

Guiding our children to holiness through a Christ-centered education.



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CELEBRATING TEN YEARS

ST. ANTHONY of PADUA
CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Dear School Families,

Summer has gone by very quickly and the countdown is on to the start of a very special school year – our tenth! The year will bring opportunities to acknowledge the successes of our past, to celebrate the qualities that make our school unique, and to look to the future. We are thrilled to share this very special year with each one of you.

We hope your summer has been safe, relaxing, and filled with time for fun, family and friends. As you read this newsletter our staff is busy organizing, and getting ready for the start of the year. We're happy to report that things are coming together well and we will be ready for our start on August 18th. PTO has some great events planned before the school year begins. Be sure and check the calendar on the next page for details.

The vision of St. Anthony of Padua Catholic School is to guide the mind, body, and spirit of the next generation of Catholic leaders to live the Gospel of Jesus Christ and to meet their full potential as people created in the image of God. Working together we can bring this vision to life.

Welcome back to our returning families and a special welcome to our new families. We thank you in advance for working with us to make the 2010-2011 school year the best yet. We are blessed to have all of you as part of our school family. We look forward to working with you. We hope that you will join us in embracing and living our ten-year anniversary theme of "Faith in Our Future".

Sincerely in Christ,

Rev. Tom Rafferty

Pastor

Reneé B. Nunez

Principal

Susan Ledy

Assistant Principal

Joshua Raab

Assistant Principal

WHAT DO I BRING TO SCHOOL?



Your child's school supplies have been purchased in bulk and will be in the classroom when they arrive. Students need to bring a zippered backpack and lunch box if they are bringing snack/lunch to school. Backpacks must be large enough to hold textbooks and a 9 1/2" x 11" folder but small enough to fit into a student's classroom cubbie or middle school locker. Lunch boxes must be manageable in size as storage space is minimal. Please label backpacks and lunch boxes.

EXTENDED DAY IS NOW THE BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

Extended Day has a new name! Accreditation guidelines now require that the program be called the Before and After School Program. The August and September calendars along with the August newsletter are included in this mailing. **August and September calendars and payment for August are due by August 17th.** Families who have not registered for the program, but would like to do so have until August 17th. The \$35 registration fee and completed registration form must be turned in to the school office. If you will be dropping students off before 7:40, you'll want to visit with the Before & After School staff at Meet the Teacher Open House for instructions.

UNIFORMS, SHOES & DRESS CODE



Uniforms are required beginning on the first day of school. Summer play clothes are fine for the Open House on the 17th. We are including a handout with this newsletter on the uniform and dress code requirements. Here are a few reminders:

- Before shopping for socks and shoes, read the requirements to make shopping easier.
- Before getting back to school haircuts, read through the requirements.

IMPORTANT - Infractions of the uniform and dress code are reflected in conduct grades. PE uniforms are required for 4th-8th. You can get more information at Meet the Teacher Open House.

CONGRATULATIONS TO...



Congratulations to Sarah Walkowicz and Eddie Lowen on their July wedding. We wish the newlyweds all the best.

SUMMER REQUIRED READING

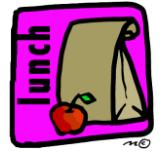


You still have time to finish up your summer reading. Requirements and forms are posted on the school web site, www.staopcs.org. Please keep summer reading logs and projects at home until teachers ask for them to be brought to school.

LUNCH PROGRAM

We are pleased to welcome Geomar back again as our hot lunch vendor. Look for a separate handout in this mailer with information on ordering, paying online, etc. Lunches will be served starting with the first day of school. Orders and payment must be placed through their web site at [St. Anthony of Padua Catholic School](http://St.AnthonyofPaduaCatholicSchool)

geomar.hotlunchonline.com. You can access their web site directly or through a link on the school web page. Orders must be placed at least 2 days in advance to insure that enough meals are prepared each day. Reminders for placing orders and deadlines will be posted on the school calendar and on Geomar's web site.



Students also have the option of bringing lunch from home. They are responsible for bringing snacks from home as well. Keep in mind that students do not have access to cold storage, heating appliances or utensils.

DAILY ARRIVAL & DISMISSAL

We have a carpool system providing safe access for student arrival and dismissal. A handout is included with this newsletter that details the procedures and traffic flow patterns. Please look over the information even if you are a returning family. There are small changes that will affect everyone. **Carpool Numbers used for dismissals are included with this newsletter. Dismissal ID Tags for walkers, bikers, or middle school Park & Walk will be available at Meet the Teacher Open House or the first few weeks of school.** Note – carpool drop off begins on the first day of school. However, Safety Patrol may not be on duty to assist students for the first few weeks of school.

