



# BEAR FACTS



**September 30, 2026**

## Mark Your Calendars

### **Early Dismissal - 1PM**

*September 30*

### **Parent Teacher Conferences**

*September 30*

### **E-Learning Day**

*October 1*

### **Parent Teacher Conferences**

*October 1*

### **Fall Break - NO SCHOOL**

*October 2 - October 9*

### **Rosary for 7th & 8th Grade**

*October 15*

### **Picture Retake Day**

*October 16*

### **Stewardship Friday**

*October 16*

### **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*

Dear God,

Thank You for the many blessings You give us each day.

Thank You for our families, our friends, our teachers, our school, and the people who care for us. Thank You for the moments of joy, the lessons we have learned, and even the challenges that help us grow.

As we prepare for a time of rest, help us slow down and appreciate the people and blessings around us. Give our families time to laugh, talk, pray, and enjoy one another.

Help us remember that even in ordinary moments, there is always something for which we can be grateful.

May our hearts be filled with gratitude for all You have given us, and may we carry that gratitude with us wherever we go. Amen.

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## **Pause & Give Thanks**

As we approach a well-deserved fall break, it is a good time to pause and reflect on all that we have to be thankful for.

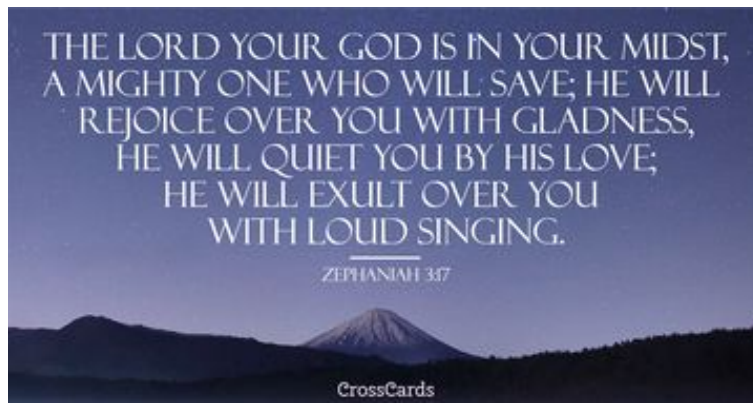
In the busyness of school, work, activities, practices, and everyday life, it can be easy to move from one thing to the next without stopping to notice the blessings right in front of us.

This week, we invite our St. Anthony families to slow down for a moment and notice the good things- our children, our families, our teachers, our friends, our faith, and the many people who make our school community special.

Gratitude doesn't mean that everything is perfect. It simply means taking time to recognize the good that God has placed in our lives.

As we head into fall break, we hope our families will find opportunities to rest, reconnect, laugh, enjoy one another, and give thanks.

May we never become too busy to notice our blessings.



Dear St. Anthony Families,

When I was in the second grade, my teacher, Mrs. Summers, had a Sparkling Speller spelling list. To become a Sparkling Speller, you had to score a 100% on your Monday morning spelling pretest. I would often revel in the dream of becoming a Sparkling Speller, but there was one problem: I was really bad at spelling. Week after week, I would write my name at the top of my lined paper and tell myself that this was the week I was going to be a Sparkling Speller, but week after week, I would fall flat and miss about half of the spelling words. That was, until one week in March.

For Lent that year, I had given up watching television. (I don't know what my parents were thinking, approving of that one, because they had 40 days of me never leaving them alone). One way my parents found a few moments of peace was to ask me to memorize spelling words from a Sight Word list my teacher had shared at conferences that fall. There I'd be, following my parents around, and after several minutes, my dad would go to the fridge, un-magnet the Sight Word list, hand it to me, and tell me to come back when I had memorized the spelling of three words. (Genius on his end, I must admit).

Well, one Monday morning, I wrote my name on my lined paper and tried my darndest to convince myself that this week was the week I was going to be a Sparkling Speller (By that point in the year, I was pretty sure it was never going to happen). That afternoon, I went to my classroom mailbox slot to retrieve my daily papers, and there I saw it: A shining silver star on the top of my spelling paper. I had done it! I gripped that paper with the might of a thousand men and ran to the car as fast as I could to show my mom what I had done. My mom squealed, "Jess, you did it! I'm so proud of you!"

That night at dinner, I was surprised by the "special glass," a family tradition in which my mom would bring out a Champagne flute and fill it with sweet tea whenever someone did something great. Whenever I held that glass, I was on cloud nine. I'd slowly sip sweet tea with my pinky in the air, beaming with pride at whatever good I had done. Anytime one of us got an A on a test or played well in a game, we would always ask if we could get the special glass. It was hard not to feel fancy sipping tea out of a Champagne flute.

