



SEPTEMBER NEWS

Mrs. Maria Giggie, Principal

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WELCOME to the 2011-2012 academic year! We are off to a great start. During the past few weeks, work, to renovate the front of the building, was begun. A new door and windows are being installed on the first floor, in the front of the school.

This is only the first step. Over time, we plan to replace all of the windows in the school, update the heating system, kitchen, cafeteria and make some changes in and around the school building. As we move forward with the renovation, more information will be made available. It will outline how and when the work to be done will be carried out.

GREEN INITIATIVE

This year, we are going "Green" so our SAS monthly newsletters, starting in October, will be emailed. If you would like a hard copy, you can pick one up at the school office.

Please make sure that we have your current contact information. If you are new to the school, or if you have made a change and/or would like to add another email, just complete the enclosed contact form.

FACULTY/STAFF

Please join me in welcoming our new staff members:

Ms. Felicia Lipari	Grade 4
Ms. Alessondra Anzano	Grade 5
Ms. Alexandra Prizio	Grade 6
Ms. Danielle Mosher	Grade 7
Ms. Christina Vasquez	Gym

FIRST WEEK OF SCHOOL

On Tuesday, August 30, through Thursday, September 1, dismissal will be at 12:00, for all grades. Our regular full day session will begin on Tuesday, September 6.

St. Anthony School will be closed Sept. 2-5, for Labor Day.

MORNING LINES

During the first three days of school, weather permitting, students will line up, by grade level, in the schoolyard. However, starting Tuesday, September 6, students, in grades K-8, will line up downstairs, in the school hall. Students can enter through the side entrance, on Tufts Avenue, which will be opened at 7:45a.m. Our staff will be in the school hall to supervise the children.



DISMISSAL

It varies according to grade.

Full Day Preschool..... 2:00 pm (Same as drop off)
Kindergarten.....2:05 pm (Side door/church side)

Students will be dismissed from the rear side entrance, on Tufts Avenue.

Grades 1-4.....2:10 p.m.
Grades 5-8.....2:15 p.m.

OPENING LITURGY

Father Dominic will celebrate the liturgy to mark the opening of our school year on Friday, September 9, at 8:30a.m. **Please join us for**



this special celebration.

FORMS

Attached please find several forms that need to be completed and returned to school by Tuesday, September 6.

- Emergency Cards (2 per child) – Both cards must be completely and accurately filled out. Please print. In case of an emergency, the school will utilize the provided information to reach you. **It is very important to list two additional contacts, in case you cannot be reached.**
- Lunch Form – The application for free/reduced lunch must be completely filled out in order for your child to qualify for the program. Please fill out the form even if your child does not get lunch every day. Our school is able to get government funding based on how many students are eligible for the program. Therefore, the more people apply for it, the more funding will be available.
- Contact Form – Please complete it **ONLY** if you are new to the school or if your home/cell phone number(s) and/or email have changed since June. The school utilizes an automated phone system (IRIS) throughout the year to send school related information and to contact parents. Therefore, it is very important that the information we have in our system is current.

PARKING

Traffic around the school can be a challenge. Therefore, to make things easier for everyone, PLEASE do not stop in the middle of the street to drop off/pick up your child/ren. We want to make sure all of our students are safe, so your cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Please do not block/park in our neighbors' driveways; your car might get towed. Keep in mind that the City of Everett does street cleaning from April 1 through November 30. Therefore, cars parked on the wrong side of the street will be ticketed and/or towed. Please check posted sign for dates and times.

CHILDREN'S SAFETY

Starting this year, as mandated by the *Archdiocese of Boston*, any parent who plans to volunteer/coach/chaperone must be trained in the VIRTUS program, "Protecting God's Children." Deacon Thomas Marchant will be in charge of the training. There will be two sessions available, one on Sept. 21, the other on Sept. 28. Both sessions will begin 7:00pm and will be held in the rectory hall. Information about registering for the program will be made available at our Open House. If you cannot attend either session, please visit <http://www.bostoncatholic.org/PGCTrainingSchedule.aspxfor>, for a list of additional dates and locations.

Along with the attending the program, volunteers/coaches/chaperones will be required to fill out a CORI form, which is available at the school office. A valid form of ID is needed to properly complete the application. Only those parents who have participated in the PCG program and whose CORI forms have been processed will be allowed to volunteer/coach/chaperone. **No exceptions will be made.**

OPEN HOUSE

On Wednesday, September 14, you are invited to visit your child's classroom for an informative presentation. Academic expectations, learning outcomes, classroom rules and assessment will be outlined and discussed. Your participation is greatly encouraged.

There will be two sessions. The information presented will be the same, so you can attend either one. However, if you arrive late, please wait for the second session.

