

Welcome to ST. ANTHONY CATHOLIC SCHOOL



2016-2017

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Living, Loving, Learning the Catholic Faith



Dr. Cordaro Welcomes You!

Congratulations on choosing the Gift of Catholic Education for your child. The Gift of a Catholic Education will take 14 years to administer but it will stay with your child for a lifetime. St. Anthony Catholic School contributes significantly to the social and cultural fabric of our Church and to our world. Catholic education provides a learning environment that will allow your child to question and challenge the secular values of today’s society.

As a Catholic community, we are all responsible to assist, our children to grow in God’s love. St. Anthony is dedicated to this purpose, in conjunction with our parish family of parishioners, parents, school staff and our Pastor. At St. Anthony, your student will become part of a vibrant, active Christian community. By encouraging spiritual and educational enrichment, fine arts, athletics and diverse extracurricular activities, your student will grow in both knowledge and faith.

By taking the time to visit our school, we recognize the value you put behind your child in growing their love for God in our faith based educational environment. As you plan for your child’s upcoming school year, we hope you will consider all that our school and parish can offer to your family. St. Anthony’s teachers and staff strive to make your child’s educational experience a positive and joyful one.

We have enclosed important information to help assist in your decision to provide your child with the Gift of Catholic education.

If you have additional questions or would like to schedule a tour of our school, please contact the school office at 515-243-1874.

God Bless.



Why St. Anthony Catholic School?

- Rich with strong Catholic traditions .
- Mass twice a week for our children.
- Catholic values infused into every subject.
- A diverse school and parish welcoming everyone.
- Statistically higher academic scores than surrounding public schools.

Secure your child's future with a FAITH FILLED education TODAY!



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Monsignor Chiodo Welcomes You!



Dear Parents,

Of all the choices you will make as parents, the choice of sending your child(ren) to our school is one of the most inspired. I say “inspired” because I believe it is the Holy Spirit that has led you along the pathway of faith which has brought your child(ren) to our parochial school.

Our parish is committed to having the finest, faith filled and most effective school for the formation and education of our parish children. In order to accomplish this, it is necessary to create a “team” approach to the task.

Our school is committed to doing its part; you good parents are invited to do yours. In large measure, this requires a “parish” spirit which flows from a conviction that our school exists in order to provide the formation of faithful Catholic adults for our future.

This involves the following building blocks for our children.

1. Pray daily with your child(ren).
2. Make weekend Mass a priority. We teach by example, worship with your child(ren) every Sunday.
3. Talk about your faith namely its importance in understanding God’s will for our lives, the difference between right and wrong according to God’s standards not society’s.
4. Support your parish with a regular tithe. Unlike many Parishes with a school, we do not specify an amount for the weekly offering . We rely on your spirit of parish identity and commitment to motivate a generous response to the duty to support our parish financially.
5. Finally, see St. Anthony parish as home. Involve your family in the life of this great century old parish, a parish with a rich and colorful tradition of faith, family and formation in a Catholic School.

God Bless you





WHY ARE FAMILIES CHOOSING ST. ANTHONY SCHOOL?

- The **ONLY** Full Spanish Immersion program in the Des Moines Area.
- St. Anthony Spanish Immersion program can help your child become bilingual by 5th grade.
- Excellent academic standards .
- A diverse student body of approximately 340 students.
- Our Catholic faith is infused into all of our subjects.
- Located just south of Downtown.

Secure your child's future with a FAITH FILLED education TODAY!

Call Us: 515-243-1874

Spanish Immersion Program



Benefits of Immersion Education

- **Boosts overall academic achievement.**
- **Enhances English Learning.**
- **Higher adaptability and creativity.**
- **More honed listening, analytical and multi-tasking skills.**
- **Higher-level critical thinking skills.**
- **More “native-like” pronunciation with Spanish Language skills.**
- **Statistically higher scores than single language peers.**



Why Spanish Immersion?

