth Certificate (original)
- \*Baptismal Certificate (Catholic applicants only)
- \*Report Cards
- \*Standardized Test Results

Parents of students applying for admission in grades 1-8 must present a copy of the current report card and standardized test results. These will be reviewed to determine whether the program at St. Anthony of Padua Grade School will meet the educational needs of the student. An interview with the student may be part of the admission process. Testing in some academic areas may be held for new incoming students in grades K-8 to ensure placement in the appropriate classes.

All new students will be given a trial period in which to adjust to the school, both socially and

academically. If, during this trial period, there are any problems, the parents may decide to withdraw. St. Anthony of Padua Grade School reserves the right to determine whether we are able to meet the student's needs. Families must notify the school in writing if a student is withdrawn from the school.

## **Parents as Partners**

As partners in the educational process at St. Anthony of Padua Grade School, we ask parents:

- To participate actively in school activities, such as Home & School meetings and parent-teacher conferences
- To understand that the student is responsible for any school books or property used
- To notify the school with a written note when the student has been absent or tardy
- To notify the school office of any changes of address, email, or important phone numbers as soon as possible
- To meet all financial obligations to the school
- To inform the school of any special situation regarding the student's well-being, academic needs, safety, and health
- To promptly complete and return to school any requested information
- To read school notes and newsletters and to show interest in the student's total education
- To support the religious and educational goals of the school
- To support and cooperate with the discipline policy of the school
- To treat teachers with respect and courtesy in discussing student problems
- To set rules, times, and limits so that your child:
  - Gets to bed early on school nights
  - Arrives at school on time and is picked up on time at the end of the day
  - Is dressed according to the school dress code
  - Completes assignments on time
  - Has lunch money or a bagged lunch every day
  - Has a healthy snack each day

# **POLICIES AND PROCEDURES**

## **Absence**

When a student is absent from school, a parent should call the office by 8:00 A.M. each day of the absence. If the office does not receive a call, we will contact the parent. This policy is for the protection of our students. A written excuse for the absence or tardiness must be submitted upon the student's return. Students should be fever free for 24 hours before returning to school from a sick day. When a student is absent for three or more days due to illness, a parent may call the school office before 9:30 A.M. to arrange for homework assignments, which can be picked up in the office at 3:00 P.M. For absences of fewer than three days, please check the teachers' websites for information. Arrangements for regular classroom tests missed because of an absence are to be made with the individual teachers. These tests must be taken within one week of the original test date. Teachers are not required to give make-up tests or assignments for absences due to vacations. The school calendar provides for extended weekends throughout the school year. Parents are encouraged to schedule trips or family outings during these times.

Excessive absence or tardiness may be a cause for retention and/or refusal of acceptance into high school. An absence of twenty (20) days or more during the school year may be used as one factor in the determination to retain a student. Teachers will contact parents in order to schedule a conference to address repeated tardiness or absence of a student.

Students needing medical appointments during school hours require a written note from the parent. Parents are required to sign their child out. If the child returns to school during the same school day, he/she must be signed back into school in the office. Students who are away from school for an appointment for 3½ hours or more will be counted as absent for ½ a day.

## **Arrival and Dismissal Procedures**

To ensure student safety, strict procedures must be followed during morning arrival and afternoon dismissal.

**Arrival:** For safety reasons, all students, Preschool through Grade 8, will enter the building using the front doors to the school. Parents are expected to pull up as far as possible on West 9<sup>th</sup> Street. Children exit on the driver side of the car (not the street side). Parent should depart immediately to ensure the efficient flow of traffic in this drop-off only area. **If a parent chooses to exit their car to escort a child, they must park in the parking lot or on Scott Street.** Please proceed to the corner of 9<sup>th</sup> and Scott Streets to cross with the aid of a Crossing Guard. **Anyone crossing the street should use the crosswalk at the corner of 9<sup>th</sup> and Scott Streets. The front of the school is a drop-off area only. No parking is permitted in front of school or across the street in the bus stop.**

**Dismissal:** Preschool students will be dismissed at 2:50P.M. from the main entrance of the building. Dismissal for students in grades Kindergarten through Eighth Grade is at 3P.M.

Students in Kindergarten through Grade 2 will line up with their teacher in the Kindergarten courtyard and await the arrival of their parents. Parents will park in the lot and cross at the corner of 9<sup>th</sup> and Scott Streets to get their child. (An older sibling may pick up the child with written parental permission.) Students in Grades 3 through 8 will exit through the front doors. **Anyone crossing the street should cross at the corner of 9<sup>th</sup> and Scott Streets.**

We ask that all parents observe these procedures to ensure the safety of the children. Please refrain from entering the main lobby between 2:45 and 3:10 to ensure dismissal can occur in a timely manner. Early dismissals should be scheduled prior to 2:30P.M. as a courtesy.

## **Attendance Policy**

Catholic schools comply with attendance requirements established by the State of Delaware and the Superintendent of Schools for the Diocese of Wilmington. Attendance of one hundred eighty days is the mandatory requirement for all students.

## **Communication**

St. Anthony of Padua School maintains an Internet website – [www.school.stanthony.net](http://www.school.stanthony.net) **Wednesday** of each week is designated for communication with parents. The Principal's letter, **Tiger Talk**, and other pertinent information will be posted bi-weekly during the school year. The calendar on the St. Anthony of Padua website will be updated weekly for parental convenience. **Parents are asked to check the website every Wednesday.** Communication envelopes containing any written correspondence are sent home on Wednesdays to the youngest or only child in each family and should be returned the following day. Official school-wide communications are sent using the School Reach® phone system.

Every teacher has an individual website that can be monitored daily for homework assignments. E-mail addresses are available for every teacher and staff member. Simply type the first initial and last name, followed by @stanthonynet.org

Parents may contact a teacher by email, by telephoning the main office, or through a written request. Please expect a response within 48 hours. Please do not rely on email to communicate changes to transportation. Teachers are teaching during school hours and are not required to check email until dismissal. Parents are encouraged to meet with teachers. As a courtesy, please make an appointment to see a teacher. **Teachers are not available to meet with individual parents during teaching time, between the hours of 7:30A.M. and 3:30P.M., unless an appointment has been scheduled in advance.**

After meeting with a teacher, the parent/guardian may follow up by contacting the principal.

