



BEAR FACTS



September 30, 2026

Mark Your Calendars

PTO Meeting @ 6:30pm in Cafeteria
October 14

Picture Retake Day
October 16

Stewardship Friday
October 16

Spirit Wear Day
October 16

Rosary for 7th & 8th Grade
October 22

Walk-a-thon
October 23

Trunk or Treat
October 24

Red Ribbon Week
October 26-30

Halloween Party
October 30

Providence Art Projects - 4th Grade
November 5

5th & 6th Parent/Grandparent Mass @ 9am
November 12

Providence STREAM Visit - 5th grade
November 18

Stewardship Friday
November 20

Spirit Wear
November 24

Thanksgiving Break
November 25-27

Dear God,

Thank You for the opportunity to begin again. Thank You for the time we have had to rest, reconnect, and enjoy our families.

As we return to school, help us approach each day with open minds, hopeful hearts, and a willingness to do our best. When we make mistakes, remind us that we can learn from them. When we face challenges, give us courage. When we have disagreements, help us choose forgiveness and understanding.

Bless our students, families, teachers, and staff as we begin this next chapter of our school year. Help us encourage one another, celebrate one another's progress, and remember that we are all works in progress, growing in Your love.

May this week be filled with renewed energy, joyful learning, and opportunities to show kindness.

A Fresh Start

Welcome back, St. Anthony families! We hope everyone enjoyed a restful and refreshing fall break. As we return to our school routines, this is a wonderful opportunity to remember that every new day brings a fresh start.

Sometimes we return feeling refreshed and ready to go, and other times it takes a little while to get back into the swing of things. Wherever we find ourselves, we can choose to begin again- with a positive attitude, a willingness to learn, and a kind heart toward others.

At St. Anthony's, we want our students to understand that they don't have to be perfect to make progress. If yesterday was difficult, today is another chance to try. If a friendship needs mending, we can take a step toward reconciliation. If something feels challenging, we can approach it with courage and ask for help.

As parents and educators, we can remind our children that God is always with us, guiding us and giving us the grace to begin again.

As we start this new week, let's give ourselves and one another the gift of a fresh start!



SCHOOL NEWS



Praying the Rosary

On Thursday, October 22nd, 7th and 8th grade students will spend time praying the rosary together. Your students don't have to wait until their assigned time to pray the rosary. You can use the image below to help you and your children pray the rosary any time.

1. On the crucifix, make the sign of the cross and then pray the Apostles' Creed.

2. On the first large bead, pray the Our Father.

3. Pray the Hail Mary on the following three small beads.

4. On the chain before the next bead, pray the Glory Be.

5. On the large bead, meditate on the first mystery and pray the Our Father.

6. Pray a Hail Mary on each of the 10 smaller beads.

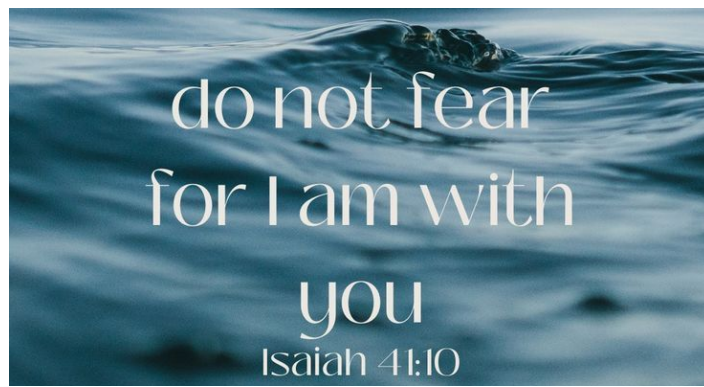
7. On the chain before the next decade, pray the Glory Be & The Fatima Prayer.

8. Repeat each decade (steps 5, 6 & 7) starting with the Our Father until you reach the medal in the center.

9. Finish by praying the Hail, Holy Queen and closing prayer.

The Holy Rosary For Kids

www.TheCatholicKid.com



Dear St. Anthony Families,

It always amazes me what memories the brain holds on to. Some thoughts seem so silly or insignificant, yet, just like a catchy jingle that you can't get out of your head, they pop up at the most random times. This week, as I was walking down the hallway, I was reminded of a family vacation when I was around four.

My mom's side of the family always vacationed together every June. That particular year, we rented a house on the beach in Florida. My brother and I shared a room. As we tried to fall asleep, my family laughed and talked loudly in the kitchen. My older brother whined and said, "I wish they would just stop talking so I could fall asleep. Jess, will you ask them to be quiet?" I remember standing up tall, taking a deep breath in, and bravely walking into the kitchen.