Our Spanish Immersion program began in the fall of 2010 with one Kindergarten section. This program is the first of its kind in the Diocese of Des Moines and only the second in Iowa. However, it's the only one of hundreds similar, Innovative programs that have flourished nationwide in the last 30 years. Thousands of similar programs exist all over the world. Many of these programs have long waiting lists.

How Spanish Immersion Works:

The children are taught through “total immersion” in Spanish, by hearing and using it in their core classes. English is slowly introduced beginning in 2nd grade so by 5th grade the students are considered fully bilingual, mastering the written and spoken aspects of both languages. The St. Anthony Spanish Immersion Program offers the same faith based curriculum as all Catholic Schools in the Diocese of Des Moines. have long waiting lists.

Admissions & Related Policies



The Highest Academic Standards

St. Anthony School provides a quality education for children in grades Pre-K through eighth. The school meets or exceeds all state standards and employs only fully accredited teachers. The academic curriculum is infused with religion daily.

Students plan and attend Mass 2 times a week with many other opportunities for spiritual growth and family values. Students have the opportunity to participate in sports programs, local and city academic contests and service projects.

Our staff includes full time classroom teachers, title 1 resource teacher, a guidance counselor and school nurse. The school also offers the leadership of a full time principal and guidance of our Pastor.

Our academic standards and curriculum are set by the state and the Diocese. 80%-85% of students from St. Anthony go onto Dowling Catholic. Our students typically graduate in the top half of their classes from Dowling. St. Anthony students by in large go on to be Dowling honor roll students and seek higher education beyond high school.

St. Anthony School strives to make a staying up on your child(ren's) progress convenient. We aim to have strong parent teacher communication. With the help of computers, we are able to offer you an online view of your child(ren's) grades through a website called Power School. Our teachers do their best to keep the site updated with homework assignments and semester grades.

Academic Standards

Traditional Courses

- Art
- Human Development
- Language Arts
- Mathematics
- Physical Education
- Reading/Literature/Spelling
- Religion
- Science
- Social Studies
- Technology
- Vocal Music
- Spanish

Spiritual

- Daily Prayer
- Daily Religion Classes
- Adoration once a month
- Mass attendance twice a week
- Religious season & Holy Day Celebrations

Enrichment

- Accelerated Reading Program
- Mock Trial
- Science Fair
- Spanish Immersion Camps & Gifted Program

Extra-curricular

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| · Band | Football |
| · Choir | Student Council |
| · Basketball | Team Day |
| · Track | Middle School |
| · Volleyball | House Structure |

Admissions & Related Policies

Admissions Policy:

The Board of Education endeavors to offer the opportunity for a Catholic school education to all who desire it. Due to space and personnel limitations, and in compliance with the guidelines set by the Diocesan Board of Education, the following criteria are considered in admitting students:

1. An indication of parental commitment to the Christian philosophy of education.
2. An indication that the basic reason for transfer or enrollment is not due to racial bias.
3. The ability and willingness to pay tuition and fees or make arrangements for a scholarship grant.

Priorities for Registration:

St. Anthony Catholic School admissions priority has been established and is as follows:

Priority 1 - Members of families presently enrolled at St. Anthony School.

Priority 2 - Children of registered active tithing members of St. Anthony Parish.

Priority 3 - Children of registered active members of other Catholic Parishes.

Priority 4 - Children of those not registered in any Catholic Parish.

Children will be accepted on a first come, first-served basis, within each of the priority categories. To be considered as belonging to a priority category, the above criteria must be met and all registration materials and fees must be turned in by the established deadline, otherwise, your child's place on the priority list will be lost.

