St. Anthony School



# Bear Facts



## August 27, 2025



# Prayer



Heavenly Father, we pray for our students today. Fill them with Your Holy Spirit, that they may love one another with a selfless, Christ-like love. Grant them compassion, kindness, and the ability to forgive, reflecting Your grace even when it is difficult. Help them to show genuine care for others in their words and actions, seeing everyone as You see them. May their love be a powerful testament to Your truth, drawing others to You. In Jesus' name, Amen.



#### Mark Your Calendars

#### Walk A Thon Kick Off August 27

**Labor Day - NO School** September 1

# **Bear Nation BBQ**September 6 at 6:00

Walk A Thon September 12

#### Zesto Night September 17

8th Grade DC Trip

# September 17-19

**Stewardship Friday** September 19

Birthday Parties -June, July, August, September September 26



# Important Information



#### Monday, September 1

We will not have school on Monday, September 1st in observance of Labor Day. We wish all of you a safe and enjoyable three day weekend. We will see you back on Tuesday, September 2.

#### Choice Application

If you have not signed your Choice Paperwork, please make sure to stop by the office and do so ASAP. If you are not sure if you have signed or not, please call the front office. Thank you!

#### Free and Reduced Lunch

Don't forget to turn in a free and reduced lunch application for the 25-26 school year. This application must be turned in yearly. If you received a letter from school stating that you did not need to turn in an application, then your family has already been approved for free or reduced lunch. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Stephany Tucker.

#### **After School Care**

Just a friendly reminder, we are offering After School Care for our PreK-8th grade students. Mr. Andrew Hennessy is our director and he is really looking forward to growing our program. Our goal is to make it more accessible and more affordable for our families. We charge in 30 minute increments and if your child is not there, you do not have to pay. It is not necessary to register, your child can come to after care on any day. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out.

# St. Anthony After School Care Program



St. Anthony School is excited to offer After School Care to our families. Our After School Care Program is a safe, Christ-centered environment for students in PreK-8th Grade. Students will have the opportunity to learn and grow together.

We are working to get a payment app in place that will allow you to check your child in and out and to track payments. As for now, we will use paper sign in and out sheets and bills will be sent home, just like we do for lunch.

Please fill out the registration form for the After School Care Program.

https://forms.gle/oVAbYHaNjxsCLpHL7

#### Daily Procedure (Subject to Change)

Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays	Tuesdays and Thursdays
2:40-3:00: Snack and Settling	2:40-3:00: Snack and Settling
3:00-3:05: transition	3:00-3:05: transition
3:05-3:45: Free Play (Playground or Gym)	3:05-3:45: Free Play (Playground or Gym)
3:45-3:50: transition	3:45-3:50: transition
3:50-6:00: Individual Enrichment Activities	3:50-4:20: Group Project (Tues)
	Spiritual Time in Church (Thurs)
	4:20-4:25: transition
	4:25-6:00: Individual Enrichment Activities

#### General Procedures

After School Care students will be dismissed to the cafeteria when the bell rings.

#### Pick up and Sign out Procedure

Parents will enter through the cafeteria entrance located on the Playground side of the parking lot. You will need to ring the doorbell and an adult will answer the door. All parents are required to enter the building to pick up their student(s). Students will not be allowed to exit the building unattended.

#### **Pricing Information**

Our goal with our After School Care program is to be more flexible and more affordable for our families. We would like to charge in increments of 30 minutes in order to meet this goal. Below are the prices for our Program. It is \$2.50 for every 30 minutes, except for the last 20 minutes is \$1.50.

2:40-3:10	\$2.50 Per Child
3:10-3:40	\$5.00 Per Child
3:40-4:10	\$7.50 Per Child
4:10-4:40	\$10.00 Per Child
4:40-5:10	\$12.50 Per Child
5:10-5:40	\$15.00 Per Child
5:40-6:00	\$16.50 Per Child

#### Director of After School Care

Mr. Andrew Hennessy is the Director of our After School Care Program. He will also have an assistant in After School Care.