## Conduct and Discipline

In accordance with our school mission statement, we follow a program of positive discipline that encourages the development of life skills. We want the students to be involved not only in their own education, but also in creating the kind of environment that will help them to thrive. This can be accomplished through mutual respect and by establishing a relationship where teachers empower students to take responsibility for their behavior.

The purpose of discipline in Catholic schools is to enable students to move from externally imposed discipline to self-discipline to discipleship. Cooperative effort by all faculty and staff is necessary for consistent and effective discipline. The joint involvement of parents and school in the disciplinary process is necessary to realize the goals of Christian education. St. Anthony of Padua Grade School offers opportunities to help students grow in self-discipline and develop responsibility for their own behavior. Each grade develops classroom rules. On the first day of the school year, students meet in grade levels with the principal to review the behavior referral process. Written behavior referrals serve as communication to parents about misbehavior in the primary grades. Parents are asked to sign and return as acknowledgement of the behavior concern. In the Intermediate and Middle School levels, these referrals serve as a first written warning for the student. The following series of steps will take place when an inappropriate behavior occurs:

1. Student will be given one verbal warning as a reminder to follow the rules.
2. If misbehavior continues after the verbal warning, a discipline referral notice will be sent home. Parent signature is required. If this is a Level A referral, the behavior is minor. Therefore, the student will be given another chance to correct the behavior. If the child earns a Level B referral (more serious offenses), the parent will be notified and the student will serve an in-school detention during the recess/lunch period. 2 Level A referrals will warrant the same in-school detention.
3. Following 2 Level B referrals (having already served 2 detentions), the next offense will warrant a detention after school or a suspension in school, depending upon the severity of the issue and after consultation between the principal and parent.
4. If misbehavior continues, student will serve an out of school suspension. At this point, a meeting with student and parents must occur prior to the student's return to school. This meeting will be an attempt to formulate a behavior plan for the child.
5. Expulsion is always a last resort and the decision to do so is made in consultation with the Pastor. If it is deemed that a student is a threat to him/herself or others, this recommendation for withdraw may occur.

Since each child is an individual and each situation unique, consequences may be adjusted to encourage positive behavior and to reflect the seriousness of the student's actions. There are times when counseling may be recommended. There are several

instances when the above steps may be skipped and a suspension may be given immediately. Use/possession of drugs, possession of a weapon, threatening or fighting on school property, and cyberbullying are a few examples. Students at all grade levels have reviewed the discipline referral form and are aware of the consequences. Our goal is to provide our students with the tools necessary to develop socially acceptable behaviors and be successful.

***The Principal reserves the right to amend this procedure.***

\*\*A sample Discipline Notice/Referral is provided on the following page.

**St. Anthony of Padua Grade School**  
 1715 W. 9<sup>th</sup> Street  
 Wilmington, DE 19805

**DISCIPLINE  
 NOTICE/REFERRAL**

Date \_\_\_\_\_

To the Parents of: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Homeroom Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

**Notice to Parents**

Please discuss with your child the importance of following classroom and school rules. Your child should be aware that the rules are designed to create a positive learning environment for all students.

Your child chose not to follow a school or classroom rule during \_\_\_\_\_ class. He/She engaged in the following behavior(s):

Level A offense:	Level B offense:
Eating at inappropriate times.	Abusive/inappropriate language.
Uniform/dress code violation.	Fighting/physical aggression.
Failure to return signed discipline notice.	Defiance/disrespect/non-compliance.
Failure to turn in an assignment; to return homework, signed quiz, or test.	Harassment/bullying.
Electronic device not stored properly.	Cell phone/electronic device use.
Excessive talking/restless/inattentive.	Disruption of learning environment.
Gum chewing.	Dishonesty (forgery/plagiarism/theft/cheating)
Inappropriate manners at lunchtime.	Violation of the Acceptable Use Policy
Inappropriate behavior at liturgies, assemblies, school functions.	Destruction of school property
Other _____	Other _____

Teacher signature \_\_\_\_\_ Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Comments/Action Plan:

\_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

White- Homeroom Teacher

Pink- Parents

Yellow- Guidance Office

## **Dress Code**

St. Anthony of Padua Grade School fosters a dress code that is designed to be modest, appropriate, professional, and to promote a learning environment. The principal reserves the right to make decisions regarding the uniform regulations.

### **October through May:**

#### **PRESCHOOL – BOYS AND GIRLS**

Navy blue pants (no denim)

Plain white shirt

Solid Dark brown or tan dress shoes with non-marking sole or sneakers. No plaids, prints or additional colors or embellishments are permitted on shoes.

#### **BOYS AND GIRLS GRADES K-8**

Navy blue uniform slacks worn with a belt (brown or black)—may be from Rush

Uniform or department store UNIFORM pants

Solid Dark brown or tan dress shoes with non-marking sole or sneakers. No plaids, prints, patterns, or additional colors or embellishments are permitted on shoes.

Optional navy blue V-neck sweater, cardigan, or sweater vest (No hoodies or sweaters with zippers are permitted). Official orange and black gym sweatshirt is also permitted.