Financial Assistance:

It is St. Anthony School policy to provide tuition assistance to families in need. We offer scholarship grants to families Experiencing financial need through the Angel Scholarship Fund, the Diocesan Project H.O.P.E (Help Our Parents Educate) fund and Kremer Grant. Tuition assistance is now available through the Diocesan Catholic Tuition Organization. The amount granted per family is determined individually by our Pastor and our Angel Committee. Please contact our Parish Business Office for more



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Faith Formation



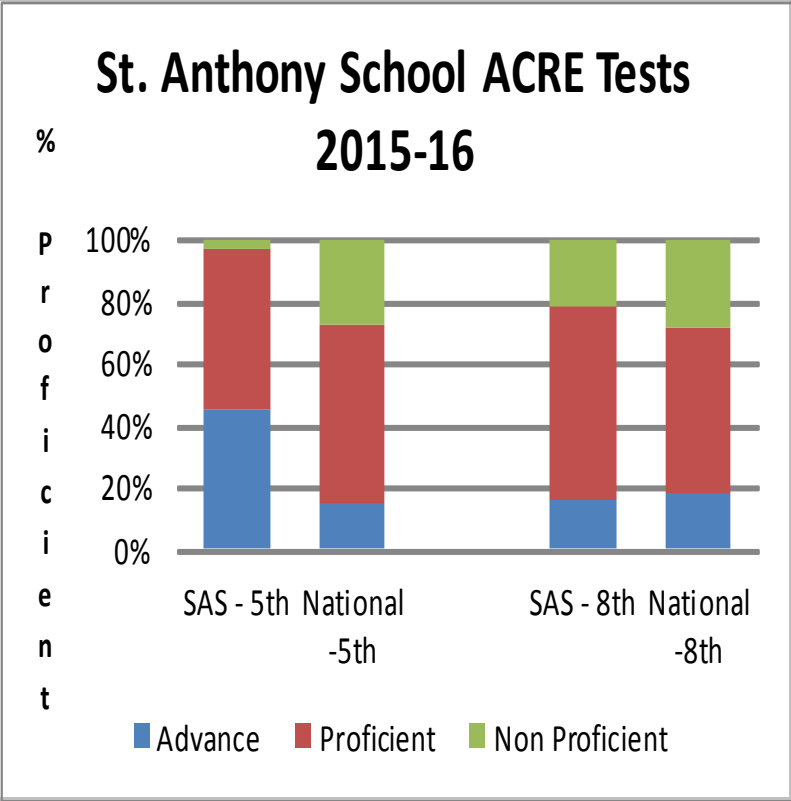
Catholic schools in the diocese of Des Moines have begun giving the IFG-Acre (Information for Growth—Assessment of Catholic Religious Education) assessment as a progress monitoring tool for our Religion classes in grades five and eight. This assessment has two sections – a Knowledge section and an Affective section that students are assessed on. In the Knowledge section students answer questions based on 8 domains:

- God the Father, God the Son, & God the Holy Spirit
- Church is One, Holy, Catholic, & Apostolic
- Liturgy & Sacraments
- Revelation, Scripture, & Faith
- Life in Christ: Personal Morality & Catholic Social Teaching
- Church History
- Prayer – Religious Practices
- Catholic Faith Literacy

These questions let us know how well our students are progressing in their understanding of the Catholic doctrine. In the Affective section of the assessment, students answer questions based on their own beliefs and attitudes. For instance, students are asked questions about the culture of their school, their prayer life at school and at home, Mass attendance, and attitudes about things such as reading Scripture, receiving sacraments, and prayer.

These assessments are sent to be scored and we do not receive individual student scores. That is not an option of the scoring service. Instead at St. Anthony School we receive the total class score of our 5th graders and 8th graders in an overall score, a score in each domain, and a total affective score. These scores allow us to review the work of Religion instruction in the whole school as this instruction builds across grade levels and over the years both at home and at school.

St. Anthony Scores above are compared to the ACRE test given in Catholic school across the country (National):



Content Standards: Language Arts



- The student will demonstrate competency in the general skills and strategies of the reading process.
- The student will comprehend what is read.
- The student will use the general skills and strategies of the writing process.
- The student will use grammatical and mechanical conventions in written compositions.
- The student will write in a variety of forms and for a variety of audiences.
- The student will use the skills and strategies for listening and speaking effectively.
- The student will use the general skills and strategies for collection, interpretation and use of

Reading Comprehension

2015- 2016

Annual Improvement Goal

During the 2015-2016 school year, our goal was to increase the percent of 2014 - 2015 3-8 graders performing in the proficient range as measured by the Reading Comprehension subtest of the Iowa Assessment. Our reading goal for 2015-2016 was to have more 3-8 graders proficient in reading based on the Reading subtest on the Iowa Assessment. The chart to the right and all charts in this document represent all our middle school students, grades 6-8.

