



SAINT ANTHONY HIGH SCHOOL

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From the Principal

With Thanksgiving approaching, I wanted to share with you how thankful I am for the incredible growth and abundant blessings we have experienced at St. Anthony Schools over the years.

Increased Enrollment:

As illustrated in our annual fund materials, you can see the growth of student enrollment in our Catholic school system. These numbers reflect growth in both schools, and are a great indicator of the future enrollment for our high school.

Overall, we are seeing more students from within our community, as well as our neighboring communities and parishes. I believe this can be attributed to the quality of our academic curriculum, our commitment to teaching the principles of morality, and prioritizing Catholic faith formation.

Increased Financial Support:

The annual fund materials also show the growing generosity of our alumni, and parish and school families. Your unwavering support reinforces our commitment to help support our mission of forming lifelong intentional disciples of Jesus Christ within His Church.

Increased Faith-Building Programs:

Small Faith Groups is one our newest campus ministry programs that continues to grow! We have six different groups meeting each week during lunch. Currently 45 students participate (20 young women and 25 young men). It is wonderful to witness students engaging with each other to learn how to live a saintly life and better serve God.

Thank you all for your ongoing prayers and support for our students, teachers, and parish and school families. Have a Blessed and Happy Thanksgiving!

**The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!"
Luke 17:5**

Sincerely in Christ,
Greg Fearday,
Principal



Calendar of Events



Meet the Bulldogs



Turkey Tourney Begins



Homecoming Game



Catholic Schools Week Begins



Grade School Open House

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Cover Story

Small Faith Groups at SAHS

In the Gospels, Jesus spent a disproportionate amount of his time with just a few men. Jesus certainly preached to the masses and healed many people, but in a particular way, the heart of his ministry was that he chose to invest his life deeply in only twelve disciples who he named apostles. For three years, Jesus shared life with the apostles. He was friends with them. He camped with them. He prayed with them. He also taught them what it looked like to love, to pray, to know the Father, and ultimately, he taught them how to carry on the mission of sharing the Good News with others. In a paradoxical way, Jesus modeled to us that an effective way to reach more with the gospel is for each of us to invest deeply in a few and equip them to do the same for others. This is the method our campus ministry teachers and small group facilitators strive to imitate in our small faith groups.

Small faith groups are growing in popularity on the SAHS campus. Currently, there are six different groups meeting weekly during lunch consisting of 20 young women and about 25 young men.

The young men's groups were started in 2020 by Fr. Mark Tracy and Mr. Tony Kreke. Mr. Kreke and Mr. Jeremy Nice, St. Anthony's Parish Missionary, have developed the group into what it is today. "Our group name is Iron Sharpens Iron. This represents how each person in the group keeps each other going and keeps everyone accountable. We all push each other to do better and to strengthen our faith. Overall, from the group it has helped us all grow closer to God and stand up for our faith," states junior Connor Roepke.

The young women's groups are led by Mrs. Amy Blanchette and Mrs. Ashley Jansen. They have started The Backpack Program, helping students learn how to view themselves positively as a spiritual and human being with choices. It is accomplished by looking at their relationships with themselves, others, and with

God. "I do not judge myself as often as I used to, and when I catch myself, I realize that I have unrealistic expectations for myself that I would not have for others. I am a happier person," says a freshman girl in the program. "It's a safe space where I can express myself without the fear of judgment and I find out that others are feeling the same way", says a junior girl. Small groups have the potential to be more than just another program. Small groups create an environment where students can experience authentic community and encounter the person of Jesus Christ. This program creates the opportunity to not only share content, but to also share life.

Our campus ministry team has the opportunity to do for a few, what we would love to do for the many - to accompany students along the way of discipleship and equip them to do the same for others.

One goal for our theology department and our small group facilitators is to have SAHS graduates live their faith in the next phase of their lives, no matter what that may be. For all students, we hope to help them establish and sustain consistent habits of discipleship (daily prayer, receiving the Sacraments, etc.) that will continue as they grow into adulthood.

Our newest Campus Ministry Teachers, Mrs. Blanchette, Mr. Volmert, and Mr. Hussey, also bring a great energy to our High School theology department. In addition to helping guide our students as they continue to deepen their knowledge of our Catholic faith, the teachers help support our small group messages in their classrooms.

"With such affection for you, we were determined to share with you not only the gospel of God, but our very selves as well, so dearly beloved had you become to us" (1 Thes. 2:8).

Student Achievement



Community Leader Recognition

Congratulations to St. Anthony senior Connor Wines on being selected as an Up & Coming Community Leader by the Effingham County Chamber. Connor was one of 6 Effingham County high school students recognized at the Chamber's Top Community Leaders Awards Dinner.



Build a Church Lego Contest

SAHS Senior Ivan Daiber won 1st place in the *Catholic Times'* Build a Church Lego Contest. Bishop Thomas John Paprocki chose the winners for each category and Ivan earned both \$100 for himself, as well as St. Anthony parish. The contest was held diocese wide and had over 80 entrants from all over the area.