#### **BOYS GRADE K - 5**

White golf shirt or turtleneck with St. Anthony logo

Solid white, black, or navy blue ankle socks (must cover ankle bone)

#### **BOYS GRADE 6-8**

Plain white dress shirt with uniform tie

Navy blue dress tie purchased from Rush uniform (clip-ons or regular)--Ties will be available for purchase in the school office

Solid white, black, or navy blue ankle socks (must cover ankle bone)

#### **GIRLS GRADE K - 5**

Plaid jumper of an appropriate length (no more than 3 inches above the knee)

Jumper is worn with a plain white blouse with Peter Pan collar and plain sleeves

Navy blue or white knee socks or tights

Long or short-sleeved white banded shirt with St. Anthony logo is to be worn with Navy blue uniform slacks

#### **GIRLS GRADE 6 – 8**

Uniform plaid skirt of an appropriate length (no more than 3 inches above the knee)

White banded blouse with St. Anthony logo

Navy blue or white knee socks or tights

**May through September/warm weather uniform option:**

**PRESCHOOL – BOYS AND GIRLS**

Navy blue shorts

**BOYS AND GIRLS Preschool - 8**

Navy blue uniform, knee length uniform shorts with belt (brown or black)

Plain white 2 or 3 button golf shirt with St. Anthony logo

Solid white, black, or navy blue crew socks (must cover the ankle bone)

**Gym Uniform – All Year:**

**PRE-SCHOOL – BOYS AND GIRLS**

Orange and black gym uniform purchased at A Stitch in Time.

Must wear athletic shoes

**BOYS AND GIRLS – Kindergarten -- 8**

Official St. Anthony gym uniform t-shirt worn at all times on Gym day

Official St. Anthony gym uniform shorts with logo worn at all times on Gym day

Orange and black sweatshirt with St. Anthony logo

Orange and black sweatpants with St. Anthony logo

**\*For safety reasons, please have girls hair pulled back in a ponytail on gym days.**

**Hair**

Boys must have a traditional haircut and one natural color. Hair must be above the eyebrows, off the ears, and above the collar. Hair must be kept neat and clean. No facial hair is permitted.

Girls must have a traditional haircut. Bangs must be above the eyebrows. Hair must be kept neat and clean. Hair must be one natural color. Hair decorations should be small and coordinate with the uniform.

**Shaved lines or shapes are not permitted with either boys or girls.**

**Jewelry**

Girls may wear one earring (post or small type) on lower lobe in each ear/no hoop earrings

Boys may not wear earrings

One small ring permitted

One watch may be worn on the wrist/only one bracelet or band may be worn

One religious medal, cross or crucifix, on a thin silver or gold chain may be worn

Fingernails should be kept neat and trimmed. Girls may not wear nail polish, artificial

nails, or nail tips.

Perfume/cologne, make-up, hats, or sunglasses are not permitted during the school day  
Brownie/Scout Uniforms – Students may wear the scout uniforms on meeting days.

**Students who repeatedly violate the uniform policy will be denied participation in the next dress-down day and/or face disciplinary action.**

Regular uniforms are purchased from:

Rush Uniform

101 West Harrison Street

Wilmington Manor

New Castle, De

302-395-1306

Gym Uniforms from:

A Stitch in Time

101 West Harrison Street

Wilmington Manor

New Castle, De

302-328-5444

### **Dress Down Days**

**BOYS--** Top of pants **MUST** be around waist. Shirts must be plain shirts or t-shirts with positive messages only. Sneakers or shoes; no boots or opened back or opened toe shoes. All other regulations apply.

**GIRLS--**Tops must have sleeves and be long enough to cover the torso. Shorts and skirts must be loose fitting and appropriate in length. Sneakers or shoes with heel no bigger than 1 inch may be worn. No boots or opened back or opened toe shoes.

Dress down days are a privilege. Children who violate or challenge the dress down policy will be asked to notify the parent and request a change of clothing be brought to school.

## **Harassment or Bullying**

The Catholic Schools in the Diocese of Wilmington, in accordance with Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, will not tolerate acts of harassment of its employees or students. Harassment is unwelcome verbal or physical conduct directed at an individual because of age, race, color, national origin, sex, religion, or disability, which unreasonably disrupts or interferes with that individual's work or school activities, or which creates an intimidating, offensive, or hostile environment. This policy applies to all male and female students, employees, and volunteers. This harassment may include verbal, written, e-mail, Internet, and telephone means. Harassment or bullying via social media, both on and off school property, will result in consequences including, but not limited to, suspension. The school administrators reserve the right to notify authorities to intervene as necessary.

### **Sexual Harassment**

Sexual harassment is a type of harassment which refers to unwelcome conduct based on

an individual's gender or which is of a sexual nature. This includes unwelcome sexual attention, sexual advance, and requests for sexual favors. It also includes unwelcome verbal, visual, or physical contact directed at an individual because of gender. This policy applies to all male and female students, employees, and volunteers. This harassment may include verbal, written, e-mail, Internet, and telephone means.

## Curriculum

### **ACCELERATED READING (AR)**

AR is an online program that affords students the opportunity to read books at their individual reading level. Quizzes provide feedback on student comprehension to both student and teacher and help motivate students to meet established goals for reading.

### **ART**

Visual Arts is an opportunity for creative expression where students explore their creativity through a variety of hands-on activities, materials, techniques, art appreciation, history, and cross-curricular projects.

### **FOREIGN LANGUAGE**

Spanish is taught in Kindergarten through Sixth Grade once per week and in grades 7 and 8 twice per week. Students are also introduced briefly to Italian culture in grades 7 and 8.

### **INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC**

Grades 4 to 8 may pay to enroll in an independent instrumental music program. All lessons take place during the school day.

### **KINDERGARTEN**

The full day curriculum includes Religion (stressing the love of God as Father), mathematics, and Wonders Reading Program, which enables children to develop their penmanship and vocabulary skills, as well as developing proper speech. The children also have classes in art, music, physical education, computers, library, science and social studies. This class has a full-time assistant.

### **LANGUAGE ARTS**

Reading, English, Spelling, Vocabulary, Written Expression, Library Skills, Handwriting, and Appreciation of Literature

The English program concentrates on the mastery of spoken language as well as written language. The program provides direct instruction in writing through grade 5. *Writing Roadmap* is a state-of-the-art online assessment solution that helps students improve their essay-writing skills in grades 5 through 8. *Writing Roadmap* uses rubrics and measures the traits that are most commonly used within state and national standards. Its tools help prepare students for state writing assessments as well as the GED® Test, SAT, and ACT.