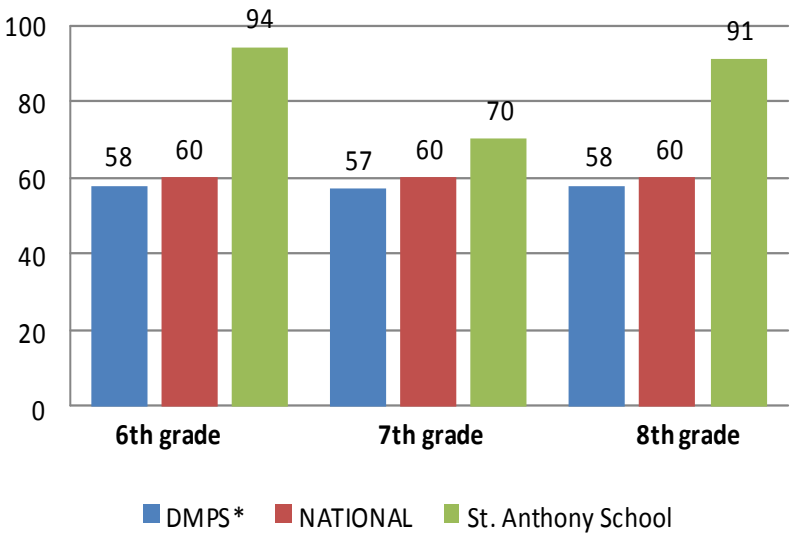
2016 - 2017

Annual Improvement Goal

At St. Anthony School we will increase the number of students proficient in grades 3-8 on the Reading Comprehension subtest of the Iowa Assessment.

*Des Moines Public Schools 2013-14 Scores

**Reading--Iowa Assessment, Percent Proficient
Grades 6, 7, 8: 2015-16**



Thank you to the St. Anthony School Alumni

SAVE THE DATE

St. Anthony School 105th Celebration

June 24, 2017

Content Standards: Mathematics

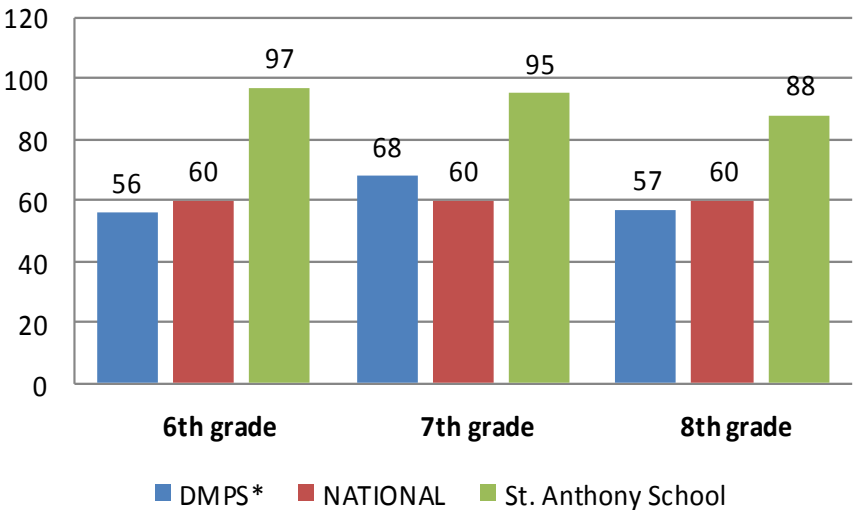
What Every Student Should Know or Be Able To Do By 12th Grade



- The student will understand and apply the properties of number sense and the processes of computation.
- The student will understand and apply the concepts and procedures of mathematics.
- The student will use a variety of strategies in the problem solving process.
- The student will use mathematical reasoning.
- The student will understand how the various branches of mathematics connect to each other, to other subject areas and to each other.

