

# St. Anthony School

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# St. Anthony Jr. High (*Grades 6-8*) - 2025/26

On behalf of the St. Anthony Jr. High staff, we would like to **WELCOME** you to our **2025-26 school year**. We are excited about the upcoming school year and can't wait to get started on **August 6th!** Please plan on attending the **Back to School Night** on the 6th starting at 5:30pm. Students can meet the teachers, drop off supplies, and get any questions they may have answered. It is our pleasure to introduce our Jr. High teachers for the upcoming school year:



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## HIGHLY QUALIFIED FACULTY

St. Anthony School is proud of the highly qualified teachers that make up our faculty. Our Jr. High teachers all hold (at minimum) Bachelor's degrees and some have Master's degrees. All of our faculty are licensed through the Arizona Department of Education. With over 35+ years of teaching experience combined, our Jr. High program is top notch! Overall, students at St. Anthony's experienced over 1.5 years of growth last school year as evidenced through standardized assessments. All of our faculty have first aid/cpr certifications and are current in their VIRTUS (safe environment) training. All of our Jr. High teachers are active Catholics and are very excited to bring the Gospel message of Christ to life in their classrooms. This year, our theme will be to focus on God's gifts of truth, beauty, & goodness.

#### UNIFORMS - BE SURE TO READ THE STUDENT HANDBOOK!

Please read the Dress Code policy as detailed in the Parent/Student Handbook that can be found on the school web page at <a href="www.stantschool.org">www.stantschool.org</a> Please consult pages 11-14 for dress code details and <a href="www.stantschool.org">updates for this new school year</a>. Please note that if you have any questions about what our uniform code looks like, please visit the <a href="Ideal Uniform Store">Ideal Uniform Store</a> website by clicking on the Ideal Uniform link on the Family Info tab on our school website.

#### **SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS for MASS DAYS:**

- <u>BOYS</u> (usually Fridays, but may occur on other days of the week) Black uniform pants, a white uniform shirt (tucked in) with a solid white undershirt and a plaid or burgundy school tie are required. Pants and shirts should be clean with no wrinkles. If worn, undershirts must be solid white. Black or dark shoes and socks are required (preferably dress shoes or dress boots). Uniform sweaters are allowed. Jr. High boys (6-8th grade) must wear the long sleeve uniform shirt option plus a black dress belt.
- GIRLS (usually Fridays, but may occur on other days of the week) A plaid uniform jumper/skirt with black, white, or grey bike shorts, tights or ankle length leggings and a white uniform blouse (tucked in) are required. Shirts should be clean with no wrinkles. If worn, undershirts must be solid white. Uniform sweaters are allowed.

#### **2025-2026 TRANSITION GUIDELINES**

- No Khaki Bottoms and No Black Dennis Polos.
- Wine and Ash Grey Dennis Polos may still be worn.
- Dennis White Shirts/Blouses with school logo may still be worn.
- Dennis Fleece/Sweaters with school logo may still be worn.
- Dennis/French Toast Plaid Jumpers (*wide strap v-neck*) and Dennis/French Toast plaid skirts/skorts already owned as of 3/1/25 can be worn.
- Black uniform pants you already owned as of 3/1/25 that are twill, with side seam pockets and back welt pockets can be worn (*requires school office approval*).
- Black skirts/skorts you already owned as of 3/1/25 that are twill, A-line, no outside pockets, and mid-thigh or longer can be worn (*requires school office approval*).

## \*\*\*SPECIAL NOTE ABOUT UNIFORMS\*\*\*

It is very important that both students and parents understand the guidelines on pages 11-14 in the student handbook. Students that are not adhering to proper uniform guidelines will be sent to the school office to wait for a parent or family member to bring them proper uniform attire.