# School News



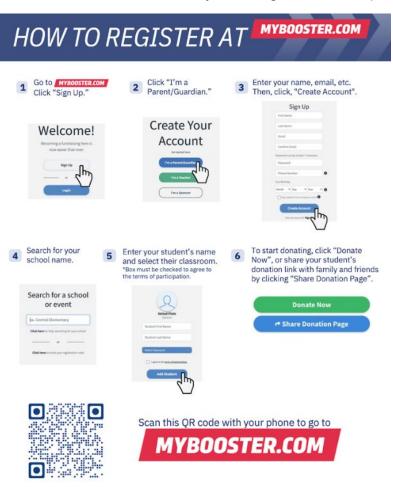
BOOSTER 5%

#### Walk A Thon

Our annual Walk A Thon will be held on Friday, September 12. We are so excited to again use the online giving provided by Boosterthon. Last year, we collected \$18,000 and our goal this year is \$20,000. This year we are earning money for new swings! The students love the new playground equipment, but we definitely are in need of new swings. Our Walk A Thon is also a great way to strengthen our school community!

Our school relies on fundraising to provide exceptional opportunities and a supportive atmosphere to enhance student learning. And this year, we have more needs, which means we need your support more than ever!

Please see the attached flyer for registration and prize details.





¡Gracias por apoyar a su escuela!

ST. ANTHONY SCHOOL'S

# Register before September 12th





# GOAL: \$20,000

HELP US REPLACE OUR PLAYGROUND SWINGS

REGISTER ON MYBOOSTER.COM. SHARE. & GIVE!

As a family, you can GIVE at MYBOOSTER.com, SHARE your student's fundraising link with others, or BOTH! If this is not the right time to financially give, we fully understand. Simply sharing about our fundraiser online IS supporting our fundraiser.

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

September 12th
Come cheer on
your student

SAVE THE DATE

- All students who register a MYBOOSTER.COM, will receive an out of uniform day
- · All families that receive at least \$50 in donations will receive an additional out of uniform day
- All families that receive at least \$100 in donations will receive a pajama day or out of uniform day and they can wear slippers or crocs in class.
- All families that receive at least \$200 in donations will receive ice cream party with Mrs.
   Tucker
- Top classroom will receive a pizza party and a movie
- Top 5 families will go out to lunch with Mrs. Tucker
- If the school collects \$20,000 or more, the entire school will have a slime making party!!



# School News



#### **RiverCity Workwear**

Don't forget that school sweatshirts and PE uniforms must be purchased through RiverCity Workwear. They also have some spirit wear available. Make sure to visit the store in New Albany or visit our online store.

https://www.rivercityworkwear.com/stanthonystore-external

4020 Earnings Way, New Albany, IN 47150

#### **Uniform Reminder**

- Khaki bottoms may only be worn by students in grades 5th 8th grade. Students in grades K-4th grade must wear navy bottoms.
- Socks must be white, navy, or black. They must be visible above the shoe.
- Skirts must be no more than 3 inches above the knee and should not be rolled.

#### Safe Parish

Safe Parish training at St. Anthony School/Parish in Clarksville, Indiana, is a mandatory program for all clergy, employees, and volunteers who work with children. This program, part of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis's Safe Environment Program, aims to educate participants on recognizing and reporting child abuse, including physical, emotional, and sexual abuse, as well as neglect. The training is crucial for ensuring the safety and well-being of children within the parish and school environment. This training is required of all individuals who work with our school children.

