



Come Join Our Tradition!



ST. ANTHONY GRADE SCHOOL



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Mission Statement

Pressing on to the goal of service to the Lord by stretching our intellect, confirming our values, and living our faith. *-Philippians 3:14*

Academic Excellence

- Curriculum focused on reading, phonics, writing, math, science, art, humanities, and physical education
- Accelerated Reader (grades 1-8)
- Spanish Instruction (grades 6,7,8)
- Algebra 1 (advanced 8th graders)
- Learning Resource Teacher along with remedial programs and student tutoring
- Technology integrates a student-centered, project-based curriculum
- School library contains close to 10,000 volumes with computers for research

Facts

- Average class size of 21
- Teacher to Student ratio – 1:15 (state average 1:19)
- 1:1 iPad devices for all students (Grades 4-8)
- Over 15% of the student body are from communities outside of Effingham

Community

- Each student in grades 6-8 achieves an average of 9-15 hours of volunteer service each year
- Student Council provides community services
- Annual collections for Catholic Charities and other non-profit groups.
- Strong parental support and involvement is a rich St. Anthony tradition

Pups' Patch Preschool

- 3-year old class Tuesday/Thursday 8:00-11:00 am
- 4-year old classes Monday/Wednesday/Friday AM 8:00-11:00 or PM 12:15-3:15
- Developing the whole child through center-based learning, whole-group learning, music and movement, and individual instruction in a religious environment.

Pups' Club After School Program

- The afterschool program is a service to parents whose working hours do not coincide with their children's school hours
- Offered on school days only, both full and half-days for K-6 students plus PM Pre-K students
- Hours: After school until 5:30 pm
- Registration fee plus daily fee

“St. Anthony is more than just a grade school. It is like a family – sharing, caring, and learning together.”

Tradition



Founded in 1869, St. Anthony Grade School is a Catholic, co-educational school where students and staff learn to grow spiritually, morally, academically, socially, emotionally, and physically. We offer a Christian-based, disciplined, safe environment where students are encouraged to discover and develop their individual talents and potential.

We welcome students from diverse backgrounds to join in the school's academic and spiritual mission.

Faith



Faith is not only taught at St. Anthony Grade School, it's caught! Your student's faith spreads and expands throughout the total experience of each and every day. Students begin their week with a prayer assembly on Mondays. They attend Mass on a weekly basis with their age group (K-2, 3-5, 6-8) and learn to actively participate in Mass as cantors, readers, gift bearers, etc.

Religion class is part of their regular curriculum beginning in Pre-School and carrying through to 8th grade, with special emphasis in their sacramental years. In 6th Grade, students pick a Saint to study, celebrate Sainthood by dressing as their Saints, and pray the Litany of Saints at All Saints Day Mass.

During the Christmas and Easter seasons, the school is beautifully decorated with Advent wreaths, Jesse trees, student-designed artwork, Rosaries, and other Christ-centered decorations as reverence to the liturgical calendar. During these Church seasons, students participate in Christmas Caroling, penance services, and Stations of the Cross, among other activities.



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Academics



The journey your student makes from kindergarten to 8th grade is characterized by physical, mental, emotional, and social development. St. Anthony Grade School students' achievements are truly remarkable, and we want your student to be part of this success. St. Anthony delivers a curriculum program with an effective and experienced team of faculty and administration that ensures success and gives your student a head start on high school and beyond.

Beginning in the primary grades, students receive the building blocks of their education. Academics in the form of reading, writing, phonics, mathematics, science, art, and humanities are introduced and fundamentals are established. In a few short years, students go from learning their numbers to practicing math with wrap-ups! Gross motor skill development is emphasized through physical education, and social skills are taught anywhere from the classroom to the lunchroom to the playground.

Moving into intermediate grades, fundamentals are further developed and students' individual talents and creativity are encouraged. For instance, all intermediate students participate in the annual Veteran's Day appreciation program to honor military men and women. Students also use their creativity to develop brochures, movies, a digital book on a chosen state, and other collaborative based technology enhanced projects.

Junior high expands upon our students' abilities. Sixth grade students host a Literary Fair, and 8th graders host a Science Expo and become tutors. St. Anthony Grade School offers a full science lab fully equipped with computers at all stations and available to every grade in the school.

Our student-teacher ratio is approximately 15:1 and our average class size is 21, ensuring direct interaction and teacher attention.

Our student performance is marked by our outstanding IOWA Assessment scores, well exceeding Diocesan and regional averages.