Be prepared - dismissal during the first few days of school may be long, and hot. We may also see weather dismissals for rain or high temperatures or heat advisories. Once we establish the routine, dismissal will improve. Your cooperation in following procedures and guidelines will make things run even smoother.

Morning tardies will be issued beginning the day after Labor Day. This gives families and staff a chance to work out glitches in schedules, procedures, etc. That will also be the day when parents will need to sign in at the front desk before walking students to class.

ATHLETIC PROGRAM

Calling all football, soccer and volleyball players in 6th-8th grade! We are gearing up for the fall season. There will be a Meet the Coaches night for parents and players on Thursday, August 19th at 7:00 PM. **Practices begin on Monday, August 16th.** A handout with more information is included with this newsletter for middle school students.



IMPORTANT DATES AND INFORMATION...

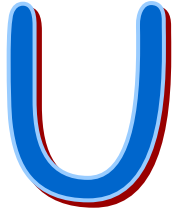


2 August tuition payments DUE!

3 PTO Board Meeting – Time and place TBD

7 PTO New Family Play Day at Terramont Park – PreK-4th new students/families and their ambassadors, 9-11 am

9-17 Staff Development Days—Teachers and staff will be busy preparing for the year and participating in required meetings and in-service sessions. They will not be available for conferences or phone calls during this time. The office will be closed the mornings of August 9th and 11th for staff meetings and all day on August 16th for our annual Staff Retreat. ***This is one of the busiest times of the year as we prepare for the opening of the new school year. We ask for your patience, understanding, and prayer as we get ready for a great year.***



9 School Office CLOSED from 8:00-1:00 for Staff Meeting.

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12 PTO New Family Bowling at Main Event – 5th-8th new students/families and their ambassadors, 2:30-5:00 pm

16 Hot Lunch Orders and Payments for August are DUE! These must be placed online at geomar.hotlunchonline.com.

15 PTO Family Fun “Back to School Pool Party” Event – Lakeside Pool, 6-8 pm

16 School Office CLOSED all day for Staff Retreat at Circle Lake Retreat Center
Football, Soccer & Volleyball practices begin!

17 Before & After School Program Tuition and Calendar for August are DUE!

Middle School Orientation, 1:00-2:00 PM – 6th grade & new 7th & 8th grade students and parents are asked to attend this event that starts in the gym. The Middle School Team is excited about welcoming new students and parents in order to help smooth the transition to middle school.

Welcome Back “Meet the Teacher” Open House, 2:00-3:30 PM - We hope everyone will join us for Open House. Teachers and staff will be in their classrooms or offices to meet everyone. ***Class lists will be posted outside classroom doors.*** Please enter through the main entrance. Building maps will be available for those who need them. Plan on visiting with our t-shirt and spirit wear vendor to check sizes or place orders, getting information on PE uniforms for 4th-8th, and picking up Dismissal ID tags if needed. ***Yearbooks from ‘09-’10 will be available for pickup if families purchased them last year.*** Be there for a great kick-off to the year!

18 FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL – The Before & After School Program opens at 6:30 am. The main entrance opens at 7:40 am to welcome students. PreK PM students arrive at 12:00 pm.

- Carpool drop off begins on the first day of school. However, the Student Safety Patrol will not be on duty to assist students for the first days of school.
- PreK & K students should be walked to class until they are comfortable being dropped off in carpool.
- Beginning August 23rd, students in 1st-3rd should walk to class on their own.
- 4th-8th students should walk to class on their own beginning the 1st day of school.

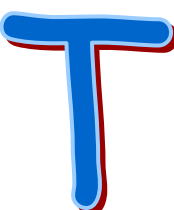
PTO Welcome Back Coffee-Join the PTO Board after drop off for coffee & fellowship in the Fellowship Hall.

19 Meet the Coaches Night for soccer, football and girls’ volleyball – 7:00 PM

26 Parent Information Night for Middle School, 6th-8th grades, 7:00 PM

27 Mass – First Mass of the year at 9:00 am – Don’t forget official uniforms.

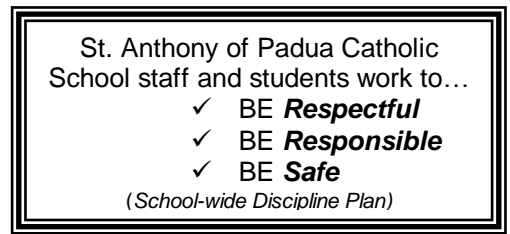
31 Early Release—Dismissal will be at 10:30 am for PreK AM classes, 2:15 pm for afternoon PreK-3rd grades and 2:30 pm for 4th-8th grade students and their siblings. Check calendars and weekly newsletters for future early release dates!