Safe Parish Registration www.Archindysafeparish.org New Users Select the Register button Passcode/ Organization Code: Archindy2021

#### **Volunteer Hours**

It is time to start tracking volunteer hours. Every family is required to submit 20 hours of service for the school year to our school and/or parish community. Please see the flyer in the Bear Facts. There is a link to the Google Tracking Form and this form can also be found on our website. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Tucker



### St. Anthony School Volunteer Hours 25-26

As we go through this year, we want to demonstrate the Holy Spirit's presence in our life by demonstrating the gifts of the spirit. Our focus this year is Service and Involvement. We want our families to be involved and volunteer throughout the year. When we volunteer, we demonstrate many of the gifts of the Holy Spirit:

- Love: Volunteering is driven by a genuine love for others and a desire to help
- Joy: Serving others can bring a deep sense of purpose and joy
- Peace: Engaging in acts of service can cultivate inner peace and tranquility
- Patience: Volunteering often requires patience in dealing with difficult situations, people, and delays, helping individuals to develop this virtue.
- Kindness & Goodness: Acts of service naturally involve showing kindness and goodness to those in need, without expecting anything in return.
- Faithfulness: Committing to volunteer work and consistently serving builds faithfulness and dedication
- Gentleness: Volunteering, especially when working with those in need encourages gentleness
- Self-control: Maintaining a focused and disciplined approach to tasks and interactions during volunteering develops self-control

Our goal is to have each family at SAS volunteer **20 hours** of their time throughout the year. This is an opportunity for your family to let the Holy Spirit guide you and demonstrate its gifts, while helping out our school community. We have many opportunities for you to volunteer, here are some examples:

- Attend Sunday Mass
- Participate in a spiritual event at St. Anthony Parish
- Serving or participating in the choir at Mass
- Work sporting events: coaching, concession stand, selling tickets
- Stewardship Friday Program
- Theater Production
- Fundraising Events
- Cafeteria Help
- After School Care Volunteers
- Room Parents
- PTO Meetings

We will be asking families to submit service hours as a tracking system. Please use the link below to track your service hours. While we shouldn't expect anything in return for our service, we are working on some rewards for completion of hours and for those families going above and beyond to help in our community. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Tucker.

Volunteer Hour Tracking Form

#### Escuela St. Anthony Horas de Voluntario 25-26

Durante el ciclo escolar nos gustaría mostrar la presencia del Espíritu Santo en nuestras vidas demostrando el regalo del Espíritu. Nuestro enfoque este ciclo escolar será el Servicio y Participación. Queremos que nuestras familias participen y sean voluntarios durante el ciclo escolar. Cuando nos ofrecemos como voluntarios, demostramos muchos de los regalos que nos ofrece el Espíritu Santo:

- Amor: Ser voluntario es impulsado por el amor genuino que tenemos por los demás y el deseo de ayudar.
- Gozo: Servir a los demás no trae mucho gozo.
- Paz: Involucrarse en actos de servicio puede cultivar paz interior y tranquilidad.
- Paciencia: Ser voluntario frecuentemente requiere que sea paciente lidiando con situaciones difíciles, personas, ayuda a las personas a desarrollar su virtud.
- Amabilidad y Bondad- los actos de servicio hacen que demuestre amabilidad y bondad a los que más lo necesitan, sin esperar nada a cambio.
- Fidelidad- El compromiso de trabajar como voluntario y servir constantemente construye fidelidad y dedicación.
- Dulzura- Ser voluntario, especialmente cuando se trabaja con los más necesitados promueve dulzura
- Control- Mantenerse enfocado y tener disciplina a una tarea y tener interacción al ser voluntario desarrolla control de sí mismo.

Nuestra meta es que cada familia de SAS se ofrezca como voluntario por **20 horas** durante el ciclo escolar. Está es una buena oportunidad para que su familia deje que el Espíritu Santo los guíe y demuestra los regalos que nos da ayudando a su comunidad escolar. Tenemos muchos oportunidades para que se ofrezca como voluntario, estos son solo unos ejemplos:

- Asistiendo a Misa
- Participando en eventos de la Iglesia de St. Anthony
- Sirviendo o participando en el Coro de la Iglesia
- Trabajando en eventos de deportes: siendo entrenador, vendiendo la comida o boletos
- Ayudando en el Programa de Stewardship los viernes
- Ayudando en la producción de la obra de teatro
- Ayudando a recaudar fondos
- Ayudando en la cafetería
- Ser voluntario en la guardería
- Ayudando en la clase de los niños
- Asistiendo a las juntas de la Organización de Padres de la Escuela

Les pedimos a las familias que llenen una forma para ir contando sus horas de servicio. Use el enlace de abajo para contar sus horas. No debemos esperar nada a cambio por nuestro servicio, pero si estamos trabajando en cómo recompensar a las familias que hacen más de lo que se espera de ellas y ayudan a la comunidad de la escuela. Si tiene alguna pregunta por favor comuniquese con Mrs. Tucker.



# School News



#### **Drop Off and Pick Up Reminders**

We have many new families joining our school this year, so this is a perfect time to go over how we do our morning drop off and afternoon pick up. Please see the diagrams attached. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call the school office for clarification.

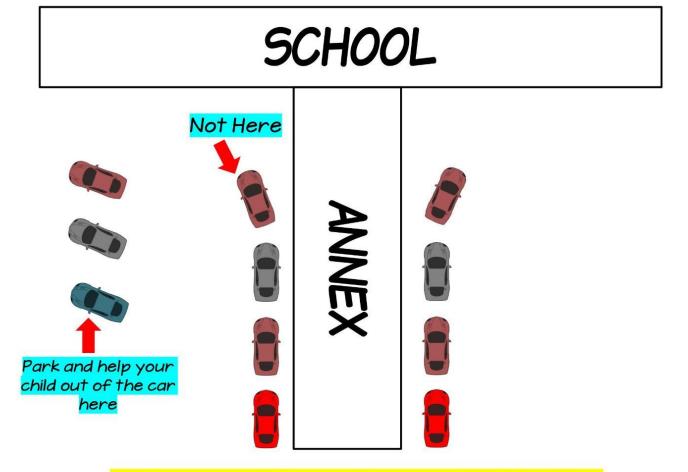
#### **Morning Drop Off**

- You may drop off your child on either side of the building regardless of grade level. Students are to come through the breezeway doors where they will be greeted by a faculty member.
- You MUST enter from Marshall Avenue, please do not enter from the front of the building off of Sherwood Ave.
- If you need to help your child out of the car and/or plan to walk them up to the breezeway doors, then you will
  need to park in an open parking spot before exiting your vehicle. DO NOT get out of your car in the car line.
- If you arrive after 7:50am, you will need to park out in the front of the building, walk your child into the building, then sign them in.
- If you are coming into the parking lot close to 7:50am to try and beat the bell, DO NOT just drop your child off and leave. It is imperative that you have made sure they made it it into the building. The doors will be locked at 7:50am, and we don't want any child stranded outside of the building unattended.

#### Afternoon Pick Up

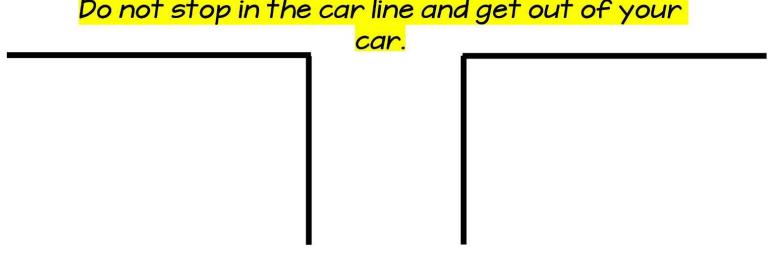
- Any family with their youngest child in grades K-2 will pick up their child(ren) on the left side of the Annex building (closest to the Parish gym)
- Any family with their youngest child in grade 3-8 will pick up their child(ren) on the right side of the Annex building (the side by the school playground)
- Dismissal is at 2:40pm. Teachers will be outside dismissing students and directing traffic. Anyone not picked up by 2:50pm will be taken to After School Care and there will be a fee for this. It is very important that you make plans to have your child picked up by 2:50pm.
- Parents are asked not to park on Sherwood Avenue and have students come out front to meet them, as this
  creates a safety concern for the children who walk home. If student walkers are picked up by a car repeatedly
  in the front of the building, they will be dismissed to the car line. Parents may then pick up their child from the
  car line.
- Make sure you are pulling into the lanes as far up as you can. Once a lane is full, you will need to pick a
  different lane. Do not block the entrance into the parking lot as this creates a bottleneck, and we can't get
  all the cars in to park in the lanes.