Mathematics

**Math--Iowa Assessment, Percent Proficient
Grades 6, 7, 8: 2015-16**



2015 - 2016

Annual Improvement Goal

During the 2015-2016 school year, our goal was to increase the percent of 2014 -2015 3-8 graders performing in the proficient range as measured by the Math subtest of the Iowa Assessment. Our math goal for 2015-2016 was to have more 3-8 graders proficient in math based on the Math subtest on the Iowa Assessment. The chart to the left and all charts in this document represent all our middle school students, grades 6-8.

2016-2017

Annual Improvement Goal

At St. Anthony School we will increase the number of students proficient in grades 3-8 on the Mathematics subtest of the Iowa Assessment.

*Des Moines Public Schools 2013-14 Scores

SAVE THE DATE

St. Anthony School OPEN HOUSE

**January 29, 2017
11:00 am to 1:00 pm**

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Content Standards: Science

What Every Student Should Know or Be Able To Do By 12th Grade



- The student will understand and pursue science as inquiry.
- The student will understand physical science.
- The student will understand life science.
- The student will understand the science of earth and space.
- The students will develop sound personal, social and ethical perspectives concerning science and health.
- The students will understand both the nature of science and the history of science.

Science

2015- 2016

Annual Improvement Goal

During the 2015-2016 school year, our goal was to increase the percent of 2014 - 2015 3-8 graders performing in the proficient range as measured by the Science subtest of the Iowa Assessment. Our Science goal for 2015-2016 was to have more 3-8 graders proficient in Science based on the Science subtest on the Iowa Assessment. The chart to the right and all charts in this document represent all our middle school students, grades 6-8.

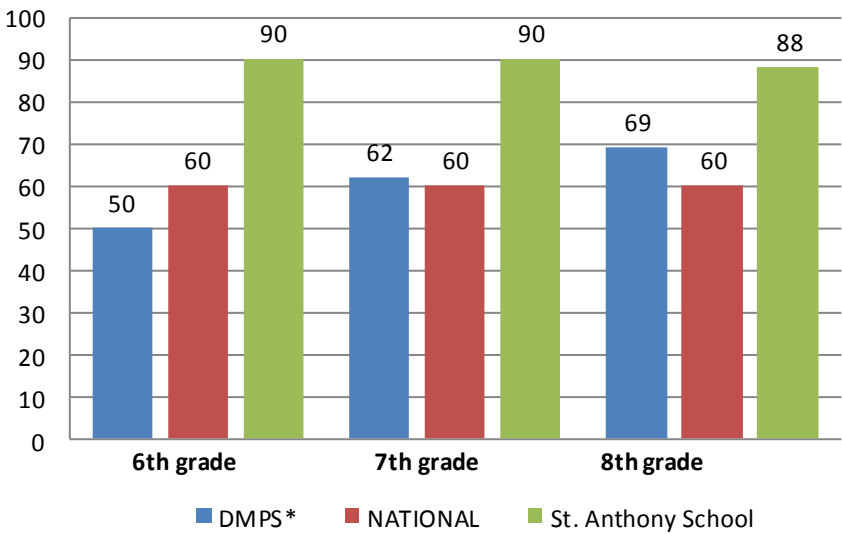
2016 - 2017

Annual Improvement Goal

At St. Anthony School we will increase the number of students proficient in grades 3-8 on the Science subtest of the Iowa Assessment.

*Des Moines Public Schools 2013-14 Scores

Science--Iowa Assessment, Percent Proficient
Grades 6, 7, 8: 2015-16



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Visit Our New and Improved Website: www.stanthonydsm.org
Sign up to get our great E-News Letter:
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Or visit us on Face Book “St. Anthony Catholic School”

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Uniform Policy



Uniform Policy (K – 8th Grade)

General Rules for all Students

All students in grades Kindergarten through 8th grade are required to the St. Anthony's uniforms listed below. Uniforms are to be worn at school at all times, unless a school out of uniform day is declared.