I walked up to my family and said, "Can you stop talking? We are trying to sleep!" My Uncle Dave, without even a moment of hesitation, responded, "Why don't you stop sleeping? We are trying to talk!" My family laughed hysterically. Immediately, my cheeks flushed a deep red. I felt the heat rise with every breath. My stomach twisted into knots. It felt like a spotlight had been turned on me, and my confidence melted like ice. Needless to say, I was so embarrassed I wanted to disappear. I remember turning around without saying a word, walking back into the bedroom, and telling my brother, "Put a pillow over your ears because they are definitely not going to stop talking." That's the first time I remember feeling embarrassed.

In kindergarten, I had my first wiggly tooth. Back in the early '90s, I only had to attend kindergarten in the afternoon. (I miss that). My aunt tried all morning to pull my tooth out with no luck, so when I sat in my tiny kindergarten chair that afternoon, I pulled and twisted that sucker every chance I got. As my teacher read aloud a story, I twisted my tooth so hard it made a massive popping sound. (In all seriousness, I have no idea what happened! That is the only time I have ever heard a sound like that in my life.)

My teacher, Mrs. Bennett, stopped reading, and before I could blink, the entire kindergarten class turned and stared at me wide-eyed. In that moment, I felt so embarrassed that it was like a blanket of heat covered me. My ears burned. My heart felt like it was going to thump out of my chest. Mrs. Bennett told me to go to the water fountain and rinse my mouth. Next to the water fountain was a door to the playground, and it took everything in my five-year-old body not to run for it. I remember walking back to the classroom as slowly as I could and standing outside the classroom door, trying to build up the bravery to walk back in- embarrassment at its finest.



In the 7th grade, my school had a Slush Puppie slushy machine in the center of the lunchroom filled to the brim with strawberry slushy. I recall the day I finally felt brave enough to walk through the lunchroom to get one. When I pulled the lever, something malfunctioned (or I was just a total idiot, who knows?) and red, sticky slushy flew out of that machine at a speed of at least 75 miles per hour and covered my entire body from head to toe. I stood there frozen for way too long while laughter filled the lunchroom. I instantly felt clammy. I wanted to disappear. I had a rush of self-consciousness and ran out of the lunchroom as fast as my sticky little body would allow. (Fun fact: Ever since that day, I break out into an immediate cold sweat whenever I see a strawberry slushy. Please don't test that out- I promise it's true.)

Isaiah 41:10 states, "Do not fear for I am with you." This verse offers reassurance and strength from God. The meaning centers on God's promise to be a constant, powerful, and supportive presence, capable of overcoming any fear, embarrassment, or hardship. This verse encourages us to trust God's presence, rely on His strength, find comfort in His character, and remember that when we feel overwhelmed by embarrassment, God is with us, offering strength and support. How lucky are we?

I recall very vividly, after each of these embarrassing moments, lying in bed, mortified at the thought of a new day. From as early as four, I thought I would never recover from the feeling of embarrassment. At four years old, as my brother snored away in the bed next to me, I stared at the ceiling wide-eyed, wondering how I would ever persevere past that moment of shame. In kindergarten, I knew there was no way I would ever be able to show my face at afternoon kindergarten again, and in seventh grade, I begged my parents to homeschool me. I'd find myself praying about my desperate need for a new life before eventually falling asleep. Somehow, eventually, the feeling of embarrassment always faded away, but my relationship with God through prayer always remained.

When was the last time you felt embarrassed? Was God a part of your recovery plan? How can you help your children rely on God during times when their world feels like it is undoubtedly going to end because of embarrassment?

As we continue another week together, know you and your children are in my prayers to feel God's reassurance and powerful presence exactly when you need it most. If there is anything I can do for you or your children, please be in touch.

With embarrassing stories on my mind (why do I do this to myself), gratitude for God's continual supportive presence (especially when I make a fool out of myself), and zero desire for a strawberry slushie (my palms are sweating just thinking about it- I'm not even kidding),

Ms. Jessica Young, Principal



Donate
Here!

SAINT
ANTHONY
OF PADUA CATHOLIC SCHOOL

St. Anthony School

WALK-A-THON

Friday, October 23rd



GOAL: \$20,000

Help us finish the playground and paint the school!

You can **GIVE** at <https://app.99pledges.com/fund/stanthony2026>, **SHARE** your child's fundraising link with others, or **BOTH**!

Thank you for your involvement and investment in our school. This is a great opportunity for all students to participate in a high-energy event, show school spirit, and help make a difference!