Save the Date - PTO/Booster Club Golf Tournament - October 7th!

CAMPUS SECURITY–VISITORS & VOLUNTEERS

The security of students and staff is top priority. Only the main entrance of the building is unlocked during school hours. Special procedures are in place for Before & After School Program parents who drop off students before school. All visitors including parents are required to check in through the school office and **show valid picture identification**. Nametags issued by the office staff are needed to access areas on campus. Check in is not needed for assemblies, programs, or athletic events.



WELCOME TO OUR 2010-2011 SAOPCS STAFF...

We are fortunate to have a great group of returning staff members and some truly awesome newly hired staff members as well. We believe that each has been called to us in a special way and brings many gifts and talents to share. They have embraced the vision of our mission statement and philosophy and will work to bring it to life. We know that you will welcome all of our staff members and support them in their ministry in Catholic education.

Principal - Renee Nunez	4 th Grade Teacher – Dona Chaix
Assistant Principal - Susan Leddy	4 th Grade Teacher – Donna Hunter
Assistant Principal – Joshua Raab	5 th Grade Teacher – Cris Mattern
Registrar – Cathy Russell	5 th Grade Teacher – Ashley Ivers
Bookkeeper - Colette Carson	6 th Grade/MS Social Studies – Brittany Nitsche
Receptionist - Lisa Johnson	6 th Grade/MS Language Arts – Ann Pearson
Receptionist – Mary Cunningham	7 th Grade/MS Language Arts – Stacey Duplantier
Nurse – Leslie Pavlock	7 th Grade/MS Science – Kelly Sunday
Development Director - Becki Kinch	8 th Grade/MS Math – Rena McBroom
Librarian - Tammy Fishman	8 th Grade/MS Religion & Study Skills – Beth Balsam
Instructional Technologist/MS Broadcast	Art Teacher K-8 th – Janine Hollander
Journalism – Kendall Shamas	Music Teacher PK-8 th – Angela Johnson
Technology Teacher/MS Stock Market/ MS Math – Jackie Maier	MS Band – Dennis Eichler
Religion Coordinator – Karen Miller	PE Elem. & MS – Heather Koett
Religion Assistant – Dona Callais	PE/Athletic Director Elem. & MS – Chris Meredith
Learning Advisor – Olga Wunch	MS Drill Team – Jo Anna Clark
PreK3 Teacher – Laura Foy	Spanish PreK-K – Stacey Klinckwort
PreK3 & Office Assistant – Mona Rodriguez	Spanish & MS Exploring Languages – TBA
PreK4 Teacher – Jennifer Rees	Tech., MS Yearbook, Journalism, Newspaper - TBA
PreK4 Assistant – Theresa Thompson	MS Theatre & Latin – Danielle Greene
Kindergarten Teacher – Sarah Lowen	MS Service/Speech – Arlene Failde
Kindergarten Assistant – Rosanna Hansen	Music/Motor Development PreK, MS Consumer
Kindergarten Teacher – Laura Fahey	Science, Health & HS Prep. – Vanessa Wilson
Kindergarten Assistant – Linda Duiett	Before & After School Director – Susan Leddy
1 st Grade Teacher – Karen Truman	Before & After School Manager – Charlotte Aldrich
1 st Grade Teacher – Renee’ Saunier	Before & After School Staff – Tammy Creager
2 nd Grade Teacher – Erin Weixel	Before & After School Staff – Patricia Tamez
2 nd Grade Teacher – Lesley Molbert	Before & After School Staff – Gayle Perkins
3 rd Grade Teacher – Monique Loyo	
3 rd Grade Teacher – Meghan Preuss	

*All staff members have completed the Virtus,
Protecting God’s Children Program.*

VIRTUS, PROTECTING GOD’S CHILDREN PROGRAM

The Archdiocese offers the **VIRTUS: Protecting God’s Children Program** to create a safe environment for our children. All staff members and substitute teachers have completed the training. Information is included in the Family Handbook about the requirements for school volunteers. If you plan to volunteer on a regular basis, chaperone field trips, work in the library, coach, etc. where you will be in contact with students, you need to complete the program. You can search for area Virtus workshops and register at www.virtus.org. The password is trust.