Giving Back



Students Donate to Animal Shelter

To commemorate the feast of Saint Francis of Assisi, patron saint of animals, Mrs. Keller's Spanish classes collected items to donate to Effingham County Humane Society. All together, they collected over \$490 worth of food, cleaning products, and money.



Volunteers Plant New Shrubs at SAHS

A group of over 20 hard working volunteers, including students, Parish Missionary Jeremy Nice, and volunteers of our Parish Grounds Ministry led by Charlie Platz planted new shrubbery around the west and north sides of the high school.



Fall Sports Scoreboard



Girls Golf

With only 4 players, the Lady Bulldog team was small, but still had an overall successful season.

The girls had two 2nd place finishes and one 3rd place finish in invitational tournament play. The team earned victories in 3 dual meets, with Addie Krouse and Madison Brummer finishing as individual champions in a scramble.

In the post season, the team finished tied for fourth in regional play, missing sectionals by only three strokes. Addie Krouse and Madison Brummer would go on to advance to the sectional as individuals, with Addie shooting a 77 to land first place in the regional. Krouse would go on to finish second in the sectional, advancing to the state finals.

Congratulations to our lone senior, Madison Brummer, who capped off her fourth year with the team. The team is already looking forward to next season and is expecting bigger and better things in the coming years.



Soccer

The soccer team faced a difficult season this year with many new faces on the team, finishing 1-14 overall.

With 11 out of 19 players being new to the team, the team faced the challenges of developing chemistry & positional fit, finding balance along the way. With no returning seniors, returning starters Pierce Verdeyen, Evan Mossman, and Zach Hurren used their experience to lead the new players throughout the season.



Baseball

The Fall Baseball team finished with a record of 24-3. The team placed 1st in the conference regular season and also won the conference tournament.

The team had 5 players make the All-Conference team including conference MVP: Eli Levitt, 1st team: Brock Fearday, 2nd team: Beau Adams, and Honorable Mention: Connor Roepke and Will Hoene. The team showed great chemistry and battled all season. They are looking to build off of this success and put together a great spring season.



Volleyball

The volleyball team had a successful 30-9 season. The Bulldogs finished as Co-Champions of the NTC regular season schedule and also placed 2nd in the NTC tournament.

The team won a regional championship and advanced to the sectional finals. Unfortunately they were defeated by Norris City in three sets.

The following players were named to the NTC All-Conference teams, 1st team: Abbi Hatton and Andrea Rudolphi. 2nd team: Lucy Fearday, and Addie Wernsing. Coach Cathy Wenthe was named the NTC Coach of the Year.

Congratulations to seniors Anna Faber, Lucy Fearday, Kenzie Kabbes, Sophia Seagle, Abby Repking, and Taylor Quandt.



Girls Tennis

Girls' Tennis finished a great season with a dual record of 10 wins and 2 losses to cap off the regular season. The girls participated in six tournaments, placing 1st out of 14 teams in our St. Anthony tournament.

Emily Kowalke placed 1st in the sectional, and Mia Kinkelaar and Ellie Link placed second in doubles. The team placed 22nd at the state finals, with Emily playing 4 games at state and Mia and Ellie playing 3 games in the doubles division.

Congratulations to our seniors: Madelyn Brown, Karli Jones, Evitt Nashed, Laura Schmidt, and Annie Strullmeyer.



Swimming

The St. Anthony Bulldog Swim Team once again had a fantastic showing at the IHSA Girls Swimming Sectionals. Out of 31 teams (swimming has no class system), our girls placed 9th overall.

The Bulldogs were led by freshman Gracie Slifer who finished 2nd in the 100 freestyle and 3rd in the 50 freestyle.

Her sister and fellow freshman Mollie Slifer placed 4th in the 200 IM (all 4 strokes) and 10th in the 100 breaststroke. Sophomore Cailey Dorris placed 10th in the 100 backstroke and 13th in the 50 freestyle.

This was an incredibly strong showing for such a small young team. The future definitely looks bright for Bulldog swimming in the coming years!



Cross Country

The Boys Cross Country Team exceeded expectations and set a standard of excellence for future teams. They participated in the IHSA State Meet for the 1st time since 2006 and just the 8th time in school history.

They got off to a great start, finishing 3rd at the Cowchip Classic, winning the Shelbyville Invite and finishing as the Tuscola Invite runner-up. The boys finished 5th out of 22 teams at the St. Joseph-Ogden Spartan Classic, which was a significant improvement from 20th place the previous year.

Second half highlights included winning the National Trail Conference meet with a score of 15. In the post season, the Bulldogs finished 2nd at the Newton Regional and 5th at the St. Joe-Ogden Sectional. Finally, the boys broke the top 20 at the 2022 IHSA State meet by finishing 20th at Detweiler Park in Peoria.

Congratulations seniors: Sam Deters, Griffen Elder, Max Sager, Conlan Walsh, and Nick Wiedman.

Girls Cross Country had a young team, improving times throughout the season. Highlights included winning NTC conference and qualifying for sectionals.

Congratulations to our only senior, Riley Willenborg.