- All students who receive at least \$50 in donations will receive an out-of-uniform pass
- All families that receive at least \$100 in donations will receive a pajama day or an out-of-uniform pass, and they can wear slippers or Crocs to school
- All families that receive at least \$200 in donations will receive an ice cream party with Ms. Young
- The top classroom will receive a pizza party and a movie
- The top five families will have a special lunch with Ms. Young
- If the school receives \$20,000 or more, the entire school will receive a special surprise



St. Anthony School

WALK-A-THON

FUNDRAISER

OUR GOAL:
\$20,000

Thank You!

Your support and generosity
make a big difference for our
students and our school!

Your donations will help us:

100%

90%

80%

70%

60%

50%

40%

30%

20%

10%

\$6,544
raised so far!



Complete our
playground with a
spiral slide and mulch.



Paint our hallways
and classrooms.



You can continue to help us
until

Sunday, October 25th!

Use the website below to make a donation:

[https://app.99pledges.com/
fund/stanthony2026](https://app.99pledges.com/fund/stanthony2026)

Thank you for being part of
our St. Anthony family!

That's
33%!





SCHOOL NEWS



Get ready for a SPOOKTACULAR night of fun, friends, costumes & CANDY!

Come fill those candy buckets, show off your best costume, and enjoy a night of Halloween fun with our SAS family!

PTO SPONSORED

TRUNK OR TREAT

JOIN THE SPOOKY FUN.



October 24, 2026



6:00 PM - 7:30 PM



School Parking Lot



Chili, Snacks, and Drinks
will be available for
purchase



SCAN THE QR CODE TO HOST
A TRUNK OR DONATE CANDY





SCHOOL NEWS



Prepárate para una noche espeluznante llena de diversión, tiempo con los amigos, disfraces y dulces.

Ven a llenar esas calabazas de dulces, muestra tu mejor disfraz y disfruta una noche de Halloween con las otras familias de la escuela de St. Anthony.

Este evento es patrocinado por la Organización de Padres de la Escuela.

PATROCINADO POR LA ORGANIZACION DE PADRES

TRUNK OR TREAT

¡ÚNETE A LA
DIVERSIÓN ESPELUZNANTE!



Sabado 24 de Octubre



6:00 PM - 7:30 PM



*en el Estacionamiento
de la escuela*



*tendremos Chili, botanas,
y bebidas a la venta*



ESCANEE EL CODIGO QR PARA
APUNTARSE A DECORAR SU CARRO O
DONAR DULCES





Mark your
CALENDAR:

Book Fair

COMING!



Shop

OCTOBER 20

and **OCTOBER 22**

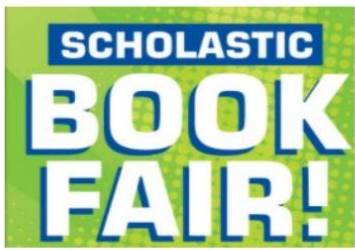


Book Fair

will also be open
during

TRUNK OR TREAT
on **OCTOBER 24.**





Here is our school Book Fair website
<https://www.scholastic.com/bf/stanthonysschool15>



The book fair will be open during school OCTOBER 20 and OCTOBER 22. Families may also shop during the Trunk or Treat on October 24.

Payment types- eWallet, Cash, check, credit/debit

Online shopping also available. Share the site above with friends and family. Any books that are ordered on-line will get delivered to your house.

Book Fair Flyer going home today. Please note price in flyer does **NOT** include tax. You will need to add 7% tax to the total.

Check out the virtual flyer on the website or for Author Videos about some of the books.

Students may also make a wish list during school -Parents/Guardians talk with your student about their wish list and decide what your student can or cannot purchase.

**Check the book fair website link for more information and to set up your eWallet
At the end of the fair eWallets with less than \$0.80 will be donated to the Share the Fair Program.**

Students can bring their payment type to shop during their Special Area time.

Please make sure money is in a bag or envelope and labeled for book fair.

All checks should be made out to St. Anthony School

If possible use the eWallet. No need to print anything we can pull the info up on the Scholastic register. Just make sure your student knows that you set up an eWallet.



With each purchase you are helping us grow our School and classroom libraries.
From Scholastic the school will get 55% of the book fair sales.
This helps us buy more books that your students want to read.



Dear Parents and Families,

Our class is collecting funds for our Share the Fair program. By donating \$1 or any loose change, you help us to:

- purchase books for classroom libraries
- give more children greater access to books
- help get more kids reading, and kids reading more

- Penny, Nickel, and Dime Monday (10-19)
- Quarter and Any Money Tuesday (10-20)

Please send your donation to school with your child between Monday, October 19th and Tuesday, October 20th.