The Reading program provides skills instruction in decoding, vocabulary, comprehension, as well as life and study skills. Instructional activities before, during, and after reading help students integrate and apply their skills. The result is a comprehensive program that

offers explicit strategies to teach students to comprehend our written language. A reading resource teacher is available for grades 1-8. A more intense focus on literature is presented at the Middle School level.

STAR Reading is a computer generated reading placement test that allows our classroom teachers to assess each student's reading level quickly and accurately. The Accelerated Reader online program gives immediate feedback as a student progresses through the various reading levels. The level determined by STAR allows age appropriate book selection.

Spelling in grades 1 and 2 is a vital part of the phonics program. Grades 3 through 5 use a text designed to aid the student in developing and improving spelling skills. Children in grades 6, 7, and 8 have a vocabulary course designed to increase their knowledge of and proficiency in the English language.

Students in grades 1 through 5 are taught cursive writing using *A Reason for Writing* series. All assignments in grades 3 through 8 will be completed in cursive writing.

## **LIBRARY**

Every class has a scheduled library period weekly. According to grade level, students check out books, learn library skills, and do research projects. The library also has open periods that allow teachers to schedule a particular class for research or for individual students to do research work. Computers are available in the library for independent and small group research.

## **MATHEMATICS**

Mathematics skills, Pre-Algebra, and Algebra I

Mathematics is taught in self-contained classrooms for Pre-School through grade 1. In order to allow teachers to meet students' individual needs in mathematics instruction, students in grades 2 through 8 are placed into math groups. Pre-algebra and algebra are taught in 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade, offering two levels per grade, appropriate to the individual student's abilities. Seventh grade students will receive the standard math curriculum or be challenged with Pre-Algebra. Eighth grade students will receive the standard curriculum (Pre-Algebra) or be challenged with Algebra 1. Access to technology programs in the computer lab provide extra skills practice. Online reinforcement is utilized as well, primarily through IXL Learning. Kindergarten through Fifth Grade use Envision Math Series. Sixth through Eighth Grades use Pearson Middle School Common Core Series.

## **MATH SPECIALIST**

A math specialist is available five days per week to allow homogenous grouping in Math for grades 2 through 8. Accelerated math groups are taught pre-algebra and algebra in

grades 7 and 8.

## **MUSIC**

Students preschool - 8 attend weekly music classes, taught by a music specialist. Through sequential curriculum activities, they develop singing and listening skills. Students learn to interpret musical notation and study music history through various activities. Many different aspects of music are addressed and taught throughout the year, including preparations for occasional performances.

## **PHYSICAL EDUCATION**

A qualified physical education teacher provides a complete physical fitness-oriented curriculum. Curriculum is designed to meet the expectations of all ages, grades pre-school to 8, with a combination of sports, dance, exercise and other elements of physical fitness. Every grade participates in a weekly class.

## **PRESCHOOL**

A full day program for three and four year old students is provided. Curriculum balances academics and social development. Students enjoy the benefits of the school setting including full cafeteria services, regular Liturgy attendance and before/after care options. The preschool language arts curriculum includes daily story time, exposure to the alphabet and the building of vocabulary through literature and thematic units.

## **READING SPECIALIST**

The reading teacher works with pupils as they come from their respective reading classes in grades 1 through 8. This enables the students to have more individual attention to help them learn, attain skills and complete reading exercises. The reading specialist provides parallel instruction, teaching the same material as the homeroom teacher, but at a different pace and with varied assessments.

## **RELIGION**

Catholic doctrine and tradition, Bible study, social justice, preparation for the reception of the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Eucharist, and Confirmation

Liturgical services are held for the entire school community every Friday and/or on Holy Days of Obligation, class liturgies, and prayer services. Other devotions include the Stations of the Cross, Eucharistic Adoration, and the May Procession. Students have the opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation two times a year.

The Religion program is designed to provide a holistic approach with graduated learning experiences from preschool to grade 8. Children prepare and participate in weekly liturgies. Children in grade 2 prepare for the Sacraments of Penance and Holy Eucharist. Students in grade 7 begin preparation for the Sacrament of

Confirmation to be completed and received in grade 8.

Sacramental preparation includes the involvement of parents, students, teachers, clergy and the total parish community. Parents are required to be active partners in the preparation of their children for the sacraments of Reconciliation, Eucharist, and Confirmation. These sacraments are only conferred on students baptized in the Roman Catholic tradition.

It is expected that parents nurture the sacramental life of their children by ensuring their weekly attendance at Sunday Mass.

## **SCIENCE**

### General Sciences and Laboratory Experiences

A fully equipped state-of-the-art science lab is utilized by students from preschool through eighth grade. Our science program implements the Lab Learner curriculum which is in accordance with the Diocesan Science Curriculum and Standards as suggested by the National Science Standards. This Science program presents opportunities for learning the scientific method and process skills through experiments and hands-on activities. Science concepts are enriched through cross-curricular links and appropriate books related to science topics. Interest in various science areas is enhanced through computer software. These computer programs allow for the implementation of critical thinking skills and the application of the scientific method.

## **SOCIAL STUDIES**

### History, Geography, and Current Events

The social studies curriculum provides the opportunity for each to student to acquire knowledge and develop skills necessary for social, political, and economic participation in a diverse, interdependent, and changing world. As our program is implemented in preschool through grade 8, students build their understanding of the past, people of different communities and regions, our nation, and the world. Geography is integrated in all grades with a strong emphasis on map and globe skills. Middle school uses the Holt McDougal (Houghton Mifflin Harcourt) Series, *U.S. History*. This series was purchased in 2012 with an online component as an added feature.

## **TECHNOLOGY**

Weekly computer skills classes offer students the opportunity to enhance the language arts and math curriculum in grades pre-school through 3. Students in grades 4 through 8 begin an intensive keyboarding program. Grades 5 through 8 concentrate on working with graphics and using applications in Microsoft Office, such as word processing, spreadsheets, databases, and PowerPoint presentations.

To meet the needs of an ever-changing, ever-increasing technological world, guidance regarding Internet usage and responsibilities is presented and discussed. All classrooms are equipped with SMART boards. The Computer Lab is available for all to use and there are PCs in all classrooms so that students can access technology to complete assignments.

