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# Spirit Newsletter



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## Special Events Update



On April 11, 2016, St. Anthony School Programs hosted its annual golf outing at Oakmont Country Club. Golfers enjoyed a challenging day of golf and raised over \$100,000 to benefit our students. Special thanks to Oakmont Country Club for hosting the event, all of our participants for braving the inclement weather, and especially our sponsors: McKamish, Incorporated; Morel Family Foundation, West Pharmaceutical Services, Inc.; Tyndale Company, Inc.; Glencore Ltd.; and Carmeuse Lime & Stone for making this event such an overwhelming success.

On May 14th, St. Anthony's joined 72 area nonprofit organizations for the annual Highmark Walk for a Healthy Community on Pittsburgh's North Shore. Our students, staff and families enjoyed a fun day of physical fitness and family activities. By reaching out to family, friends and local businesses for their support, our students and staff raised over \$7,000 through this event.



On June 2nd, former Pittsburgh Steeler, Chris Hoke, and voice of the Steelers, Bill Hillgrove, welcomed guests to the 4th Annual Spirit of St. Anthony Breakfast. We started the day with a hearty breakfast, inspirational words from Chris Hoke, and a dose of Steeler Pride. The 100 guests in attendance got to meet Mr. Hoke and learn more about the important work being done for students with Down Syndrome, Autism Spectrum Disorder or other Intellectual Disabilities through the St. Anthony program.



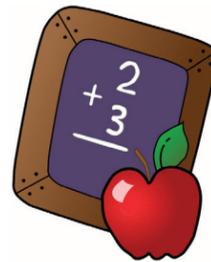
On Friday, July 15, 2016, St. Anthony's once again partnered with Pat Bostick, former Pitt Football Quarterback and Director of Development, to host our Second Annual Scholarship Golf Outing at Green Oaks Country Club in Verona. Twenty five foursomes from around the area enjoyed a round of golf and learned about our programs. All proceeds benefit the St. Anthony Scholarship Fund to provide tuition assistance to our St. Anthony students and their families. In two years, this event has raised over \$28,000 for the scholarship fund.

St. Anthony's wouldn't exist without the support of our generous benefactors and faithful volunteers. Our events and activities are a great way to learn more about our program while having a great time with your family and friends. If you have some time to share and would like to get involved, we would love to hear from you. Please contact us at 724-940-9020, ext. 104 to volunteer today.



### Upcoming Events!

- **First Day of School (for most schools), August 22nd**
- **Cocktails and Cards (to benefit our Annual Auction), Easy Street, September 21**
- **Annual Dinner & Auction, The David L. Lawrence Convention Center, October 21st (please note the new location)**
- **Mass of Thanksgiving, St. Paul Seminary, November 21st**



## Apples for Students Program

Registering your Giant Eagle Advantage Card is a simple way to support our students. Simply create an account by visiting [www.gianteagle.com/Save/Supporting-Our-Schools/](http://www.gianteagle.com/Save/Supporting-Our-Schools/) and enter #1034 as our school code in the "My School Programs" section. This program allows us to earn points every time you shop which we redeem for needed classroom supplies. For more information, visit our website at [www.stanthonykids.org](http://www.stanthonykids.org) and click on the "About" tab.



## Inclusive Games

On May 4, 2016, the students of St. Anthony School Programs participated in the Annual Inclusive Games at SS. Simon & Jude School in Greentree.

This unique event, inspired by the Special Olympics, pairs St. Anthony's students with their same age, general education peers to compete individually and as a school against each of the other St. Anthony School Programs sites. This full day included events such as a softball throw, soccer kick, 50-yard dash, basketball and a new obstacle course. This event promotes physical fitness, teamwork, good sportsmanship and school spirit.



## Annual Dinner and Auction



Save the date for Friday, October 21, 2016, as St. Anthony School Programs celebrates its 19th Annual Dinner and Auction at the David L. Lawrence Convention Center.

We are blessed to have Kevin Swain and Rosemarie Caprino Swain co-chair the event again and Nick and Sandy Matt have agreed to co-chair with them this year. We are honored to welcome Sean Cardinal O'Malley, Archbishop of Boston, as this year's Spirit of St. Anthony Awardee.