- **Session 1** 6:30pm – 7:00pm
- **Session 2** 7:15pm – 7:45pm



TUITION

Tuition must be up to date to ensure your child's attendance at St. Anthony School. Timely payments make it possible for the school to meet all of its financial obligations and to be fiscally sound.

If the school does not receive tuition payments for two consecutive months, your child/ren will not be able to attend, unless the financial obligation to the school has been resolved. If you have any questions concerning tuition, please call the school office.

SCHOOL SAFETY

To ensure everyone's safety, St. Anthony's doors are kept locked at all times. Parents/visitors, who wish to enter our school, must ring the bell next to the front door to gain admittance to the building.



Everyone **MUST** report to the office. Your cooperation and support is greatly appreciated.

PARENT/SCHOOL COMMUNICATION

To keep parents informed about school's activities and events, a monthly newsletter is published throughout the school year. School notices/relevant information are also emailed/sent home at the beginning of each month and on as needed basis. If you have more than one child enrolled at our school, notices will be given to the oldest.

Please take time to read over what we send /email, so you can stay current with what is happening at the school. You can also check our website, www.saseverett.com, for important information and updates.

UNIFORMS

Students are required to be in full uniform at all times. Infraction of our school's *Dress Code* will result in detention. Uniforms are an extension of our school and represent our spirit and attitude toward learning; therefore, your cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated. *Summer uniforms may be worn until the Friday before Columbus Day.*

If you have any questions about uniforms, please call the school office. Uniforms may be purchased at *Collegiate House* in Medford.

SCHOOL BREAKFAST

It is a free program offered by the City of Everett.



It is served to students in grades 1-8, from 7:30 to 7:45 a.m. Students can come in through the kitchen door; the entrance is accessible from Oakes Street.

Students who participate in the program are expected to have breakfast. They should also arrive on time, since the side door to the kitchen will be closed at 7:35. Once breakfast is over, students will remain in the school hall until school starts at 8:00 a.m.

SCHOOL LUNCH

It will start on the first full day of school, Tuesday, September 6. Please refer to the monthly menu for the daily selections.

Children should bring in the correct amount of money, since change is not easily available to the teachers.

<u>Full Price Lunch</u>	\$2.00
<u>Reduced Price Lunch</u>	\$0.40
<u>Milk</u>	\$0.50

BEFORE/AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS

They are available throughout the academic year, when school is in session. The programs offer a social and academic setting, while providing a safe, nurturing environment for your child/ren. **This year, the *Before and After School Programs* will start on the first day of school, Tuesday, August 30.**

The ASP will continue to offer special activities to our students. Please refer to the attached *ASP* handout; it outlines the various clubs which will be offered throughout the year. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Carlisle at scarlisle@saseverett.com

PARENT/TEACHER ORGANIZATION

St. Anthony's is blessed to have a very committed group of parents who volunteer their time and energy to be in charge of our school's PTO. Our officers, along with parents, work hard to organize all of the events and fundraising for our school.

This year, the following officers have been elected:

Mrs. Cynthia Gagne*President*
Mrs. Sheila McCulloch*Vice President*
Mrs. Marguerite Mastrocola *Treasurer*

Every family is asked to join the SAS PTO. Yearly fee is \$15.

COUPON BOOK SALE

Our PTO is kicking off the year with a great fundraiser, *Coupon Saving Books*. Coupons can be redeemed at many of the local businesses and are a great value. They are a win-win combination for our parents and the school. The cost of each book is \$25; however, you will be able to save that and more when you use the coupons. Please refer to the enclosed letter by the PTO for more details.

GYM

Classes, for all of the students, will begin the week of September 12. Students in grades K – 4, will have gym on Tuesday. Students in grades 5 – 8, will have gym on Thursday.

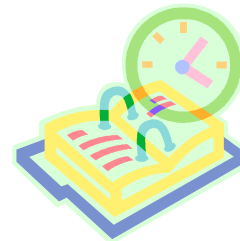
All of the students are required to have the appropriate gym uniform. Nylon pants and cut off sweat pants are NOT allowed.

BOOKS/LIBRARY

As part of our on-going *Donation Program*, new books may be donated to our school library to mark a special birthday, an anniversary, birth, etc. Your donation will benefit all of our students.



If you have any questions, please contact our school librarian, Mrs. Eileen Parven.



IMPORTANT DATES

Aug. 30-Sept. 1----- Early Dismissal, 12:00
Sept. 2-5-----NO SCHOOL
September 6-----Full Days begin
September 9----- Opening Liturgy, 8:30am
September 14-----Open House
 1st Session 6:30 – 7:00pm
 2nd Session 7:15 – 7:45pm
September 21-----VIRTUS Training,
September 28-----VIRTUS Training
 7:00pm, Rectory Hall

October 7----- Early Dismissal, 12:00
October 10-----**NO SCHOOL**
 Columbus Day