## **Support Services**

### **CAFETERIA**

Our cafeteria staff offers a balanced, healthy hot meal on a daily basis. Daily specials are also available. The cost is minimal.

### **Lunch program**

Students may choose to bring their lunch each day. Students may not bring glass bottles, soft drinks, or candy. Parents may not bring lunches or drinks from take-out restaurants. No food or beverage (other than water bottles) may leave the cafeteria. Lunch is typically ordered two weeks in advance, to ensure proper quantities are available. Lunchtime is a time for the students to relax and be social. However, appropriate manners are expected at all times in the cafeteria.

### **COUNSELOR**

A school counselor is available 4 days a week to work with students who are experiencing difficulties - emotional, educational, and/or behavioral. The counselor works closely with teachers, staff, parents, administrators, and outside professionals to maintain a healthy learning environment. The counselor makes planned classroom presentations on various topics. The counselor meets with individual students and holds group sessions as needed. Services are available to all students and their parents when necessary.

### **EXTENDED CARE**

Before school care is available from 6:30A.M. and after school care is also available from 3:00P.M. until 6:00P.M. There is a minimal cost charged per day for this service.

### **PLAYGROUND SUPERVISORS**

Parents are asked to assist the assigned staff member in the supervision of children during recess. Volunteers are always welcome!

### **RELIGIOUS ACTIVITIES**

Activities include altar serving, Christmas Pageant, May Procession, Via Crucis, Friday and Holy Day Masses, and liturgy planning. These activities broaden a student's realization and celebration of God's presence.

## **SPECIAL ACTIVITIES**

In addition to several sports and religious activities, other extra-curricular activities are offered to students. These activities include Math League, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Antonians, Declamation, It's Academic, Geography Bee, Spelling Bee, Student Council, Yearbook, Intramurals, and various service projects.

## **TEACHING ASSISTANTS**

Full time Assistants are assigned to aid teachers in preschool through grade 3 when class size warrants this support. Teaching assistants provide 1:1 help to students who struggle academically.

## **Field Trips**

1. Field trips are designed to correlate with teaching units and to achieve curricular goals.
2. All grades do not always have the same number of field trips.
3. Field trips are permissible for all grades when advanced planning, location, and the experience insure a successful learning opportunity.
4. Individual teachers, in consultation with the Administration, reserve the right to restrict or deny student participation on any field trip due to, but not limited to, poor academic performance and/or poor conduct.
5. A written **official permission slip**, signed by the parent, is required before a child will be permitted to attend a field trip activity. Verbal permission **cannot** be accepted.  
**Note:** a fax does not take the place of an original signature.
7. A **telephone call** will **not** be accepted in lieu of the proper field trip permission slip.
8. Parents may refuse to permit their child from participating in a field trip by stating so on the proper form. Students who do not attend a field trip will remain at home with the parent and will be marked absent for the day.
9. Students who are participating in the field trip must ride the bus to and from the field trip with their class. Students not on the bus may not participate in the field trip and will be counted absent for the day.
10. All monies collected for the field trip are **non-refundable**.

## **Financial Obligations**

The tuition account is deemed to be delinquent if the tuition payment is past due thirty days. The parent must then contact the Parish Financial Manager to make payment arrangements. After sixty days, the tuition account will become seriously delinquent. If parents have failed to contact the Parish Financial Manager or default on the payment arrangement made, the child/children may be subject to removal from classes. Late payments will be subject to fees.

## **For the Sake of God's Children**

For the Sake of God's Children is a program in the Diocese of Wilmington focused on the continuous development of a safe environment in our communities. The program has three major

components:

- Conducting Background Checks for Church Personnel
- Ethical and Behavioral Standards for Church Personnel
- Safe Environments

St. Anthony of Padua Grade School and parish adheres to this program.

For more information please visit: <http://cdow.org/FSGC/index.html>

## Gifts

Students are not permitted to exchange individual gifts at school. Party invitations are to be sent to the homes of students via the U. S. Mail unless an invitation is being given to every student in the entire grade.

## Grading System

The primary grades (preschool--grade 2) and Specials subjects use the grading scale as follows:

	<b>Achievement Codes</b>
P	Demonstrates Proficiency
G	Very Good Progress
S	Satisfactory
I	Improvement Needed
N	Not Yet Demonstrating
NA	Not Applicable at This Time

Grades 3 through 8 use the grading scale as follows:

	<b>Subject Marking Codes</b>
A	93—100
B	85—92
C	77—84
D	70—76
E	0—69

## Report Cards

Report cards are important tools for communication. Report cards will be given three (3) times during the academic school year or every thirteen (13) weeks.

## Parent-Teacher Conferences

Parent-teacher conferences are held each year. A parent-teacher conference at the middle of the first trimester is mandatory. Conference schedules are prepared and issued by the homeroom teacher with parental input, in advance of the scheduled date. Parents may be

invited to a conference at mid-term of the second and third trimester if necessary. Parents requiring additional conferences during the school year are strongly encouraged to make arrangements with individual teachers.

### **Power School Online Grading System**

All parents (Grades 3 through 8) are given individual access codes to view the daily progress of their children. Homework is also available online on the individual teacher websites.

### **Promotion Policy and Retention Policy**

Promotion depends on successful completion of all subject areas based on a student's daily performance, test results, and recommendations of teachers. When a student is in danger of failing, an improvement plan may be developed that addresses areas of concern. Teachers may recommend the repetition of a grade, tutoring, or summer school classes as requirement for promotion. A summer school course (20 hours) must be completed with a passing grade for each subject area of concern or the child will not qualify for promotion. A student may be placed on **probationary promotion** which requires that the student meet conditions for promotion recommended by the Principal, Counselor, and current teacher. **Students** who fail one or more subjects may be placed on **academic probation** during the school year. This will restrict participation in school/church sponsored extra-curricular activities.

