



WELCOME Back to School! We are very excited about the upcoming school year and getting back to business! I know the last 6 months have been tough, but I am confident that our staff and students are learning from this experience, finding meaning and purpose during the uncertainties of the pandemic. A renewal of faith, hope, and charity is needed in our world, and it will come through children who have been formed in them.

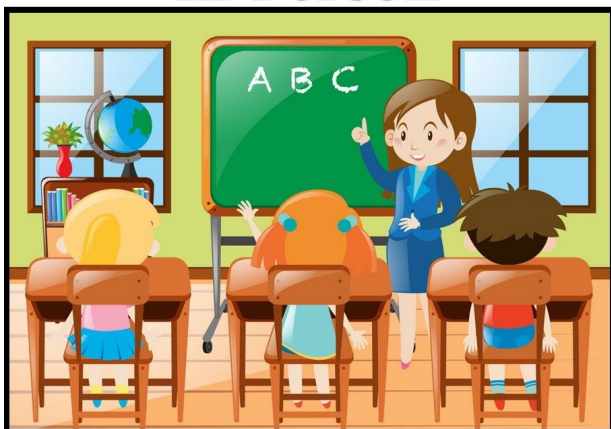
“Always be ready to give an explanation to anyone who asks you for a reason for your hope.”
- 1 Peter 3:15

We will start the 2020/21 school year on Monday, August 17th. Students/families will have 2 choices on how they would like to attend school.

Choose to learn with option A or B!

A

In-Person



B

Virtually - LIVE



It is your choice!

Option A - In-Person

We have been working very hard to provide a safe and healthy environment for in-person learning at St. Anthony School. Some of the things we have done to improve our facilities include:

- Purchased & installed touchless sinks and soap dispensers in the bathrooms.
- Purchased new floor cleaning machines for deeper and more efficient cleaning throughout the school.
- Upgraded cleaning supplies with covid killing detergents and cleansers.
- Purchased a fogging cleaner for daily disinfecting of all surfaces.
- Built up a good supply of hand sanitizers for all classrooms and entry ways.
- Installed vents in main building for better air circulation.
- Installed air purifiers in every classroom.
- Purchased adequate supply of PPE for all staff members.
- Rearrangement/modification of classrooms to improve distancing.

In addition to improving the facilities, we are working on our **procedures** to provide the most healthy environment possible. This is a work in progress and we will have more details about our school and classroom procedures in the August school newsletter that will be sent out next week.

Although we are doing everything possible to keep our school environment healthy and clean, there is never a 100% guarantee that a student or staff member won't get the coronavirus. We will have decision tree matrices for staff and families available to help us manage this fluid situation. All students and staff will be trained and ready to go between in-person and virtual learning.

Option B - Virtual Learning - LIVE

Virtual learning will look a little different than it did last quarter. **Students learning from home will need to log in to a virtual classroom (Zoom room or Google Meet Room) at the beginning of the day. They will participate in class as the teacher teaches throughout the day.** Teachers will have a Chromebook on a cart that will move about in the classroom to provide the best interaction with the virtual learners. Students choosing this option will be asked to meet with teachers during the week of August 10th by a scheduled appointment to ensure they have the equipment, materials, and knowledge necessary to be successful from home. Students/families choosing this option will be contacted by the teacher to set up those appointments.

Time to choose. It is your choice!

PLEASE COMPLETE THE BACK TO SCHOOL SURVEY!

Mr. Yorksmith will be emailing/texting the link to this important survey. We need to know how many families will be choosing "Option B - Virtual Learning -LIVE" so that we can plan for it. Thank you for your patience and flexibility.