That night, my mom tucked me in and told me how proud she was of me. I had never felt better. The next morning, I woke up to an envelope on my dresser. Inside was a blue greeting card that said, "Congratulations" in bold silver lettering on the front. Inside was a handwritten note from my mom. "Congratulations to my Sparkling Speller. I always knew you could do it, and I'm so glad you know that now, too. I love you."

Zephaniah 3:14-17 states, "The Lord, your God, is in your midst...He will rejoice over you with gladness." This prophecy of restoration commands God's people to rejoice because the Lord is a mighty warrior who saves. God forgives, restores, stays close, and delights in His people—and because of that, we can live without fear and with deep joy. This verse reminds us that God is not distant—He is with us. It shows us that God's love is active and joyful, not just passive. It invites us to move from fear to trust, and from shame to joy.

When I look back at that memory, I see God in my mom. She rejoiced in my success, which was just a small thing in the grand scheme of life. Her love was pure joy, and I enjoyed that more than being a Sparkling Speller in itself. (Now, what I didn't realize about Sparkling Spellers was that they got a challenge list of harder spelling words, and I was not a fan of that, but at least I got to experience the joy one time).

When was the last time you experienced true joy? How was God a part of that celebration with you? How can you help your children rely on God when they are in need of some joyful love?

As we conclude another week together, know that you and your children are in my prayers to feel God's overwhelming joy whenever you need it most. If there is anything I can do for you or your children, please let me know.

With sweet childhood memories on my mind, gratitude for God's continual rejoicing, and a mind full of Sparkling Speller spelling words,

Jessica Young, Principal





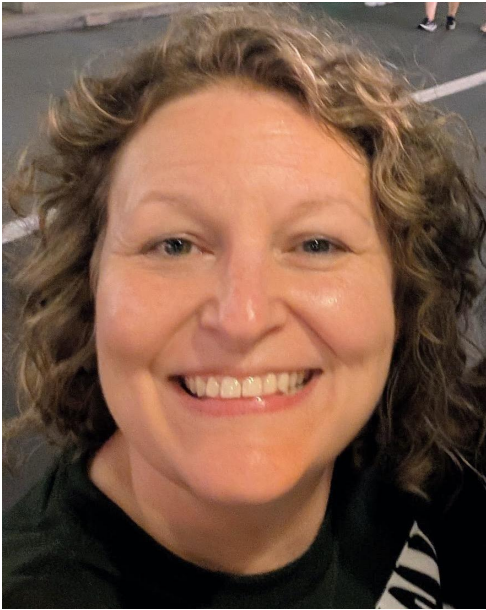
# ***SCHOOL NEWS***



## **Lunch Account Update**

All student lunch accounts have once again been combined into a family account. This means that when making a lunch account payment, you no longer need to make a separate payment for each child. One payment can now be applied to the family account.

## **Meet Our New Cafeteria Manager!**



We're excited to introduce Sly Holthouser, our new Cafeteria Manager at St. Anthony School!

Sly joined the SAS family last year and quickly jumped right in, lending a helping hand in the cafeteria and getting to know our students and staff. This year, she's excited to take on her new role and bring quality, nutritious, and delicious meals to our students each day.

Please join us in welcoming Sly to her new role! We're so happy to have her as part of the Bear Nation! 🐻💙💛



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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





# ***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!

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# **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*



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APUNTARSE A DECORAR SU CARRO O  
DONAR DULCES



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

Help support The Women On a Mission! Click the following link to get your order in before October 5th. <https://www.stanthony-clarksville.org/pons-order-form>



# Fundraiser



Back by popular demand - The Women on a Mission Committee is offering these beautiful Holy Family Nativity displays this Christmas. These displays convey the true meaning of Christmas...simply and peacefully. Made from all-weather pvc plastic material that will last for years. The proceeds from this fundraiser go to help the committee and their mission.

**Holy Family  
Set 1**



**Sale begins Sept. 19  
and ends Oct. 4, 2026  
This year we will be offering  
display extensions.  
Choose from 3 sets.**

**Shepherd & Wisemen  
Set 2**



**ONLY  
\$120<sup>ca.</sup>\***

**Animals, Angel and Drummer Boy  
Set 3**



- Looks stunning in any yard--daytime or nighttime
- Waterproof, resists mold and mildew, will not rot or delaminate
- Easy to Assemble design
- Assembled Display measures 48" tall x 50" wide
- Disassembles and Stores in the compact box it was shipped in
- Includes tie down stakes for outdoor use in windy weather
- Proudly precision manufactured in the USA.

