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# 2016 Spring Gala

St. Anthony will hold their 2nd Annual Spring Gala on Saturday April 9th, at the Thelma Keller Convention Center in Effingham. The Spring Gala is a social event, with dinner, celebrating the strong tradition and support of St. Anthony Parish & Schools. The highlight of the night will be the 2015 Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony, including the presentation of the 2015 Booster Club Member of the Year. Join us for great food and fellowship. For more information visit our website at: StAnthony.com/HallofFame



# Congratulations to the 2015 St. Anthony Hall of Fame Inductees!



Jane Kabbes



**Reverend Monsignor** Leo Enlow



Mike and Laurie Yager



Michael **Imburgia** 



Congratulations to the 2015 Booster Club Member of the Year!



Kenny Cornell



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**Greg Fearday SAHS** Principal

# A Letter From The Principal

One key focus of our course curriculum at the high school is the religious formation of our students. It's been a tradition for our students to attend class retreats every spring. As Alumni, you might fondly remember your own class retreat experiences.

The purpose of the class retreats remains the same, which is to encourage the students to reflect on their life and further commit to living a faith-focused, holy life. It is our hope that the time together and away from the stresses of daily life brings the students closer to God and to each other.

I ask you to pray for our students and their leaders at this time. We want them to feel the love and support of their parents, school alumni and our parish family. You are welcome and encouraged to pray the following retreat prayer for our students:

Lord Jesus Christ, you told the apostles to retire to a desert place and rest a while. The students of St Anthony High School are taking time to follow your example. Grant that the Holy Spirit will come upon them throughout their retreat. Enable these students to become one with you, to know themselves better and to build a stronger relationship to you. Help them to listen attentively, to reflect prayerfully, and to communicate wisely. Let them emerge from this spiritual renewal as more committed Christians, better equipped to advance along the path that you have laid out for them. Amen.

Sincerely in Christ,

**Greg Fearday** Principal

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# Student Academics







### **Celebrating Catholic Schools Week**

St. Anthony High School students once again celebrated with K-8 students from area Catholic schools including St. Anthony Grade School and Sacred Heart School in Effingham, St. Michael School in Sigel, St. Thomas School in Newton and St Mary's School in Paris.

Middle School and Junior High students stayed for the entire day and enjoyed a variety of activities in partnership with high school students and teachers. The purpose of this "Middle School Day" is to introduce younger students to the high school atmosphere and interact with high school students and other grade school students in a fun way.



# WYSE Team... Sectional Champs!

St. Anthony High School WYSE team earned 1st Place in sectional competition held on March 10th at Eastern Illinois University.

This year's team competed against 28 other teams in the 300 division scoring 485 out of 500 possible points.

Individual team members also placed. In Math, James Kabbes placed first in math and physics. Andy Saba placed second in math, while Isabel Moore place second in physics. Rachel

St. Anthony High School

Wortman and Gillian Erickson finished second and third, respectively in Chemistry. Allison Spraul finished 3rd in English.

WYSE team members include Parker Anderson, Abby Brown, Will Clausias, Gillian Erickson, Nick Grunloh, Ian Harris, Kyle Hartke, Chris Jones, James Kabbes, Isabel Moore, Emma Richards, Andy Saba, Maryann Saba, Kristin Slaughter, Allison Spraul, Jenna Wholtman, Rachel Wortman, and Grace Zeller. Team coaches are Joy Jones and Matthew Poston

### Winter Sports Scoreboard

### **BOYS BASKETBALL**

The 2015-16 Bulldogs have had another nice year. The bulldogs earned 3rd Place in the NTC Tournament, but finished as NTC Co- Champs for the season. The Bulldogs were also Regional Champions! Despite defeating Dieterich in the Sectional semifinals, they fell to Patoka in the Sectional finals. The Bulldogs will say good-bye and thanks to a wonderful and hard working group of seniors: James Kabbes, Nick Grunloh, Kyle Hartke, Chandler Martelli, Jeff Niebrugge and Jay Niebrugge.

#### **GIRLS BASKETBALL**

The Lady Bulldogs finished with a 21-12 record – which ties the school win record! The team also won 3 regional titles in a row. The varsity team then defeated Chrisman in the Sectional semi-finals, but then fell to the #1 ranked team in the state, Central A&M. The Chrisman win marked the farthest advancement in the state series by any Lady Bulldog team. Congratulations! The Lady Bulldogs finished 7-0 in the NTC in addition to earning the title of NTC Tournament Champions. Congratulations and best of luck to the Seniors Emma Richards, Hunter Niebrugge, Abby Brown, Maddie Schuette, Kyla Burton, Emily McDevitt, and Samantha Brandenburg (Statistician)

### **BELLETTES**

The Bellette Dance Team, coached by Lynn (Vogel) Buenker ('02) wrapped up the competitive season with its fourth consecutive appearance at the IHSA state competition. The team fell short of making the Top 10 Finals this year, but there was much to be proud of. Members of this year's team are Seniors Libby Brandt and Isabel Moore; juniors Kelly Rentfrow and Abigail Zaccari; sophomores Jaden Bracey, Avery Elder, and Meg Deters; and freshmen Allie Dasenbrock, Kaitlyn Dust, and Sophie Moore. Congratulations, Bellettes!