St. Anthony Grade School is accredited by the Illinois State Board of Education and the North Central Association Commission on Accreditation and School Improvement (NCACASI). St. Anthony Grade School is a member of National Catholic Educational Association (NCEA).

“The St. Anthony experience goes beyond the classroom to enrich the development of the whole student.”

Technology



Technology at St. Anthony Grade School enhances the learning experiences for students at all age levels. SmartBoards can be found in every classroom in addition to SmartTables in the kindergarten rooms. Students in grades 4-8 are each provided an iPad for their academic use. Every primary classroom has been equipped with 4 student iPads and 1 teacher device. Two iPad carts, each with 24 iPads, are provided as a shared resource for all lower grades to enrich their instruction. A computer lab with 24 desktops is utilized for technology instruction, as well as a library lab for research.

Google Apps for Education is used school-wide for student / teacher communication in addition to homework submission in the older grades. St. Anthony's website, email communication, as well as our TeacherEase parent portal is used for student/teacher collaboration and communication.

Service



Service in our community is faith in action. We hope to foster within our students an understanding of their call to share of themselves for the common good. As a promotion requirement, junior high students volunteer up to 15 hours a year over their junior high career at service agencies, school and church functions, and within their own neighborhoods performing Christian service as an integral part of their lived faith.

As a school, community service is offered through annual telephone book recycling; regular collections of food, clothing, and household items for FISH and Catholic Charities; and fundraisers for special needs such as hurricane or tornado victims, sick members at school, or other unique circumstances. Third grade students make treasures for local assisted living community residents throughout the year. Junior High students adopt a family each year to buy Christmas gifts for them.



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Athletics



There's nothing like a sea of red and white erupting in a deafening cheer – whether it's for a basket, a homerun, or a spike – unless, of course, you're on the opposing team!

Known for both athletic excellence and excellent sportsmanship, the Bullpups have earned local, regional, and state titles; and our coaches, athletes, and fans are a source of pride for our school. Athletes at SAGS will find plenty of choices: baseball, softball cross-country, golf, basketball, volleyball, cheerleading, dance, and track and field.

So whether it's on the field, the court, or the track – or even in the bleachers – athletics at SAGS are a big part of student body life!

More than just sitting in a classroom, life at SAGS embraces a wide variety of co-curricular, extra-curricular, and student enrichment activities. Our Fine Arts Department is known for its superior musical productions, award-winning artwork, and state-winning musicians. Students enrichment activities include Student Council, Scholar Bowl, Literacy Contest, Spelling Bee, and Dance.

Fine Arts & Extra-Curricular



Musicians in 5th-8th grades will find a place for their talents at SAGS through our instrumental lessons and participation in our concert and pep bands. Our Youth Choir and Junior High Chorus offer our students an opportunity to showcase their vocal talents.

Our Junior High Student Council is actively involved in student government, meeting on average once a week and visiting classrooms on a regular basis with activities and announcements. Our Student Council organizes charitable fundraisers for causes such as donations to FISH and Catholic Charities; donations to tornado, earthquake, and other victim assistance; plus other causes.

Through these and other activities at school and in the community, arts and extra-curricular activities are a vital part of student life at SAGS!

“St. Anthony’s positive and supportive relationships challenge and motivate our children.”

St. Anthony Grade School provides for your child’s wellness, safety, and happiness while he or she receives a wonderful education. The way in which St. Anthony meets the individual needs of your child is unlike any other! Upon entering the doors of St. Anthony, your child encounters a world of learning that emphasizes development in the Catholic faith, academic excellence, and extra-curricular activities.

St. Anthony Grade School offers an education that builds a child’s leadership ability, love of learning, social interaction, and sense of service. We strive to create the kind of atmosphere that spurs your child to not only like school, but to love learning.

If these pages have sparked your interest in the offerings and student life of St. Anthony Grade School, we would love for you to visit. We are happy to offer a personal tour and introduce you to some of our students and faculty. Even better, spend the day shadowing a student; attend his or her classes, eat lunch in our cafeteria, and experience first-hand what life at St. Anthony Grade School is like!

We would also love to see you throughout the year at our many events. Perhaps you’d like to attend an athletic event or a musical program. Please join us!

We look forward to getting to know you as you get to know St. Anthony Grade School.

For More Information

Call 217-347-0419 or visit www.stanthony.com

We look forward to meeting you!

Sincerely in Christ,

Matt Sturgeon
Principal





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