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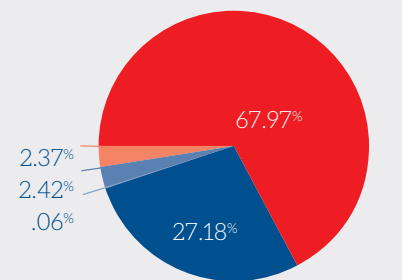
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**\$3,371,645**  
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**\$1,085,432**  
directly to St. Anthony Schools

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### Spring 2021

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## From the Principal

I always enjoy visiting with SAHS alumni or parents of alumni and learn about how they are handling the transition from high school to college. One of the things we are so proud of with St. Anthony High School is that we focus on offering and delivering a curriculum program that ensures our students' success in college or the workforce.

A parent recently shared how St. Anthony High School prepared her daughter to handle the academic rigors and the balancing of their college schedule because they had to do it in high school. Her daughter, much like most of our SAHS students, was involved in multiple activities. This particular story stuck out because her daughter was attending a prestigious university and commenting on how many of her classmates at this university felt overwhelmed trying to balance their own schedule. And, this isn't the first time I've heard this type of story. Sharing it with all of you makes me incredibly proud of our students and how they work to prepare for their future.

As always, thank you for your continued prayers and support of St. Anthony High School.

Sincerely in Christ,  
**Greg Fearday,**  
Principal

*"Give instruction to a wise man, and he will be still wiser, teach a righteous man, and he will increase his learning."*

- Proverbs 9:9



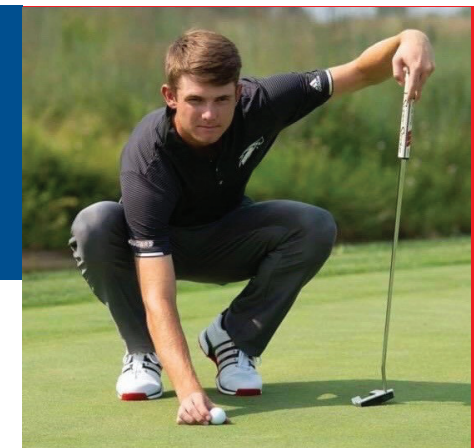
## Calendar of Events

- APR 6** Academic Challenge State Competition
- APR 15-18** High School Musical  
The Addams Family
- APR 21** National Honor Society Induction Ceremony
- MAY 1** Prom
- MAY 14** Senior Luncheon and Academic Awards
- MAY 15** Graduation

## Sports Highlight

### SAHS Bellettes Place 11th at State

Congratulations St. Anthony Bellettes on their 11th place 1A IHSA State finish! In a regular year, the team would have advanced to the 2nd day for final competitions. This is the 4th year in a row that the Bellettes have qualified for State. Great job Bulldogs on a strong performance!



## Academic Medal of Honor Winner

### Luke Ludwig (Class of 2019)

In December 2020, the Ohio Valley Conference announced its Academic Medal of Honor award winners, which is given annually to the student-athletes who achieve the highest grade point average in a Conference-sponsored sport. Every Academic Medal of Honor recipient for the 2019-20 academic year carried a perfect 4.0 grade point average. Congratulations to Luke Ludwig - St. Anthony Alumni Class of 2019, Southern Illinois University - Edwardsville golfer and mechanical engineering student - for recently taking home the award and being recognized on the Commissioner's Honor Roll.



*Pressing on to the Goal of service to the LORD by stretching our intellect, confirming our values, and living our faith.* - Philippians 3:14

## Academic Excellence

### National Merit Finalist

Congratulations to Senior Kate Hartke for the distinction of being selected as a Finalist in the 66th annual National Merit Scholarship program.



## In Memoriam

**Charles "Charlie" E. Hicks ('59)**  
passed away December 5, 2020

**Frank H. Hoelscher ('57)**  
passed away December 9, 2020

**Jeffrey C. Thoele ('72)**  
passed away January 23, 2021

**Mike G. Henning ('63)**  
passed away January 24, 2021

**Patricia A. (Thoele) Willenborg ('60)**  
passed away February 9, 2021

**Charles "Chuck" Bierman ('68)**  
passed away February 14, 2021

**Dr. John T. Kroeger ('71)**  
passed away March 17, 2021



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# Winter Sports Scoreboard

## Boys Basketball

The boys basketball team, coached by Cody Rincker competed strong at all 3 levels all season, despite the speed bumps along the way.

Maintain conditioning was initially difficult, as the boys shook off the rust from an 11 month pause due to COVID-19 restrictions.

However, the team was ready by the time game 1 rolled around. They blitzed Neoga at all 3 levels, including a 39 point Varsity victory.

The Bulldogs found their stride over the next few weeks and battled back after a tough loss to Altamont at Altamont, on a day when they woke up expecting to play North Clay.

The Bulldogs then took care of every conference opponent, only falling to rivals Effingham and T-Town in hard fought contests.

The Bulldogs siezed their opportunity to avenge the Altamont loss earlier in the year with a 25 point victory in the rematch on the Bulldogs Senior Night.

As the season wound down, the 2021 bulldogs looked to finish as strong as they could. They reclaimed the outright season NTC championship, competing for the 5th straight NTC tourney title, and saw growth at every level of the program.

With some hard work and commitment, the future is bright for the Bulldogs as the lower levels went 20-8, FS 7-6, JV 13-2 in the 2021 campaign.

The team was led by seniors, James Schuette, Logan Antrim, Grant Nuxoll, Landon Adams, Ty Wiedman, Seth Hotze, Kennan Walsh, Justin Ruholl, and Michael Willenborg.

## Girls Basketball

The girls basketball team, coached by Aaron Rios, was thankful to have a condensed 2021 season, despite all teams only having seven days to prepare for the season.