### **CHEERLEADING**

The St Anthony competitive cheer squad placed third in their sectional at Troy (Triad) qualifying them to advance to the IHSA state series. This year's squad includes 5 seniors: Parker Anderson, Elizabeth Falconburg, Carson Fonner, Sara Ragland, and Allison Spraul. This group of girls has advanced to the state finals all four years which is quite an accomplishment to be proud of for a school our size!! The squad is coached by Julie Wortman; assisted by Samantha Morrison and Lauren Hoelscher ('10) who choreographs the routines.

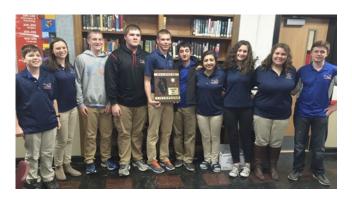












# Scholar Bowl Regional Champs!

The St Anthony Scholar Bowl team won the Regional Championship, held in Beecher City! They went on to finish 2nd in Sectionals. Congratulations! Pro

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### **Student Service**

**Catholic Charities Service Day:** Our Sophomores spent their annual service day helping out at Catholic Charities. Thank you to Catholic Charities for providing this opportunity!









# Student Athletes For Christ raise money for Big Brothers Big Sisters

The student body seized the opportunity to kick their khakis to the curb by making a \$5 donation to wear blue jeans during Catholic Schools Week. (Except for Wednesday, when the Bishop arrived and celebrated Catholic Schools Week Mass.) Proceeds from this jean week were donated to Big Brothers Big Sisters of Effingham County.

### **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

April 11	WYSE State Competition

**April 14** SAA (Society of Academic Achievement) Banquet, MPR

April 22-26 SAGS Spring Musical (Lion King Junior)

May 5 NHS & Academic Awards, MPR, 6:30pm

**May 6** May Crowning, 11:40am, and Parent Mass, 12:10pm

May 7 Prom, Keller Convention Center

**May 10** Spring Band Concert, MPR, 7:30pm

May 15 Athletic Awards, SAHS Gym, 2:00- 4:00pm

**May 20** Graduation Practice & Senior Video & Parent Reception

May 21 Graduation, St. Anthony Church, 7:00pm

# FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL SCHEDULED

Mark your calendar! The first day of school for the 2016-2017 school year is Thursday, August 18. Dismissal on August 18 & 19 will be at 2:00pm



### Pink Out Game

SAHS was filled with pink on February 5 at the boys' basketball game vs. Teutopolis in support of cancer awareness and cancer fighters and survivors. Student Council organized pink-out activities throughout the week. Pictured are representatives of St. Anthony Hospital's Women's Wellness Center accepting donations on behalf of the high school student body.



# **Booster Club Donation**

The Andrew Gobczynski Big Heart Foundation presented a \$1000 donation to St. Anthony Booster Club during the St. Anthony vs. Teutopolis game in February, resulting in a standing ovation from fans of both teams. We thank the foundation for their generous support in addition to all of their efforts and charitable contributions throughout the Effingham Community.

# Fr. Chris Joins The Band!



Fr. Chris shares his gifts with our students and fans at ballgames and musical performances. Thank you Fr. Chris for showing us how to live life happily by sharing our God given gifts!

# ILMEA All-State Festival Qualifier



St. Anthony High School is honored to announce that Abby Buenker earned her way to the Illinois Music Education Association (ILMEA) All-State Festival. Congratulations! This is a very impressive accomplishment.

Send us your updates to: Alumni@StAnthony.com or St. Anthony Development Office 304 E Roadway Ave. Effingham, IL 62401





### In Memorandom

Gertrude T. (Willenborg) Burford ('44) passed away November 3, 2015 Robert S. Ludwig ('56) passed away November 10, 2015 Robert J. "Bob" Hoffman ('75) passed away November 19, 2015



### **Births**

Ryan Laker and Kristina (Pedersen) Laker ('00) are the proud parents of a baby girl, Ellison Grace Laker, born October 27, 2015.





### Alumni

Douglas Field ('11) graduated from Barnes-Jewish College-Goldfarb School of Nursing on December 19, 2015 with a Bachelor of Science Nursing-Registered Nurse. Doug accepted a position as an Emergency Room nurse at SSM DePaul Health Center Trauma II Hospital in St. Louis, MO.





### **Reunion News**

### Class of 1975

The SAHS Class of 1975 celebrated their 40 year reunion on August 8, 2015 at the Effingham Knights of Columbus. Those attending were: (front row) Theresa Gaffigan, Bernard Haarmann, Sue Hartke, Anita Cornell, Mary Lawyer, Julie Grove, Connie Althoff, Penny Wiedman, Cindy Hoene, Deb Niemerg, Barb Fairbanks, Barb Mitchell. (Second row) Bob Hoffman, Don Grupe, Ron Worman, Cindy Matteson, Karen Heathcoat, Marilyn Vogt. (Third row) Alan Esker, Bob Mette, Bob Goldstein, Dave Braun, Tom Poterucha, Vic Althoff, Bill Overbeck, Jim Gaffigan, Ron Behrman, Sherry Babbs, Christy Schackmann.





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