

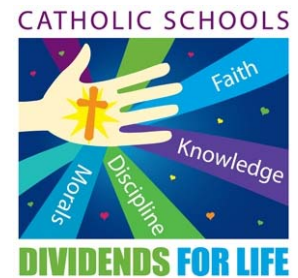


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Mission Statement

St. Anne Catholic School provides a quality Catholic education and develops responsible, Christian, young adults with an emphasis on moral and religious values of
FAITH, COMMUNITY, AND SERVICE.

From the desk of the Principal . . .

The family home is the place where the religious faith and spiritual awareness of young people are first nurtured. As they grow in relationship with a loving God, through Jesus Christ, the parish, school and diocese support their growth in faith and assist them to respond to Jesus' invitation to become fully human and fully alive as expressed in the Gospels. The Catholic school plays its part by providing a Catholic culture and climate within which its students grow in true wisdom. The religious symbols and activities of school life, the shared prayers and liturgy, and the respectful way people treat each other, all provide an environment where Christian life and faith are witnessed.

A 7 point approach for parents

1. Listen to and talk with your teenagers. Show a real interest in their lives. Praise them often.
2. Talk with them about God's loving presence in our lives – in crises, at moments of important decisions, in sadness and in joy, at all times.
3. Encourage them to make informed judgments. Help them to understand the various forces that influence our choices. Look, for instance, at the beliefs, values, rules for behavior and definitions of 'the good life' that we see every day in advertising and popular TV shows. What values and decisions are truly life-giving?
4. Encourage acts of generosity and concern for others both in the home and in the wider community. Ask your teenager to help a younger brother or sister with their homework. (We often clarify ideas for ourselves when we try to teach them to others.)
5. Talk seriously about the Mass and the Sacraments. Discuss the centrality of the Eucharist in Catholic life – its mystery, power and significance that are quite distinct from any 'entertainment' value.
6. Discuss the importance of symbols in all areas of life: sporting clubs, commercial firms and political and social movements of all kinds. Symbols represent values, beliefs and priorities. They also promote a sense of unity and purpose. Decide together what religious symbols would be appropriate in the home.
7. Encourage older teenagers to look for examples of where the Church is reaching out to the poor and marginalized – and to participate in this work.

Thank you.

Mr. Higginbotham



STUDENT COUNCIL HOMEROOM REPRESENTATIVE FOR 2009-10

We are happy to announce the students elected as Homeroom Representatives for the new year.

Fifth Graders: Mandelson Acabado, Emily Werner, Luke Folse, Jared Dowdy, Madison Phelan, Cynthia Bean, Thomas Burbank

Sixth Graders: Shelby Harris, Maris Thomas, Hannah Patrizi, Kathryn McDaniel, Connor Quinn, Matthew Scheurich

Seventh Graders: Tristin Chaudhury, Paige Hooper, Jason Conley, Teresa Figari, Zoe Karahouni

Eighth Graders: Michael Figueiras, Katherine Werner




ATTENTION Parents: H1N1 Update



At St. Anne and the Diocese, we are well aware of the H1N1 updates. We are constantly monitoring the Center for Disease Control as well as in receipt of updates and alerts from our state agencies. Rest assured that we will do what is necessary in case we have a spread of this virus at school.

At the present time we are free of the virus and there is no plan to close any schools if we do have a case.

Like always, we all should stress to our children the importance of hand-washing, covering mouths when coughing and sneezing, and keeping children home when ill or suspect of any illness. A child must be free of fever FOR A FULL 24 HOURS BEFORE BEING ALLOWED TO RETURN TO SCHOOL. With everyone's cooperation we hope we can diminish our chances of having a bad flu season at St. Anne.



WILDCAT BAND LEADERSHIP

Let's hear a drum roll as we announce the 2009-10 student officers of the greatest Wildcat Band in the land! It will be a great year for our band students.

President	Ian Bramble
Vice President	Nick Morman
Secretary	Katherine Werner
Treasurer	Mason Harris
Historian	Megan Peregrino
Chaplain	Paige Hooper



St. Anne's New Literacy Library is Open for Business!

After months of hard work from a great volunteer team, St. Anne opens the new Literacy Library in the Primary building. Nearly 800 titles for reading levels Pre-K through sixth grade are available for teachers to check-out and use in the classroom for small group instruction. "We have a great resource available to our teachers and students. We are so excited to use this library to increase reading opportunities for every type of reader," reported Lauren Smith, Dean of Curriculum and Discipline –Elementary.

Much of the organization and implementation of the Literacy Library began late last school year by a group of ExxonMobil Volunteer Involvement Program participants. Tiana Gorsich, Jennifer Scheper, and Betty Stewart each contributed 20+ hours of volunteer service work in exchange for VIP grants totaling \$2,000 from the ExxonMobil Foundation. Many, many thanks to these volunteers for the compounded gift of their time and work which earned a cash grant for St. Anne as well.

Many thanks also go to Home and School Association volunteers – Debby Moon, Traci Ramos, Deborah Drago, Kelly Knox, Pam Hack, and Mandy Oliverio for their help in getting this wonderful new reading program in the hands of our students.