Kindergarten – 8th Grade - Uniform Retailers

Appropriate retailers for uniform clothing are identified below. All uniform clothing must be purchased from the uniform department at these approved retailers:

- **JC Penney** - Available in some stores, by catalog, and on-line at www.jcpenney.com
- **Sears** - Available in some stores, by catalog, and on-line at www.sears.com
- **Target** - Available in some stores and on-line at www.target.com
- **Kohl's** - Available in some stores and on-line at www.kohls.com
- **Dillard's** - Available in some stores and on-line at www.dillards.com
- **Gap** - Available in some stores and on-line at www.gap.com
- **Old Navy**- Available in some stores and on-line at www.oldnavy.com
- **Land's End**—On-Line only www.landsend.com

Kindergarten – 5th Grade Uniform Guide

- **Jumper / Skort** – Girls will be allowed to wear a plaid jumper or skort with approved St. Anthony colors.
- **Polo Shirts** - Students will be allowed to wear polo shirts in white or light blue.
- **Pants** - Students will be allowed to wear navy pants.
- **Shorts** – Students are allowed to wear navy shorts with a 6" inseam only in August, September, and May & June
- **Capris** - Girls will be allowed to wear navy capri pants during months that shorts are permitted.
- **Middle School - 6th – 8th Grade Uniform Guide**
- **Shirts** - Students will be allowed to wear polo shirts in white, light blue, navy, maroon, and red.
- **Pants** - Students will be allowed to wear navy or tan/khaki pants.
- **Capris** - Girls will be allowed to wear navy or khaki/tan capri pants during months that shorts are permitted.
- **P.E. Shorts** - Must have 6" inch inseam and can be purchased through our Home & School or PE Office.
- **P.E. Shirts** – Students can purchase their P.E. shirt through our Home & School or PE Office.

For questions please contact the school office at: 515-243-1874

Tuition & Financial Aid

Tuition Schedule 2016-2017

In Parish:

All regular SAS students have a \$200.00 registration fee per child & \$300.00 per child for Spanish Immersion. Registration fees are Non-Refundable.

- **First Child:** **\$2950.00 (Regular)**
 \$3150.00 (Spanish Immersion)
- **Second Child:** **\$2850.00 (Regular)**
 \$3050.00 (Spanish Immersion)
- **Third Child:** **\$1525.00 (Regular)**
 \$1625.00 (Spanish Immersion)

Out of Parish:

All out of parish tuition is \$5100 plus the applicable registration fee.

Universal Pre-School 4 yr. Old Program:
Free (\$100 Non-Educational fee).

PPK 3yr. Old Program: \$1125 plus \$200.00 registration fee.

Extended Care: \$4500.00



January	Application information available to schools for distribution to
February	On line applications available at www.fairapp.com .
April 1st	Applications due to FAIR for round 1 consideration.
May 15th	Award notification sent to parents by schools
July 31st	Applications due to FAIR for round 2 consideration.
August 15th	Award notification sent to parents by schools.

Tuition & Financial Aid



Tuition Assistance

Am I Eligible?

To apply for tuition assistance, please go to www.fairapp.com.

Who is eligible to apply?

All families are eligible to apply. However, only those families whose total income (not adjusted gross income) falls below the income guidelines listed below qualify for assistance through this program. All other families who do not qualify for this program, but feel they need assistance will need to contact our Angel Committee.

Compare your income with the maximum income for your family size as shown on the table below. If your household income is LESS THAN the amount shown, you meet the current financial eligibility requirements for the Catholic Tuition Organization.

Family Size	Maximum Income*
2	\$ 47,790
3	\$ 60,270
4	\$ 72,750
5	\$ 85,230
6	\$ 97,710
7	\$ 110,190
8	\$ 108,090
For each additional person, add:	\$ 12,480



*Based on 2014 Total Income from line 22 of your Form 1040 or line 15 on Form 1040 A. Updated incomes for 2017 will be out in January.

Preschool Program (3 & 4 year old programs)



Who is eligible for the Preschool Program?