# Morning Drop-Off Reminder

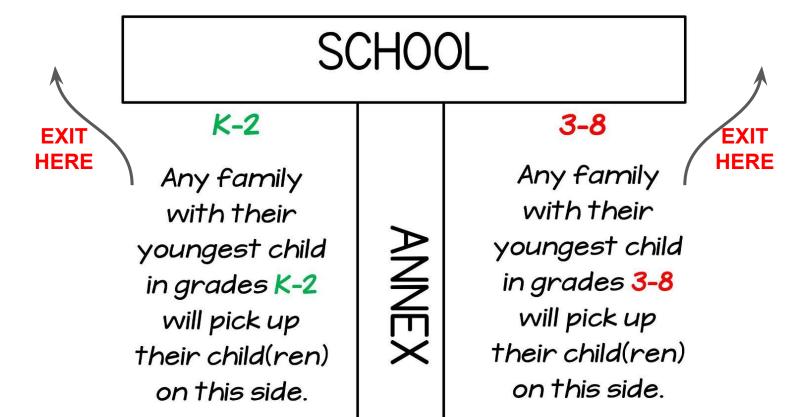


If you want to walk your child to the breezeway doors OR help them out of the car, you will need to park in a space.

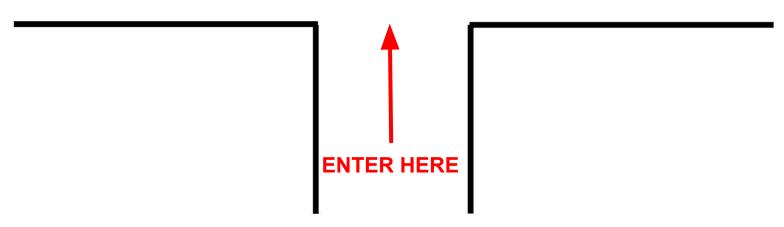
Do not stop in the car line and get out of your



# DISMISSAL INFORMATION



# DO NOT EXIT - THIS IS AN ENTRANCE ONLY



# Bear Nation PTO Monthly Calendar

August	Sontombor	Octobor
August	September	October
26th: PTO Meeting 6:30	6th: Bear Nation BBQ	18th: Trunk or Treat
27th: Walk A Thon Kick	12th: Walk A Thon	21st: PTO Meeting
	23rd: PTO Meeting 6:30	27th - 31st: Red Ribbon Week
	26th: B-day Parties	Red Ribboll Week
	J, J, A, S	31st: Halloween Parties
November	December	January
7th: Mother/Son Event	4th/5th: Secret Santa	16th: SAS Winterfest
18th: PTO Meeting	???: Christmas Program	20th: 100th Day of School PTO Meeting
	19th: Christmas Parties	-
	NO PTO Meeting	25th: SAS Open House
		26th-30th: Catholic Schools Week
		23rd: B-Day Parties O, N, D, J
February	March	April
7th: Reverse Raffle	24th: PTO Meeting	10th: B-day parties
13th: Daddy/Daughter Dance		F, M, A, M
13th: Valentine's Party		21st: PTO Meeting
17th: PTO Meeting		May
20th-22th: SAS Musical		4th-8th: Teacher Appreciation Week







# Family Corner





# Luke 14: 1,7-14

# 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 1. If you could have the best seats in the house, what would you choose: Superbowl, Musical, Symphony, Indy 500, or Royal Wedding?
- 2. How does Jesus' view of honor vary from that held by others at the meal?
- 3. What does this passage teach you about the differences between kingdom values vs. social values?
- 4. What does this passage tell you about Jesus' ability to observe your behavior?
- 5. If you threw a party for the poor, the crippled, the lame and the blind, who would you invite? How might you pull this party off?

