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STATE CHAMPS



Semi Final Score
St. Anthony 43 - Chicago Hope 34

The St. Anthony Bulldogs are your **2017 Illinois 1A Boys Basketball State Champions!** Facing the top ranked Okawville Rockets in the championship game, the Bulldogs pulled out an overtime thriller for a 49-46 win, securing the first basketball State Title in the history of both St. Anthony Schools and the City of Effingham.

The Bulldogs' historic run began with a 66-57 Sectional Final win over a tough Patoka team. Moving onto the SIU Carbondale Super Sectional, they mounted a memorable comeback from 18 down in the 3rd quarter, stamping their ticket to the State Final Four in Peoria with a 52-50 win over Woodlawn. In their first trip to the Final Four since 1978 (finished 4th) the Bulldogs beat the heavily favored...



Championship Game Score
St. Anthony 49 - Okawville 46

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Greg Fearday
SAHS Principal

A Letter From The Principal

Dear St. Anthony Alumni,

So far the 2017 School Year has been filled with both very exciting times and a very sad time. We have experienced a sense of community, love and support greater than anything in recent times.

Our year started with the unexpected passing of one of our students, Austin Flach, son of fellow alumni **Tony ('96)** and **Sandy (Niebrugge) Flach ('97)**, grandson of alumni **Mark ('70)** and Karen Flach and **Anthony ('54)** and Barbara Niebrugge. We are thankful that Christ allowed Austin to serve us with his kind and caring heart. Thank you to everyone, for all of your kind acts of love and support. We ask for your continued support, prayers, and acts of kindness, seen or unseen for Austin's family, friends and our entire student body.

Another example of the tremendous outpouring of community support surrounds the excitement of our boys High School basketball team & their State Championship season. I am so proud of their accomplishments! I am also proud of how our students, fans and the entire Bulldog nation came together to cheer on the team. What a fun event to bring us together to celebrate and reminisce good memories.

Finally, I ask for your prayers for our students and all families. They are the future of our Church. Our schools are called to teach the faith well, so students can live the faith, & then in turn share it with their future families, friends, & community. Prayer is essential!

Sincerely in Christ,

Greg Fearday

Principal

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Student Academics

Illinois State Scholars

Nine St. Anthony High School students from the graduating class of 2017 have been recognized as Illinois State Scholars. Illinois State Scholars represent approximately the top ten percent of high school seniors from 765 high schools across the state. Illinois State Scholars possess strong academic potential and are chosen based on a combination of exemplary ACT or SAT test scores and sixth semester class rank. SAHS Scholars include Gillian Erickson, Andrew Gibson, Laura Gurtner, Adam Lorenz, Kelly Rentfrow, Andrew Saba, Kristin Slaughter, Rachel Wortman, and Grace Zeller.



WYSE Claims Sectional Title

The St. Anthony High School WYSE team won first place at Sectionals for the 300 Division on March 9th. The team members garnered an impressive 9 top three finishes! The team will advance to the WYSE State held at The University of Illinois at the Illini Hotel on April 18th. SAHS members include Andy Saba, Kristin Slaughter, Gillian Erickson, Alex Beesley, Ethan Rozene, Maryann Saba, Jack Nuxoll, Rachel Wortman, Grace Zeller, Lexi Mendella, John Hartke, Drew Gibson, Aidan Bailey, Olivia Clausius, and Augie Heal.



NTC Scholar Bowl Champs



The St. Anthony Scholar Bowl team won the NTC Tournament, held in Stewardson! Congratulations team!

Zeller to Attend West Point



SAHS Senior Grace Zeller has received a full scholarship to attend West Point Military Academy. In exchange, she has agreed to serve five years in the Army. On July 3, Grace will report to Cadet Basic Training and begin her military career.

Thanks to Bulldog Nation for following our Facebook Live Stream during the State Finals. We had alumni from CT, PA, OH, IN, GA, FL, MS, AL, and we are sure many other states watching live with us. **Go Bulldogs!**

Winter Sports Scoreboard

BOYS BASKETBALL

continued from cover... Chicago Hope Academy Eagles 43-34 in the semi-finals, sending them to their first championship game in school history. Other memorable highlights include winning both the Vandalia Holiday Tourney and NTC Tournament. The Bulldogs finished the season with a 30-5 record, with their only losses coming from 2A & 3A teams. Coached by Cody Rincker, the Bulldogs will say thanks and good-bye to hard working, 1000+ pt scoring senior & conference MVP, Drew Gibson. Congrats Bulldogs on your historic season!