Children who is age 3 or 4 on or before **September 15th** are eligible for our preschool program.

Our Mission :

We strive to make your child’s first educational experience a positive and joyful one. Our children grow in their awareness of self and in their relationship with God.

St. Anthony School participates in Iowa’s Universal Preschool Program for 4 year olds :

The Universal Preschool Program was designed to provide voluntary, universal access to high quality preschool education programs for 4 year old students. The program calls for early learning stand-

ards, program standards, licensed teachers with four -year degrees, a minimum of 10 hours of instruction each week and collaboration between public and private preschool providers.

Almost all experts now agree that a preschool experience or its first cousin high quality, educationally oriented child care is one of the most effective strategies for improving later school performance.

Preschool Hours :

3 year old Program:
Tuesday & Thursdays from 8:20 am – 11:00 am

4 year old Program: Morning Session:
Monday – Friday from 8:20 am – 11:00 am

Afternoon Session:

Preschool Program (3 & 4 year old programs)

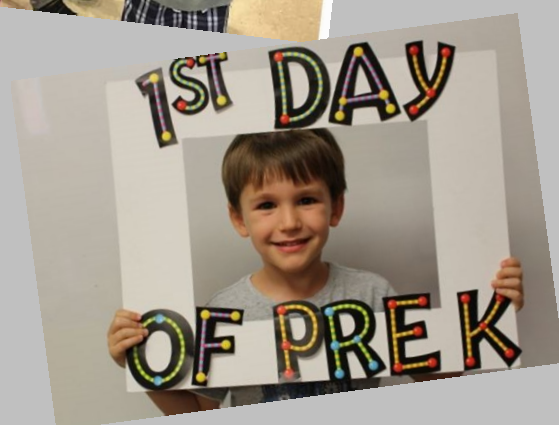
St. Anthony Pre-School offers Catholic Christian loving, safe, family type atmosphere that children sense and respond to.

Our preschool program focuses on the faith, social, emotional and physical formation of your child. Our classroom is center based where students freely move from areas such math, science, writing, art, reading, dramatic play, sensory and blocks. Each day we spend time working in whole group and small group activities focusing on math, literacy, creating and social skills. For your child's spirit... Catholic Christian values are offered to all children as part of their learning. Age appropriate religious activities will enrich your child's spirituality, prayers, songs, bible stories, holiday lessons and more. We begin and end each day with prayer, giving kids the opportunity to share their prayer intentions.

For your child's mind... Our learning environment encourages exploration and discovery through hands on activities. Dramatic play, building activities, educational games, math activities, iPad access helps your child grow both academically and socially.

For your child's body...The best way for preschoolers to learn is through play and interacting with their peers. We provide a wide variety of activities to suit all children's interests.

An emphasis is placed on self care and learning to care for our bodies and respecting others. A combination of small and large motor activities keep children moving and learning and helps to keep young minds focused.



Before and After School Care



Adventure Club

Our exceptional before and after school program combines guidance and security with independent exploration to give school age children the freedom and structure they need. Children are inventive, so we encourage dramatic play and arts and crafts. All activities and material are designed for school age children. We promise to devote our time and effort to ensuring that the children are safe, happy, and cared for in a positive environment.

- **Open from 6:30AM-8:15AM & 3:20PM-5:30PM during school days & 6:30am-5:30pm during no school days, some holidays and teacher in service days.**
- **The program offers full-time/part-time care and we are also open during No school day's.**
- **Closed during Christmas Break/ Spring Break is an additional fee).**

Prices: prices may change in fall to be comparable to other daycare centers

- **Full time (6:30am-12:20pm & 3:20pm-5:30pm): \$275 a month.**
- **Part-time**

Before School Only- \$235.00 a month.*

After School Only—\$255.00 per month.*

Full/Part time fee includes:

- **Snack.**
- **No school days, conferences, early dismissals, 2hr. delays and more.**

If you have any questions or would like to register please contact Joe Grandanette-at 515-244-2534

***Fees from 2015-16**





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