### **Honors Guidelines**

For grades 4 through 8, honors merit will be based on major subjects-- religion, reading, language arts, science, math, and social studies; non-major subjects-- music, art, physical education, world language, library, and computer, written expression , vocabulary, and penmanship; as well as effort and conduct.

First Honors (each trimester):

- \* Student must have an A in major subjects.
- \* Student must also have a P or G in non-major subjects.
- \* Student must receive an Outstanding or Good in Effort and Conduct in all subject areas to achieve First Honors.

Second Honors:

- \* Student must have a B or above in major subjects.
- \* Student must have a P, G, or S in non-major subjects.
- \* Student must receive an Outstanding, Good, or Satisfactory in Effort and Conduct in all subject areas to achieve Second Honors.

Final First Honors (year-end)

- \* Student must have a final grade average of A in all major subjects; a P or G in non-major subjects; and only Outstanding or Good in Effort and Conduct.

Final Second Honors (year-end):

- \* Student must have a final grade average of a B or above in all major subjects; a P, G, or S in non-major subjects; and only Outstanding, Good, or Satisfactory in Effort and Conduct.

## **Health/ Medications**

St. Anthony of Padua Grade School employs a full time nurse who will be responsible for medical treatment of all students. She may be reached directly by dialing (302)421-3745. Health care forms and information are also included on the website [www.school.stanthony.net.org](http://www.school.stanthony.net.org) on the Nurse's page and under *Forms*. Emergency forms are completed at the beginning of the year, and MUST be returned immediately for the safety of your child. The form contains pertinent information, including instructions for contacting parents/guardians in emergencies. Please contact the office if any information changes.

Diocesan policy states that children are not allowed to bring any form of medicine to school to administer to themselves. This includes aspirin, throat lozenges or any type of over-the-counter medication. Non-prescription medications can be administered only if the proper school form is submitted, giving the parent/guardian's consent.

### **Prescription medications at school**

Any prescription medication administered by personnel of St. Anthony of Padua Grade School must be accompanied by written permission from both the child's parent/guardian and a licensed healthcare provider. The medication must be in a clearly labeled prescription bottle with specific instructions (Pharmacies will provide bottles for school use) and delivered to the school nurse personally by the parent/guardian. Over the counter medications may be administered by the school nurse when in the original container and accompanied by a parent note. No student may carry any type of medication at any time.

### **Food Allergy Policy**

St. Anthony of Padua Grade School recognizes that life threatening food allergies are an important condition affecting many school children. In order to minimize the incidence of life threatening allergic reactions, St. Anthony of Padua Grade School will maintain a system-wide procedure for addressing life threatening allergic reactions and maintain an Emergency Action Plan for any student(s) whose parent/guardian, and physicians have informed the school in writing that the student(s) has a potentially life threatening allergy.

### **Physicals**

All children entering St. Anthony Of Padua Grade School from out of state as well as incoming Preschool, Kindergarten, Grade 4, and Grade 7 students are required by the Diocese

of Wilmington to have a physical examination performed by a licensed practicing physician prior to entering school. A physical examination form is given to all new incoming students and students currently attending 3<sup>rd</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grade to be completed by the current health care provider and returned by the first day of school to the Health office. Parents must make arrangements for physicals before school opens. Children entering a Delaware school must be up to date on all immunizations as required by law. Students not in compliance after a 14-day period from the first date of attendance shall be excluded from school until requirements are fulfilled. Please contact the school nurse for health care forms and additional information.

**Reminder from the School Nurse-- When to keep your child home from school:**

1. Temperature over 100 degrees in the last 12-24 hours. If you suspect that they may be sick, please check their temperature with a thermometer before sending them to school. If they have a fever, it is not appropriate to send them to school, even if you give them Acetaminophen or Ibuprofen, and their fever breaks. They will still be contagious to other children and will also not be feeling well enough to learn. State policy requires students to have a temperature within normal range (97.6 to 99.6 orally; axillary temperatures will run one degree lower than oral) for 24 hours without an antipyretic (i.e. Acetaminophen, Ibuprofen)
2. Vomiting or diarrhea in the last 12-24 hours.
3. An unexplained rash.
4. Red or crusty eyelids or drainage from eyes.
5. Headache, cough, sore throat, or congestion severe enough to interfere with attention to school work.
6. Flare ups of asthma that would make it difficult to work in school.

## **Home and School Association**

The mission of the St. Anthony of Padua Home & School Association is to provide our children educational excellence by creating and maintaining an environment which allows our children to grow...mentally, spiritually, emotionally, physically, and individually through a partnership of parents, faculty, and parish.

The organization aims to raise and disburse funds to support the school, in order that tuition costs may be maintained at a reasonable level. The Home and School Association is an excellent fund-raising organization. The profits of these activities have been used to purchase educational material for the school and to assist in the physical maintenance of the building.

The Home and School Association offers a tuition credit through the grocery coupons and Great Lakes Scrip Program. More information about this program can be found on the school website.

General meetings are five times a year. The dates for all Home and School functions are included on the school's website calendar. Parents are strongly encouraged to attend the meetings to meet new friends and become acquainted with members of the school community.

## **Homework**

The faculty supports the concept of meaningful homework assignments for students. Teachers assign homework to reinforce skills taught in class and to foster habits of independent study. Homework includes study, as well as written assignments, and is designed to help students take responsibility for their learning. Assignments are given in class, as well as being posted on the teacher web sites. If any problem or question arises, refer to the subject area teacher. Children in grades 1 through 8 are issued an assignment book to record daily assignments. Homework is also posted in the classrooms and on the teacher websites. Although teachers will post homework in the classrooms, as well as on their individual websites, it is the ultimate responsibility of the student to record and turn in assignments in a timely manner. Penalties will be imposed for lateness. PowerSchool and teacher websites are tools to help achieve success but are not substitutes for a student's responsibilities. Consequences for missing assignments will be age-level appropriate.