GIRLS BASKETBALL

The Lady Bulldogs, coached by **Bart Wiedman ('95)** finished with a 22-9 record. The 22 wins sets a school record for the number of wins in a season and it was the 1st consecutive 20 win seasons in the school's history. The team started the season with a 3rd place finish in the Taylorville Thanksgiving Tournament. The Lady Bulldogs went on to finish 8-0 in the National Trail Conference winning the championship and won the NTC tournament. The team also won its 4th consecutive regional championship by defeating Altamont for the third time this season in the St. Anthony regional. The 2016-17 team was then defeated by Tri-County in the Arcola sectional.

BELLETTES

The Bellette Dance Team, coached by **Lynn (Vogel) Buenker ('02)**, ended their competitive season finishing 8th in the IHSA Sectional competition at Mascoutah High School. The team missed this year's State competition by a mere two points. In the weeks leading up to Sectionals, the team participated in the IDTA Regional hosted by Charleston High School where they finished 1st in Jazz and 5th in Pom.

Members of this year's team are Seniors Kelly Rentfrow and Abigail Zaccari; Juniors Jaden Bracey, Avery Elder, and Meg Deters; Sophomores Allie Dasenbrock, Kaitlyn Dust, Sophie Moore and AJ Zaccari; Freshman Bryonna Meskiman and Catherine Willenborg. Congratulations, Bellettes!

CHEERLEADING

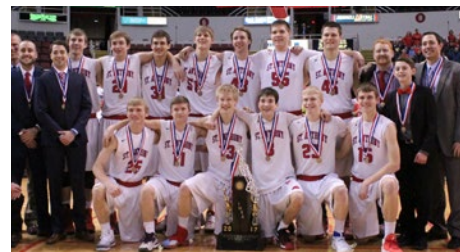
St Anthony competitive cheer participated in 4 competitions this season with a very young squad consisting of 7 freshman. The team's skills improved tremendously from summer camp to the competitive season. We placed 2nd in the cheerleading competition at the Vandalia Holiday tournament. The squad consists of 3 seniors Lexi Mendella, Mary Claire Wegman, and Rachel Wortman. Juniors are Saidee Bushur and Kendall Fonner. Sophomores include Annika Koester, Carly Spraul and Ava Wegman. Freshman team members are Abby Cothran, Sophie Deters, Makenna Grubb, Allison Niebrugge, Audrey Niebrugge, Avery Rogers, and Abby Will. We look forward to cheering on the Bulldogs in the post season play! The squad is coached by Julie Wortman, **Lauren Hoelscher ('10)** (choreography) and Samantha Morrison.

BOWLING

Coached by Phil Zaccari, St. Anthony Bowlers Derek Kruger & John Hartke competed at the Salem Regional in January, with Hartke becoming the first-ever Bulldog to advance to the sectional round.

SWIMMING

Coached by Elizabeth Braunecker, this year's St. Anthony Swimming team was represented Annika Koester, Paige Brown, and Gavin Braunecker.



Boys Basketball



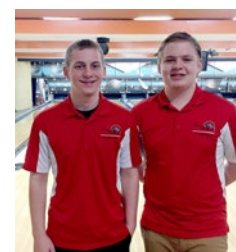
Girls Basketball



Bellettes



Cheerleading



Bowling

“ Pressing On To The Goal of service to the Lord by stretching our intellect, confirming our values, and living our faith. - Philippians 3:14 ”



Student Service



Students Raise Money for a Variety of Organizations

St. Anthony High School students recently raised funds for a variety of organizations and programs, both locally and abroad. During Catholic Schools Week, which began Sunday, January 29th, students raised a total of \$740. Students presented two separate checks totaling \$370 each to both Blessings in a Backpack and St. Anthony's sister parish in Haiti. Student Representatives from Catholic Athletes for Christ, along with High School Chaplain Fr. Edgar, presented checks to both organizations.