### SA JR. HIGH STUDENT SUPPLY LIST - 2025/26

## General Items Needed: (these will be given to homeroom teachers)

- Student planner will be provided by the school & a Chromebook will be assigned by the school
- Earbuds (used with Chromebooks) \*\*ESSENTIAL ITEM!\*\*
- 1 pair of scissors
- Ruler
- One 3 pack of Clorox/Lysol wipes
- 3 boxes of tissues
- 3 rolls of paper towels
- 1 bottle of hand sanitizer

## **Language Arts Items Needed:**

- 24 #2 pencils (pre sharpened if possible) or 24 mechanical pencils (you will need to supply your own lead refills)
- folders (2 pocket) (8th graders will need 2 folders, one for LA and one for Religion)
- 1 spiral notebook (8th graders will need 2 folders, one for LA and one for Religion)
- 1 package of colored dry erase Expo markers (any color)
- 1 package of lined index cards (3x5 cards)
- 2 highlighters (any color)
- 2 red pens
- 1 package of college-ruled loose leaf writing paper

## **History & Science Items Needed:**

- Black, Blue and Green/Purple pens (2 each)
- 24 pack of pencils for each student
- 4 highlighters
- Pencil erasers
- 3 notebooks of your choice (*spiral*)
- 1 pack of markers
- 1 pack of 24 count colored pencils
- 1 package of wet wipes (science is fun and sometimes messy)
- College-ruled loose leaf writing paper

## **Math Items Needed:**

- 1 spiral College-ruled notebook (7th graders will need 2; one for Math and one for Religion)
- 1 Homework folder (7th graders will need 2; one for Math and one for Religion)
- 1 pack of No. 2 pencils
- 1 white hi-polymer eraser

### **LOCKERS**

6<sup>TH</sup> – 8<sup>TH</sup> grade students will be assigned a locker. It is highly recommended that students bring a combination lock for their locker. Either a spare key or the combination for the lock that they bring will need to be shared with the teacher. Students may decorate their locker, but **NO STICKERS ARE ALLOWED.** Magnets are fine. Students will have 5 minutes between classes to get the necessary items from their lockers.

## **TECHNOLOGY**

Our St. Anthony Jr. High program is highly integrated with technology. Thanks to our Parent Involvement Program (*P.I.P.*), we have a 1:1 ratio of students to Chromebooks. Each student will be assigned a Chromebook and will be responsible for that Chromebook for the entire school year. Students are responsible for any damage to the Chromebooks. We will continue to refine our use of the Google Apps for Schools environment where students will be able to email, work, and save/share documents in a Cloud system. Students will participate in a code of ethics and online safety class at the beginning of the school year.

### **COMMUNICATION**

Communication is essential for a productive and successful school year. It is very important that parents & guardians have an open line of communication with the teachers. If you ever have a concern or issue, please contact the teacher directly and work it out. Our teachers are highly qualified educators and can work with you through any issue that may arise. Only in a situation where the teacher and the parent cannot work out an issue, should the principal be contacted. The principal is the final authority in all matters. St. Anthony School uses the Gradelink system for student management including attendance, grades, assignments, billing, and general communications through email and text. It is very important that all parents and guardians use the Gradelink system often and continually monitor their child's progress. If you don't have your login information for Gradelink, please contact the office and we can give it to you. Again, effective communication is key for a productive and successful school year.

## **HISTORY & SCIENCE**

Jr. High students will be studying History and Science with Mrs. Burchett this year. She will be teaching History the 1st semester and Science the 2nd semester. We are blessed to be using the **Catholic Textbook Project** curriculum for both History & Science this year. This curriculum provides students with high-quality textbooks that incorporate a Catholic world-view. We also have guest speakers Bob Higgins & Fr. Dan Kassis who will visit to deliver Catholic worldview enriched lessons on certain topics like the Reformation.

A NOTE ON CRITICAL RACE THEORY (CRT): Dangerous political fads are NO SUBSTITUTE FOR THE TIMELESS WISDOM OF CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING! As Critical Race Theory and other "woke" ideologies sweep into public education, we must draw a line in the sand to keep these harmful lies away

from our children. We must clarify our mission as a Catholic school and continue to embrace the entirety of Catholic doctrine focusing on the powerful simplicity of the commandment to "love one another as I have loved you".

## **WASHINGTON D.C. - 7TH & 8TH GRADES**

This year our 7th & 8th grade students will be taking a trip to Washington D.C. The dates of the trip are tentatively set for May 2nd - 8th. The cost of the trip will be approximately \$1400 each. We will have more information in October once we start to look at travel & hotel costs. There will be numerous fundraising opportunities for students to raise the money for their trip. We have never had a single student not be able to attend because of finances, but we need all students & their families committed to doing everything they can to raise the funds.

#### TEACHER CONTACTS

If you have any questions, please let us know. Feel free to contact us at:

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