As a baseline, we recommend a standard of ten minutes per grade level with respect to nightly homework. For example, a student in Third Grade can expect 30 minutes of homework per class, whereas an 8<sup>th</sup> Grade student may have approximately 80 minutes of homework per night. Homework can be expected regularly in all grade levels, pre-school to 8. These amounts may vary for Middle School students who rotate between teachers. An average time allotment for homework is as follows:

- **Grades K, 1, 2 and 3: 2-5 hrs. weekly**
- **Grades 4 and 5: 4-5 hrs. weekly**
- **Grades 6, 7, and 8: 1.5-2.5 hrs. nightly**

## **Italian Festival**

All families of Kindergarten through 8<sup>th</sup> Grade students children are required to be involved with St. Anthony's Italian Festival. Families who are parishioners are required to work a set number of hours in order to maintain parishioner status of tuition fees. The proceeds from the festival help with the operating costs of the school. Non-parishioners and Preschool parents are encouraged to volunteer also. This is a wonderful opportunity to strengthen our community.

## **Lost and Found**

Any items found in the school building or on the school grounds will be placed in the lost and found basket. Unclaimed items will be donated to charity at the end of each trimester. Labeling all personal items will reduce loss.

## **Registration**

Registration for preschool and kindergarten (full day program) is held during the month of February in the grade school office. To be eligible for kindergarten, children must be five (5) years old by August 31<sup>st</sup>. A readiness test will be given to the children who have registered for kindergarten and Child-find testing will be done by the state.

Students seeking entrance into first grade must take a readiness test. In order to be accepted into first grade, your child must have completed Kindergarten satisfactorily and attained an acceptable score on the entrance test. Letters will be mailed to parents regarding acceptance.

Parents registering their children for preschool, kindergarten and first grade must submit:

- A completed registration form (last 4 digits of Social Security # required)
- A birth certificate and baptismal certificate (unless baptized in St. Anthony Church)
- A record of immunization dates
- A parish envelope number, if parishioner of St. Anthony's
- A registration fee (new students \$200/re-registration \$100)

Parents registering children for grades 2 through 7, in addition to the five items listed above, must present the latest report card, standardized test results, and certificates of any sacraments already received.

Students coming from another Catholic school must present a form completed by the sending school stating that the child is financially and academically in good standing.

Students already attending St. Anthony's Grade School in grades K through 7 can re-register during February. Financial obligations must be current to re-register.

Copies of all schedules are available on the website ([www.school.stanthony.net](http://www.school.stanthony.net)) or upon request through the main office. This includes student schedules, monthly calendars, and full-year calendars.

## **Right to Amend**

St. Anthony of Padua Grade School reserves the right to amend this Handbook. Notice of amendments will be sent to parents via e-mail.

## **Schedule**

Preschool to grade 5 are taught in self-contained classrooms. Students in grades 6 through 8 follow a departmental schedule. School begins at 7:50A.M. with dismissal at 3P.M. for grades K through 8.

At St. Anthony of Padua Grade School, we work in partnership with parents to enable each child to develop as an independent learner. **With the exception of preschool**, children should enter the school building on their own. Various classes invite parent involvement or visitation on particular occasions.

The school doors will open for students at 7:30A.M. **There will be no supervision for students**

**prior to that time.** Students can report immediately to their homeroom, beginning at 7:30A.M. Morning prayer and announcements begin at 7:50A.M. Students will be marked tardy, after 7:50A.M. Afternoon prayer and announcements take place at 2:05P.M. each day. Dismissal is at 3:00P.M. Early dismissal is at 12:00P.M.

The monthly calendar is posted on the St. Anthony of Padua Grade School website and updated on an ongoing basis. Please check the calendar for early dismissal days.

Excessive tardiness will have a direct impact on a student's academic evaluation and promotion to the next grade. Repeated tardiness is addressed in the discipline policy.

## **School Hours**

The school office is open on all school days from **7:30A.M. – 3:15P.M.**

Pre-School: 7:30A.M. –2:50P.M.

Grades Kindergarten through 8th: 7:50A.M.– 3:00P.M.

St. Anthony of Padua Grade School begins each day with prayer and morning announcements. Students not in their homeroom at 7:50AM are considered tardy. Please make every attempt to have your child arrive at school on time. Entering the classroom once the school day has started is disruptive to the teaching environment and creates stress for the child who is arriving late.

## **School Visitors/Appointments with Teachers**

School visitors must come to the main office. For safety and security reasons, **each person is required to sign in at the office** when he/she enters the building for any reason.

**Meetings with teachers are scheduled by appointment only.** Each educator wants to give their full attention to you and cannot do so when supervising students. Spontaneous visits to the classroom for conferences are not permitted as they are disruptive to the educational process. Please e-mail the teacher to schedule an appointment.

## **Snacks**

Teachers will allow students to have a mid-morning snack. Acceptable snacks are *healthy foods* such as bite-sized crackers, cut up fruit or vegetables, pretzels, or granola bars. Snack should be a finger-food which can be eaten quickly and with no mess so as not to disturb the flow of the school day. Cookies, candy, chips, or spoon snacks are strongly discouraged. Snack does not take the place of a healthy breakfast.

## **Standardized Testing**

Each year, children in Grades 1 through 8 are given the Terra Nova National Test and the Test of Cognitive Skills. The Terra Nova includes six basic skills areas: reading, language, mathematics, reference skills, science, and social studies. The TCS is a series of mental ability tests. It

determines the level of intellectual development attained by the student, and predicts his/her potential rate of progress and level of success in school. This test includes vocabulary, analogies, sequences, and memory. As Common Core Standards are being introduced, changes may be noticeable. As additional tests through the College Board become readily available, students may be introduced to new forms of testing. Parents will be informed about these changes. Kindergarten students are given the Metropolitan Readiness Test, Level 2.

## **Student Records**

St. Anthony of Padua Grade School adheres to the Buckley Amendment (Family Education Rights and Privacy) regarding access to student records. Records of students transferring to other schools will only be sent through the US Mail. No records will be given to parents to transport to the new school.

## **Student Information**

You **MUST** inform the school of basic information on your child - name, address, and other personal information. If you change your address or telephone number, you **MUST** notify the office immediately for the safety of your child.