Mrs. Scheper wishes to remind ExxonMobil employees and their spouses of the Volunteer Involvement Program at St. Anne. Your volunteer time is eligible for up to \$5,000 per calendar year in grants from the ExxonMobil Foundation. Please contact Jennifer Scheper at jscheper@gt.rr.com for more information.



Individual
Pictures
Tuesday
Sept 15, 2009

Pre-K-7th
Dress in Uniform!
8th graders may
wear appropriate dress clothes.

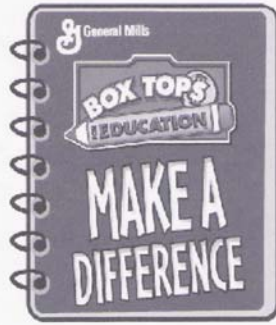
Time: After Morning Prayer
in Holub Hall.
Make your checks payable to *Provine*.

*Please do not schedule appointments
at this time if you wish to have a picture
taken on this day !
Thank you!*



Remember to wear your
Halloween Carnival T-shirt
starting
Friday, September 4th !

*Halloween T-shirts can be worn with uniform shorts or blue jean pants
every Friday until Carnival Saturday, October 24th.*



It's A Contest!!

Here's how it works. Shop, Clip and Send in your box tops to your homeroom teacher beginning **now** through **October 9th**. The homeroom with the most box tops wins a pizza party!!

Not only will a class be a winner but our school benefits too!!

Thanks for your participation!!

Questions? Call Sandy Potts 860-3834

WELCOME BACK PICNIC HUGE SUCCESS

Thank you to all those volunteers who helped to make the Back-to-School Picnic such a fun and exciting event. Thank you to Dynasy Phelan, Home and School New Family Chairman, for help in organizing along with Tracy Bean, School Board Chairman. Thanks to Bridgett and Keith Hlavinka for help with arrangements, and to Nicole Saba and Tracy Bean for help with decorations. Rena Fazio was seen helping too. Thanks to George Bean, Jeremy Saba, Danny Phelan, and other School Board members for helping to grill the delicious meat. Cat Café personnel, Connie Prewitt, Maria Fazio, Jamie Harris, and others were helping with all aspects of the food preparations. The School Board members turned out in full-force to serve – E. Jay Sherlock, Lori Wenner, Prudence Gambah, Melissa Tweedel, to name a few. Many families brought trays, boxes, and bags full of baked goodies to share. Please forgive us if your name is not included above as the evening was so full of good people and good fun that there were too many key people to record. To everyone, please accept our thanks for coming and for making the start of the new year so rich in family fun.



As we continue to improve the carpool system and the amount of time in lines, we are asking that you help in any way you can.

- a. Please be courteous of the businesses along Calder and surrounding streets. Don't block driveways and parking lots. Let customers cut through our line so they can reach the business that they need.
- b. Consider setting up a neighborhood/friend carpooling situation. If we could have students from two families ride together, we would half the number of cars in the line.
- c. Consider arriving just a little later to pick up in the afternoon. The longer a person sits in line the more impatient one can become. And, of course, automobile engines running for long periods of time only contribute to emissions and fuel shortages. Let's be good caretakers of the environment. The children are outside for recess during the day and are able to handle southeast Texas heat then, so sitting on the porch to wait for you to arrive will be tolerable for them.



TEXAS DRIVERS ALERT

Texas drivers, do you use your cell phone while driving through a school zone? A new law prohibits this and other traffic concerns, beginning September 1, 2009.

[Texas - House Bill 55](#) - Provides that an operator may not use a wireless communication device while operating a motor vehicle within a school crossing zone unless the wireless communication device is used with a hands-free device.

There are other laws regarding teens and texting, and sometimes adults are guilty of this as well. Please

review the law as well as the enclosed article on child booster seats and know that we will enforce all state laws on school/church property. Please turn off or ignore your cell phones while on the school grounds and help protect the safety and welfare of our students.

Cat Café is Roarin' for Breakfast and Lunch

We cut the ribbon and, with the flash of cameras, marked the opening of the brand new Cat Café at St. Anne. (Watch for pictures soon.) With on-line ordering and full-service food and beverage operation every day, we are second-to-none in quality, freshness, and efficiency.

Our Café employees and a wonderful team of volunteers are smiling and serving a meal of entrée, side vegetable/salad, fruit, dessert and drink every school day at the cost of only \$3.00 a meal. Our hungrier students are getting a Big Blue, double entrée meal, for only \$4 a person. We are also open for breakfast with those items only \$1.

For efficiency, planning, and accuracy, we are asking our customers to do on-line ordering of lunches. We will still accommodate as much as possible, "morning-of" orders, but there will be limited meals available this way.

Please order ahead so that we can be accurate in purchasing and preparation. You may come to school any day to use a computer if you do not have access to one at home or work.

On-line ordering now includes on-line payments also. You may place your order, confirm your purchase, use credit or debit payment to complete your purchase, and print your tickets all from the comfort of home! We're excited to be able to make it easier for your child to have a well-balanced, nutritious meal and keep it economical and easy for you at the same time.



PSIA News

The PSIA Committee is working diligently already to make this our most successful year yet. If your child is interested in participating in the Private Schools Interscholastic Association competition in a favorite area of interest, please contact Lori Wenner to express interest. Her email is bidagee@aol.com.