Fall Sports Scoreboard

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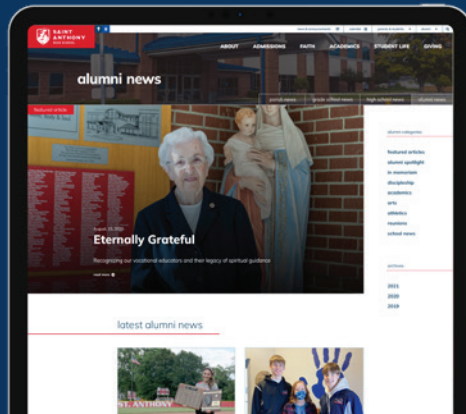
Alumni News is going Digital!

With the upcoming launch of our all new St. Anthony website, we're transitioning our Alumni News to a new digital blog format! You'll be able to read all of the latest Alumni content, on any device, anywhere. Both printed and digital newsletters will continue through the 2022-2023 school year, then moving to an all-digital format delivered to your email inbox.



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State Champions!



Boys Golf

The boys golf team, coached by Phil Zaccari in his 24th season, had an extremely successful season.

The team went 9-4 in 18-hole matches, with one of these wins coming from the 40 team Mattoon invitational, which was the team's first victory there in school history. In 9-hole matches, the team went 4-0 on the season. The JV Team went 14-2 in matches, competing mainly against other schools' varsity squads.

The individual talents of the 18 member team led to an amazing post season run, including winning their 23rd Regional title, followed by the teams' 8th Sectional title, and qualifying for the school's 19th trip to the IHSA 1A State Finals.

At the finals, the team shot their worst round of the year on Friday but were still in 2nd place. On Saturday the team played to their potential with a 297 on the day, propelling them to their 5th State Championship by an impressive 5 strokes.

Along with the team title, Sophomore Joey Trupiano tied for the individual State Title after an impressive one hole playoff. Joey is the 2nd individual Boys Golf State Champion in school history.

Congratulations to seniors: Matt Herzing, Michael Martelli, Aidan Tegeler, and Jonathan Willenborg.

A-Wop Bop A-Loo Bop

St. Anthony High School Drama Department and Music Boosters just wrapped up the fall musical with a fun and rocking weekend performing "A-Wop Bop A-Loo Bop: A New Musical".

Thank you to the cast, crew, directors, technical assistance and everyone behind the scenes for an amazing job bringing this show to life!



Alumni Updates



In Memoriam

Mary Louise (Zehner) Engle

('45) passed away January 31, 2022

Mildred "Millie" (Wolfert) Wendt

('49) passed away June 5, 2022

Ruth (Ludwig) Roach

('59) passed away June 6, 2022

Don L Koester

('56) passed away July 8, 2022

Leon Cable

('68) passed away July 10, 2022

Steven Dasenbrock

('76) passed away July 22, 2022

John Althoff

('57) passed away August 3, 2022

Marsha (Brumleve) Wagner

('70) passed away August 5, 2022

Michael Hoffman

('62) passed away August 20, 2022

Jerry Schutzbach

('57) passed away October 23, 2022

Sr. Michelle (Phyllis) Emmerich

('67) passed away October 31, 2022

Robert "Bob" Mihlbachler

('57) passed away November 6, 2022

Reunion News

Class of 1977

The SAHS Class of 1977 celebrated their 45th reunion on Friday, August 12, 2022 at the Effingham Event Center.

Those pictured are

SITTING- Penny (Kinkelaar) Meyer, Kathy (Sur) Powell, Rich Zimmerman, Jan (Grunloh) Nuxoll, Kim (Fuesting) Sawyer, Tim Wentz, John Nuelle, Jeff Weis

STANDING- Terry Bushur, Donna (Hendricks) Niemann, Ron Willenborg, Debbie (Hille) Ballinger, Deb (Bushur) Willenborg, Cathy (Ludwig) Lucks, Jerry Hoffman, Beth (Stockman) Andes, Marilyn (Smith) Helton, Cathy (Dietzen) August, Cathy (Hawickhorst) Bierman, Kris (Morrison) Wassmer, Linda (Luchtefeld) Heynen, Teresa (Nosbisch) Bergbower, Susie (Martin) Cornell, Al Wassmer, Tammy (Koester) Parks, Greg Koester



In Memory of Cathy Swingler

The Steve Swingler family recently donated twenty-two Crucifixes to St. Anthony High School in memory of Cathy (Mayhood) Swingler. The Swingler family has a long-time connection with St. Anthony High School, and wanted to share Cathy's love of Jesus with the current and future students of St. Anthony High School.

Cathy's husband, Steve, is a SAHS '73 graduate, and together they have three children: Christy Hakman, Brian Swingler, and Carrie Schultz. Cathy and Steve's grandchildren include Cara, Nina, Alec, Will, Luke, Jack, Keegan, and Kenndi. All of whom are students or alumni of St. Anthony.

Shown in the photo are Jack Swingler and Alec Hakman, current SAHS students, along with Father Michael Berndt, SAHS Chaplain, and Greg Fearday, Principal.



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