Please make sure student knows the difference between Share the Fair donation and money they can spend at the book fair.

- Students will give donations to their teacher in the morning.
- The Class that collects the highest overall total will get to pick out books for their classroom library to buy. The winning class will also win a Popsicle party.

Your act of kindness helps to bring more knowledge, imagination, and love for reading into the lives of our students.

THANK YOU!

If you have loose coins hiding under couch cushions, floor mats, in pants pockets, or the bottom of your bag, put them to good use by giving students more access to books they'll want to read!



Read Every Day. Lead a Better Life.

St. Anthony School's
Production of
Disney's

DARE
— to —
DREAM JR.

AUDITIONS!

Open to Grades 4-8



AUDITION DATES:

OCTOBER 26 & 27
AFTER SCHOOL



Full audition information
and sign ups will be available
in the music classroom
beginning **September 28.**



Access show information now by
(parents) joining the
SAS Theater Facebook page.

Dream ★ Perform ★ Shine



PARISH NEWS



¡ANUNCIO!
Misa en español
A partir del
25 de Octubre 1:00 pm
Cada domingo

 **St. Anthony
of Padua**
— PARISH —

316 N. Sherwood Ave., Clarksville, IN 47129

Nos complace y entusiasma anunciar que la parroquia de San Antonio de Padua comenzará a ofrecer una

**Misa en español a la
1:00 p. m., a partir del
domingo 25 de octubre, todos los domingos.**

Invitamos cordialmente a nuestros hermanos y hermanas de habla hispana a acompañarnos para unirnos en oración, adoración y comunidad. Por favor, ayúdenos a difundir la noticia entre familiares, amigos y vecinos que puedan estar interesados.

¡Todos son bienvenidos!

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We are pleased and excited to announce that St. Anthony of Padua Parish will begin offering a

**Spanish Mass at
1:00 PM starting on
Sunday, October 25.**

We warmly welcome our Spanish-speaking brothers and sisters to join us as we come together in prayer, worship, and fellowship. Please help us spread the word to family, friends, and neighbors who may be interested

All are welcome!



DEANERY NEWS



Our Lady of Providence High School invites prospective students and families to experience all that Providence has to offer at its annual **Open House** on **Sunday, November 8, from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.**

Visitors will learn more about Providence's:

- Rigorous Academic Programming
- Faith Formation
- Competitive Athletics
- Dual Credit & AP Courses
- Dynamic Fine Arts and Theatre Programs
- House Leadership System
- Financial Aid Opportunities & CHOICE Scholarships

Visitors will tour the campus, meet teachers and coaches, explore academic and extracurricular programs, and talk with current students about their experiences at Providence. As a special thanks for stopping by, all visiting 8th-grade students will receive a free Providence hoodie, and our younger visitors will receive a free Providence T-shirt.

Financial aid is available, and Providence does accept CHOICE scholarships, which are available to all Hoosiers of any income level.

To help us prepare for your visit, please RSVP for a time slot by going to our website or clicking this link:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1elrG2NSRMCYeiw4WqEKaTpwdAMbP0n1uvSsgnxOlaws/viewform?edit_requested=true

Come see what sets Providence apart and why generations of families have chosen to be Pioneers for Life.

Providence High School is located at 707 Providence Way, in Clarksville, IN. For more information, please contact Tara Schmelz at tschmelz@providencehigh.net.





DEANERY NEWS



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2026-27 PROVIDENCE ACADEMY GIRLS YOUTH BASKETBALL



All New Albany Academy Deanery girls are welcome to come be a part of the Girls Basketball Academy of Providence HS. Teams are composed of New Albany Deanery girls focusing on the fundamentals of team basketball and individual improvement. The season runs mid October and ends in February. Practices and games will usually be 2 nights per week.

If you are interested in being a part of the Providence Academy Basketball Program, we'd love to have you come be a part of the JOY at Providence! For more information contact Coach Stacy Pendleton.



**PROVIDENCE HIGH SCHOOL
LARKIN CENTER GYMNASIUM**
ENTER THROUGH FRONT DOORS

OCTOBER 18, 2026

GRADES 2 - 4 2-3:30

GRADES 5 - 6 3:30-5

GRADES 7- 8 5-6:30

PARENT MEETING IMMEDIATELY AFTER PRACTICE

**[CLICK HERE TO SIGN UP FOR TRYOUTS/MORE
INFORMATION:](#)**



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