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### Parish News





Mt. 4:19 "Follow me," he told them, "and I will make you fishers of people!"

#### 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time - Luke 14:7-14

Jesus' teaching today appears shrewd and even calculated as He explains wedding banquet protocol. If you are only a distant relative or friend of the bride & groom, then you should avoid seating yourself at the head table. Chances are someone will come by and inform you that you belong at the back of the banquet hall. How embarrassing it will be for you to reluctantly move to the back while everyone watches and stares! A wiser strategy would be to seat yourself first at the back. Then if by chance you are summoned to the head table, all the other guests will notice you and conclude that you must be very ahumbles himself will be exalted."

Many households offer a special seat of honor for guests in their home or a special plate to eat on. How do you honor guests when they visit your home? Admiring God's lavish love in creation all around us and rooted within the human person, we are all poor and insignificant by comparison. When we approach any gift from God with humbleness, all will be exalted. What humble gift can you offer your guest who may one day become a loyal friend or worse a rival enemy?

**Trivia:** Who is the Franciscan saint who is nicknamed the "Hammer of the Heretics"?

A. St. Francis of Assisi

B. St. Anthony Fassani

C. St. Anthony of Padua

D. St. Catherine of Siena

E. St. Augustine

Answer: C St. Anthony of Padua, affectionately known as the "Hammer of the Heretics," had a similar background and character to that of his contemporary, St. Dominic. Both friars came from a noble family, had an early desire to live religious life, and each forswore his wealth and status to follow Jesus more fully. Both Dominic and Anthony spent much of their time preaching to the Cathar heretics. Men recognized for their brilliance, they desired to preach for the salvation of souls. Although quite learned, the humility of both men often shone more brightly than their learning. So desirous to enter into a life of penance and prayer was St. Anthony that it seems his brethren assumed him to be of simple mind and only able to pray the breviary and Missal, despite his noble blood and powerful skill in learning and memory.

One account of the saint's life relates a tale of an ordination of some Franciscan and Dominican friars both, and at the gathering of the brethren the superiors desired that someone be designated to preach. Although the superiors had approached the Dominicans first, all of them declined claiming not to have

anything prepared. They then appointed St. Anthony to preach. Much to the surprise of all, since he had never before displayed his brilliance, he delivered a most astounding homily full of erudition and sublime doctrine. It was upon this occasion that his public career began.

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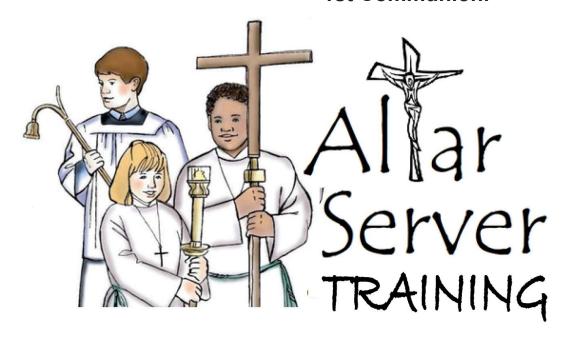




Friar John is in need of more servers, come be a part of a great group!

Reminder that servers will need to have been baptized and have made their

1st Communion.



September 13
10:00 am in
Church
Meet with
Friar John

Must have Sacraments of Baptism & 1st Communion







# Family Legacy Memorial Honor Your Family's Legacy

As we prepare to celebrate 175 years of faith and community, leave a lasting tribute to your family's life at St. Anthony Parish.

Don't miss this opportunity to honor your family or your parents or grandparents who brought your family into the St. Anthony faith community.