The Spanish Club also raised funds totaling \$200 to be put toward Sacred Heart Parish's Bolivian Mission Trip on March 1st. They traveled to the small villages of LaPaz and Marampampa, Bolivia for ten days. They were doing outreach medical, dental, and optical clinics in the areas as well as bringing supplies for amputees.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- March 31-April 2** SAGS Spring Musical (Peter Pan, Jr.)
- April 18** WYSE State Competition
- May 4** NHS & Academic Awards, MPR
- May 5** May Crowning 11:40am and Parent Mass, 12:10pm
- May 6** Prom, Keller Convention Center
- May 7** Athletic Awards, 2:00pm
- May 9** Spring Band Concert, MPR, 7:00pm
- May 19** Graduation Practice & Senior Video & Parent Luncheon
- May 20** 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



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Alumni Spotlight

Ann Althoff ('69) earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from Fontbonne University and a Masters degree in Urban Affairs from St. Louis University. Ann has been working in business development and traveling the world for 40 years with such companies as AT&T, IBM, Anheuser Busch, Colliers International and HOK. Currently, she serves as Project Executive at Clayco, in St. Louis, MO. In 2004, Ann was named one of the Most Influential Business Women by the St. Louis Business Journal and in 2005, Ann received the Alumni Professional Achievement Award from Fontbonne University. In 2016, Ann became Chair of the Urban Land Institute (ULI) St. Louis. ULI unites thought leadership in the responsible use of land and in creating and sustaining thriving communities. Ann currently resides in Glendale, MO with her husband Jody.



“When reflecting on my experience at St. Anthony Schools, I am especially grateful to Sister Christopher Marie, later known as Sister Adele. She and my dad instilled in me the belief that I could do anything, provided I made the commitment and followed through with the work. I also believe because the school was smaller, we could take advantage of a lot of opportunities to try different things like running for a class office, participating in the plays, sport, etc. This participation prepared me to believe that a lot of things were within my reach when I found myself in places where the playing field was much larger and more competitive.”

“Much of my life I was on the road, all over the country, and often by myself. The one thing that kept me on solid ground was my faith. To be able to go to a Catholic church anywhere in the world was like being home. The Mass is the same the world over, and that gave me a great sense of peace.”

Spring Gala

St. Anthony will hold their 3rd Annual Spring Gala on Saturday April 8th, 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 **2016 Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony**, including the presentation of the **2016 Booster Club Member of the Year**. Join us for great food and fellowship. For more information visit our website at: StAnthony.com/HallofFame



**2016
Hall of Fame
Inductees**



Alumni
William Bradley
Kinkelaar



Friends
Dr. Joseph &
Carolyn Spraul



Althlete
Kimberly Richardson
Weber



**Booster Club
Member of the Year**
Dr. Thomas Fonner

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In Memorandum

Anna Marie (Wiedman) Flach ('43) passed away November 8, 2016
Norman (Bourgeois) Lustig ('49) passed away January 3, 2017
Austin Flach ('20) passed away January 23, 2017
Mary H. (Feuerborn) Harris ('42) passed away February 23, 2017
Greg Donsbach ('73) passed away February 24, 2017

Births

David ('97) and Kelly (Higgins) **Goeckner** are the proud parents of a baby girl, Caroline Goeckner, born November 28, 2016. Caroline joins big brother, William.

Alumni

The Lincoln Academy of Illinois has named Quincy University senior **Nicholas J. Nosbisch ('13)** as a recipient of the prestigious Lincoln Academy Student Laureate Award for 2016. The award is presented to a senior from each four-year college or university in Illinois who demonstrates excellence in the classroom and leadership throughout the campus and community. Congratulations!

Alex Bloemer ('16) graduated from Army bootcamp and is stationed at Fort Riley, KS as a Calvary Scout, 1st Infantry Division and 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team.

Reunion News

Class of 1967

The Class of 1967 is planning their 50th class reunion for Saturday, August 12th, 2017, the same weekend as the St. Anthony Parish Picnic. The evening will begin with 4:00 pm Mass at Sacred Heart Church, thereby eliminating the heat and other possible weather conditions at St. Anthony's outdoor evening Mass. The reunion will be held at the Effingham Knights of Columbus. Plan for casual attire. Those famous hi-boys will be served. More information will be sent to classmates in the coming months. Please phone or forward your email addresses or mailing addresses, and any questions you may have, to:

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Hey Parents! Are you receiving a newsletter addressed to your child and they've moved out and moved on? Send us their new address by email at alumni@stanthony.com or to PO Box 764; Effingham, IL 62401. Thanks for helping us stay in touch with our alumni!

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