The Lady Bulldogs were competitive in the National Trail Conference once again in 2021, with a 6-3 overall conference record. They concluded their season with a 60-43 conference tournament victory over Cowden Herrick-Beecher City.

Riley Guy led the varsity team in scoring on the season at 14.07 points per game, including a 30 point game against CHBC, which was a team high for scoring on the season.

Lucy Fearday was right behind Riley, averaging 14 points per game and leading the team with 10 rebounds per game as a sophomore.

The floor leader, Grace Karolewicz, did a great job facilitating our offense and defense in 2021, averaging nearly 5 assists per game.

Izzy Hakman led the team in steals with 3 per game. Anna Faber really put the time in the gym and improved her game from her freshman to sophomore year.

Senior Reese Jones provided needed versatility on both ends of the floor. She played great defense, scored, helped with ball-handling & played well in the post when needed. Reese often drew the tough assignment as a guard to rebound and defend in the post.

It has been great to see all of our Varsity players improve throughout the season. The team had an outstanding performance from a number of freshmen who stepped in to play Varsity and JV this year.

Stacie Vonderheide led the JV team in season scoring, with a team high of 23 pts against CHBC and with big contributions on the floor from Maddie Kibler, Laney Coffin, and Allison Geen.

The 2021 team has really become defensive minded, giving up only 44 pts per game (improving from 54 pts per game in 2019-2020).

With the potential return of ten players from the current roster, the expectations are high for the Lady Bulldogs to go out and compete for an NTC championship in the 2021-2022 season.

## Belletes

The Belletes dance team completed the 2020-2021 competition season with their 8th appearance in the IHSA State competition and placed 11th in the state!! The team also competed in two IDTA virtual regional competitions, where they placed 1st in the IDTA Jazz category at both competitions!

Even though competitions this year were virtual, the Belletes let their passion and talent show on each competition video submission. The five seniors were great leaders for this year's team and will be greatly missed.

During this challenging season, the Belletes did a fantastic job representing St. Anthony High School with their dedication and perseverance.

The Belletes are coached by Tarah Haskenherm and Lynn Buenker.

Members of the team include: Seniors: Peyton Ellis, Megan Koenig, Macy Ludwig, Morgan Schuette, Reagan Westendorf; Sophomores: Madelyn Brown, Annie Strullmyer, Emma Tingley; Freshmen: Maggie Moeller, Anna Zaccari

## Cheerleading

While the 2020-2021 Cheer season did not go as planned due to COVID restrictions, coach Ashley Jansen, would like to shine a spotlight on their one senior, Olivia Spraul.

Olivia is the daughter of Dr. Joe and Carolyn Spraul and has cheered on the Bulldogs for four years. Olivia's leadership and hardworking spirit have been vital to St. Anthony Cheer during her high school career, and she will be greatly missed.

Olivia will attend the University of Notre Dame in the fall to study business and will hopefully continue cheering for the Fighting Irish!

## 2020-2021 ANNUAL FUND

# Giving to Foster Growth

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2020-2021 ANNUAL FUND GOAL  
**\$325,000**

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## 24th ANNUAL ST. ANTHONY HIGH SCHOOL CORVETTE RAFFLE



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# A YEAR OF Service

Service projects are fundamental to our Catholic curriculum and the core to becoming living disciples of Jesus Christ. SAHS students are required to perform at least 60 hours of volunteer service over their high school career.

The benefits students receive by participating in service projects include increased awareness of the community's needs and the satisfaction of helping others.

COVID-19 had an impact on a variety of daily school routines and activities, but SAHS students did not let it impact their call to serve and give back to the local community.

## Fill the Pantry Pumpkin

St. Anthony High School, St. Anthony Grade School and Sacred Heart partnered to host a Halloween Coin Drive, "Fill the Pantry Pumpkin", to benefit Catholic Charities. Students stood outside of each school, and collected cash donations "drive-thru style".

Total donations for the "Fill the Pantry Pumpkin" for Catholic Charities Food Pantry came to \$11,261.42. The continued generosity of our donors is helping feed those who are less fortunate.



## Mirror the March

On Friday, January 29th, students and staff participated in "Mirror the March" throughout the school day. Students had the opportunity to walk a little over a mile to mirror the March for Life held in Washington, DC every year. The walk concluded with the praying of the Divine Mercy Chaplet. All of this was offered up for the right to all life, from conception to natural death.

Mrs. Kabbes gave the sophomore class the opportunity to "spiritually adopt" an unborn baby by praying for them daily.



## Walk For Kids' Sake

Students and staff held a Spirit Day and raised \$226 for the Big Brothers Big Sisters Walk For Kids' Sake. Some staff participated in a walk around the track to raise awareness! Way to go Bulldogs!!



## Prayer Campaign for Life

Two groups of students took some time out of their busy school day to help serve at the Silk Purse as part of the Prayer Campaign for Life. They sorted 30 boxes of shoes and lots of appliances and toys throughout the day.

## Table of Plenty

Staff and students participated in a Friday "Jeans Day" for a free-will donation to the Catholic Charities' Table of Plenty. \$654 was collected and presented to Catholic Charities representative Nikki Farris on March 18.



## Family Life Center

St. Anthony High School staff & students presented a \$753.00 check to Director Mary Hovis and advocate Kristen Probst of the Family Life Center. Students were allowed to wear jeans during Catholic Schools Week for donations for the Family Life Center. SAHS thanks the Family Life Center for their continual good works.



## Effingham County Humane Society

Mrs. Keller's Spanish classes started a tradition last year to celebrate the feast of St. Francis by collecting items for homeless pets in Effingham County. All together, over \$300 worth of food, cleaning products and money was collected and presented to the Effingham County Humane Society.