### Family Legacy Bricks will be available to purchase until December 7, 2025

With the Family Legacy Memorial to be dedicated in May, 2026.

Don't wait, secure your family's place in St. Anthony's history today! Celebrate our past. Inspire our Future.

Click the link to order yours online or print the form and turn it into the parish office along with payment.

**Click Here to Order** 

### **Parents and Guardians**

#### You can take advantage of our **Text Messaging Service**

Our school utilizes the SchoolMessenger system to deliver text messages, straight to your mobile phone with important information about events, school closings, safety alerts and more.\*

You can participate in this free service\* just by sending a text message of "Y" or "Yes" to our school's short code number, 67587.

You can also opt out of these messages at any time by simply replying to one of our messages with "Stop".



SchoolMessenger is compliant with the Student Privacy Pledge™, so you can rest assured that your information is safe and will never be given or sold to anyone.

### Opt-In from your mobile phone now!



Just send "Y" or "Yes" to 67587

#### formation on SMS text messaging and Short Codes:

SMS stands for Short Message Service and is commonly referred to as a "text message". Most cell phones support this type of text messaging. Our notification provider, SchoolMessenger, uses a true SMS protocol developed by the telecommunications industry specifically for mass text messaging, referred to as "short code" texting. This method is fast, secure and highly reliable because it is strictly regulated by the wireless carriers and only allows access to approved providers. If you've ever sent a text vote for a TV show to a number like 46999, you have used short code texting.

\*Terms and Conditions - Message frequency varies. Standard message and data rates may apply. Reply HELP for help. Text STOP to

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## **Padres v Tutores**

#### Ustedes pueden aprovechar nuestro Servicio de Mensajes de Texto

Nuestra escuela utiliza el sistema de SchoolMessenger para entregar mensajes de texto, directamente a su teléfono móvil con información importante sobre eventos, cierres de escuelas, alertas de seguridad y mucho más.

Usted puede participar en este servicio gratis\* con sólo enviar un mensaie de texto de "Y" o "Yes" al número de código corto de nuestra escuela, 67587.

También puede optar por no recibir estos mensajes en cualquier momento simplemente respondiendo a uno de nuestros mensajes con



SchoolMessenger es compatible con el Student Privacy Pledge™ (Compromiso Con La Privacidad de Los Estudiantes). Puede estar seguro que su información es segura y nunca será entregada o vendida a nadie.

#### Opte por recibir mensaies de texto en su teléfono móvil ahora!



Sólo tiene que enviar "Y" o "Yes" a 67587

#### Información sobre los mensajes de texto SMS y códigos cortos

SMS significa "servicio de mensajes cortos" y comúnmente se conoce como un "mensaje de texto". La mayoría de los teléfonos celulares son compatibles con este tipo de mensajes de texto. Nuestro proveedor de notificación, SchoolMessenger utiliza un cierto protocol SMS desarrollado por la industria de las telecomunicaciones especificamente para enviar mensajes de texto en masa, referido como mensajes de texto "código corto." Este método es rápido, seguro y muy conflable, y está estrictamente regulado por los proveedores de servicios inalámbricos y sólo permite el acceso a los proveedores aprobados. Si alguna vez ha enviado un voto de texto para un programa de televisión a un número como 46999, usted ha usado los mensajes de texto de código corto.

\*Términos y Condiciones -las frecuencias de los mensajes pueden varíar, mensajes y datos estándar pueden aplicar. Responda HELP para obtener ayuda. Texto STOP para cancelar. Los operadores móviles no son responsables por los mensajes retrasados o los que no se entregan... Mire schoolmessenger.com/txt para mas información.

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# Young Adult Ministry News



The Young Adult Team is hosting some football fun for everyone! Come watch some college games, including Notre Dame, and hang out with fellow parishioners and enjoy some Food Truck vendors on Saturday, Sept 27th, at noon. Bring your own cooler! This is a weekend when all local teams are on the road. All are welcome!!