**Orders will be taken after each Mass this weekend or fill out form and turn into Parish Office by deadline of October 5. Delivery by Thanksgiving.**

**\*A \$4.50 fee when using a credit card payment.**

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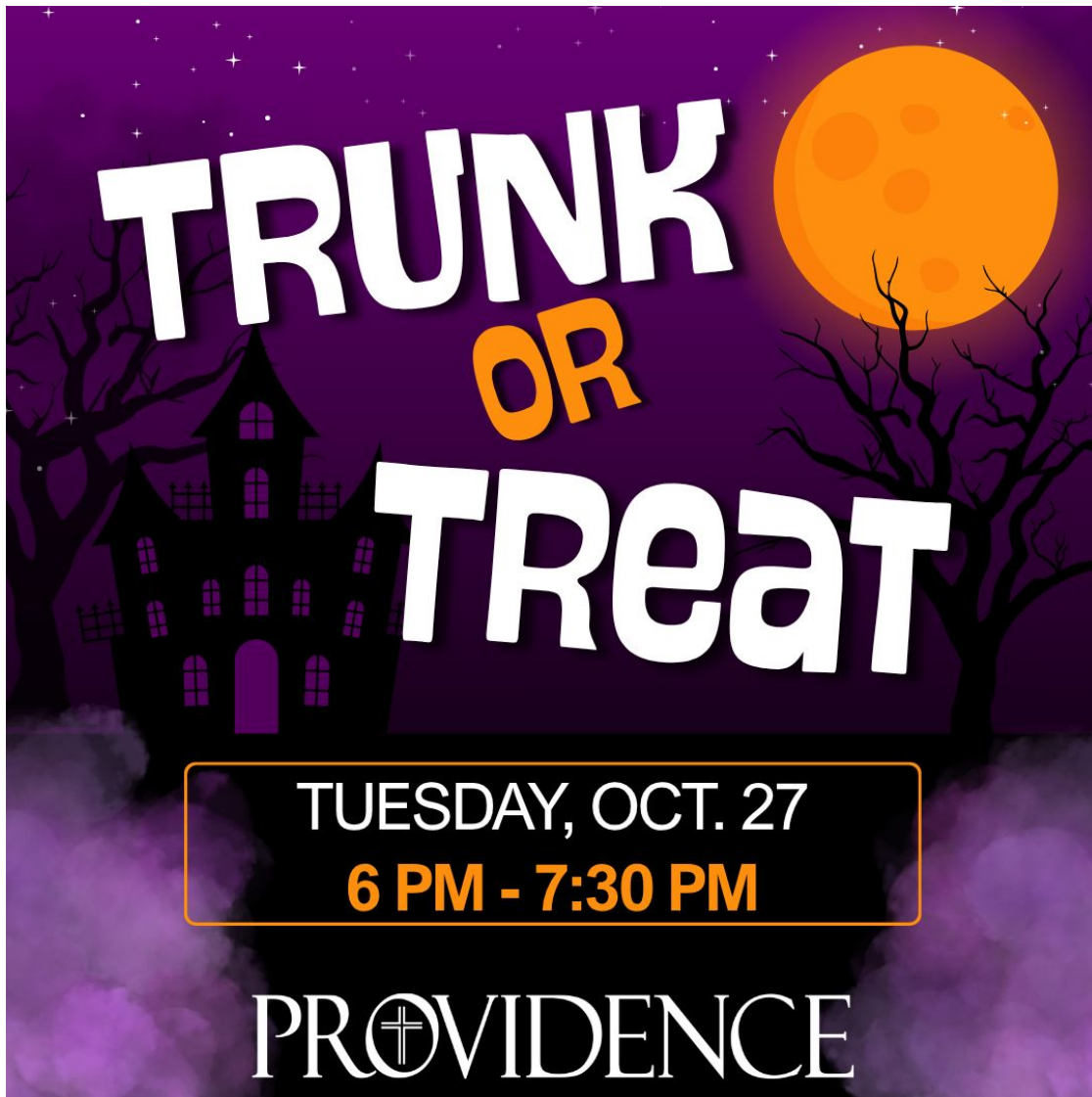
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# ***DEANERY NEWS***



New Albany Deanery students are invited to attend Our Lady of Providence High School's annual Trunk or Treat! This family-friendly event will feature trunks set up by local businesses, organizations, and Providence students.

The event will take place in the back parking lot of Providence, by Murphy Stadium.

If you would like to host a trunk, please contact Patty Belden at [pbelden@providencehigh.net](mailto:pbelden@providencehigh.net).