## **Telephone Use/Electronic Devices**

Students may not carry cell phones or other electronic devices on their person while in school. All devices must be turned off at the beginning of the day, kept in the student's backpack, and remain off until the student leaves the building. Students can use the office phone for emergency, with a teacher's note.

## **Transfers**

Students moving out of the parish or transferring to another school are required to return all books and school material to the appropriate teachers. Parents must sign a release form so that we may send health records and transcripts to the new school.

## **Transportation Reimbursement**

According to the guidelines of the Delaware General Assembly, parents of students in grades K-8, who drive students a prescribed distance to and from school, receive a reimbursement during the late summer. No reimbursement can be made if the proper paperwork is not submitted. Parents whose children ride the bus do not receive reimbursement.

## **Tuition Policy**

FACTS Tuition Management Company is the tuition collection agency for St. Anthony of Padua Grade School. There are three payment plans for tuition payment:

Plan A: Pay tuition in full by July 5th by check, cash, or money order to the School or Business Office. Deduct \$100 from the total cost of tuition. A late payment will

incur a \$100 late fee.

**Plan B:** Pay tuition in two payments. The first is due July 5th, by check, cash, or money order, to the School or Business Office. The second is due November 5th, by check, cash, or money order, to the School tuition Office. Deduct \$50 from the total cost of tuition if you choose Plan B. If the July 5th payment is late, a \$25 late fee is assessed. If the November 5<sup>th</sup> payment is late, another \$25 late fee will be assessed.

**Plan C:** Pay tuition in eleven monthly payments via automatic debit. You can choose to have your account debited on the 5<sup>th</sup>, the 20<sup>th</sup>, or the 5<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> of the month. If funds are not sufficient at the time of debit, a \$30 NSF (non-sufficient fund) fee will be automatically assessed from FACTS.

The tuition account is deemed to be delinquent if the tuition payment is past due thirty days. The parent must then contact the Parish Financial Manager to make payment arrangements. After sixty days, your tuition account will become seriously delinquent. If parents have failed to contact the Parish Financial Manager or default on the payment arrangement made, the child/children would be subject to removal from classes. Late payments will be subject to fees.

### **EDUCATION FOUNDATION**

Parishioners in good standing who need tuition assistance, can request applications and submit them between January 15<sup>th</sup> and February 28<sup>th</sup>. All forms are necessary for your application to be considered. Application may also be made to the Diocesan Foundation, Sharing the Vision.

### **SHARING THE VISION**

Financial assistance is available from this Diocesan program. Please contact the school office for information.

### **Weather Emergencies**

If it should be necessary to close the school because of weather conditions, an announcement will be made over local radio and television stations, and a message will be sent to the home phone or cell phone that was submitted to the School Reach ® system. The diocese also provides this information on their website [www.cdow.org](http://www.cdow.org).

### **Youth Activities Council (YAC)**

The Youth Activities Council is comprised of parents and coaches who organize and supervise the sports program and scouting programs for students in the school and parish. Meetings are held monthly and all parents are encouraged to attend. Please visit the school website for more information. <http://www.stanthonynet.org/yac/>

*Student/Parent Signature Page*

We have read the St. Anthony of Padua Grade School Family Handbook in its entirety and agree to follow the school policies and procedures as stated.

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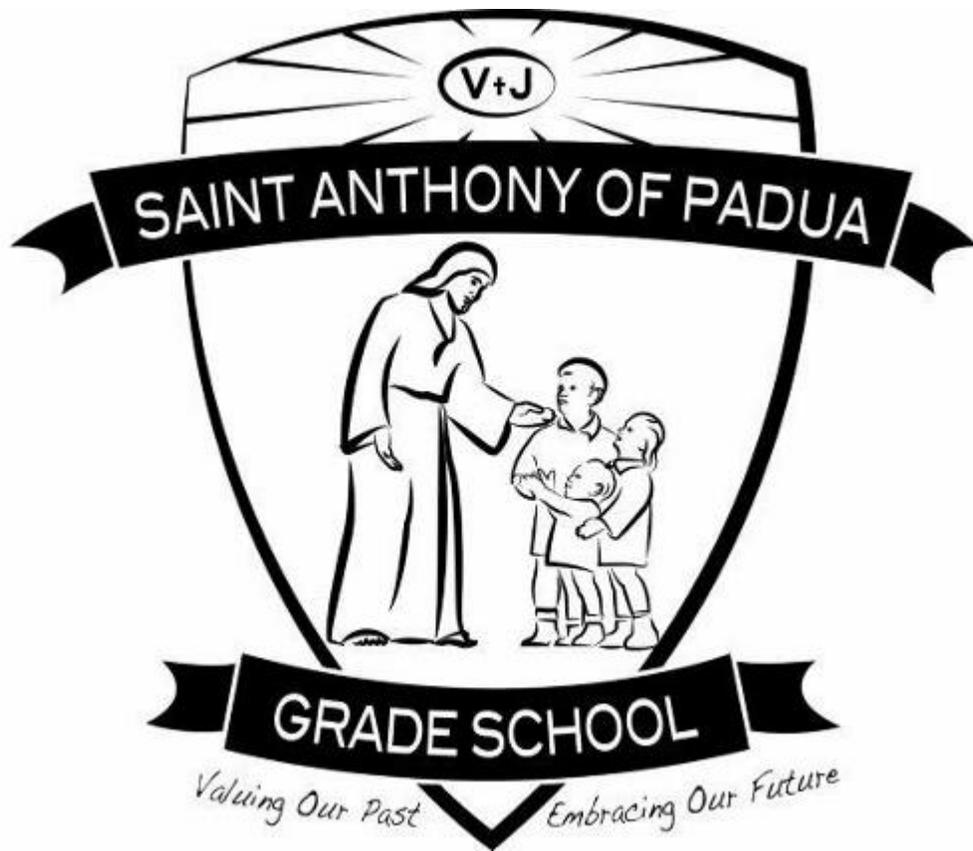
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