For over sixty years, St. Anthony School Programs' faith-based education has helped both Catholic and non-Catholic students with Intellectual Disabilities live their lives to the fullest academically, socially, vocationally and spiritually. Our program is possible thanks to generosity of our many benefactors, Board Members, families and friends. This event allows us to bring them all together to showcase our program and our students.

If you would like to learn more about this event or any of our other events, please contact us at 724-940-9020, ext. 104 or via email at [hschmuck@stanthonykids.org](mailto:hschmuck@stanthonykids.org).

### Save the Date

St. Anthony's will hold a Friends and Family Picnic to benefit the Annual Dinner & Auction on August 28, 2016, at the Cranberry Township Community Park's Jaycee Shelter from 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM. All staff, Board Members, current students, alumni and their families are invited to attend. This is also the perfect opportunity to support the dinner by bringing a donation to the auction. Auction items can be simple as a gift card, as extravagant as a condo rental or anything in between. RSVP today by calling us at 724-940-9020, ext. 104.

## St. Anthony's Opens Two New Classrooms

This year, St. Anthony's will open new classrooms in two local schools. As you may know, St. Thomas More has been an Inclusive site for St. Anthony's since 1986. Now in our 30th year at the school, our program will be expanding and opening a second classroom, which will allow us to have one classroom for students in Kindergarten through 3rd grade and one classroom for grades 4 through 8. Long-time St. Anthony Teacher, Sandy Young, will be the resource room teacher for our 4th through 8th graders and Hailee Ducoeur will teach the students in Kindergarten through 3rd grade. Miss Ducoeur taught at our Mary of Nazareth site last year.

A secondary classroom will also be opening at Cardinal Wuerl North Catholic (CWNC). The 8th grade graduates from the St. Anthony classroom at St. Mary's in Glenshaw are excited to embark on this new journey with Cindy Horgan, the new resource room teacher.

If you or someone you know is interested in enrolling in our new classroom at CWNC, please contact Lisa Hendrickson at [lhendrickson@stanthonykids.org](mailto:lhendrickson@stanthonykids.org).

## Student Updates

Here are some exciting updates from some of our amazing students:

- Giovanni, Sammy, Luke, Mary, Niko and Nathan received their First Reconciliations and celebrated their First Holy Communion
- Tess, Sammie, Thomas, Dominick and Nick made their Confirmation and graduated from our 8th grade program
- Gianfranco and Kallie competed with the Bishop Canevin Swim Team at the the WPIAL AA level
- Connor, Anita and Trevor graduated from our high school program and have moved on to our Post-Secondary program at Duquesne University
- Mary Jane, Michael E., Michael F., Claire, Justin, William, Joseph, Lawrence, Anthony, Maria, Dominique, Stephen and Eryn graduated from our Post-Secondary program at Duquesne University

## Welcome New Teachers

St. Anthony's would like to welcome a few new teachers to our growing family. Cindy Horgan will be the new classroom teacher in our brand new classroom at Cardinal Wuerl North Catholic. Mrs. Horgan began her teaching career at St. Anthony's in Oakmont and has 30 years of experience in secondary and post-secondary special education. She attended Duquesne University where she earned a Bachelor of Science degree in both Elementary and Special Education.

Bridget Perlack will be the teacher in our classroom at Mary of Nazareth. Mrs. Perlack is a graduate of California University of Pennsylvania and is certified to teach PreK through grade 4, as well as PreK through grade 8 Special Education. After graduation, she was employed at St. Therese as a long term sub teaching kindergarten, first, and fifth grades.

Jenn Cartier, who has been with St. Anthony's for two years as a Paraprofessional, will also begin working as our new Motor Skills teacher for the elementary sites. Jenn graduated from Seton Hill University and is certified in Early, Elementary and Special Education.

We would also like to welcome the new paraprofessionals that will be joining our staff this year. Tiara Chadran is a recent graduate from the University of Pittsburgh and holds degrees in Psychology and Sociology. She will primarily work in our St. Mary's classroom. Jeanie Kocinski is also a graduate of the University of Pittsburgh and has been a volunteer at St. Therese for 20 years. Mrs. Kocinski will work with the students in our Mary of Nazareth classroom. Charmain Warble, who began her career in education at the St. Anthony's site at Word of God, is a graduate of Point Park University. Mrs. Warble will work at our St. Therese site. Finally, Cindy Picora graduated from Indiana University of PA with a degree in Early Childhood Development. Mrs. Pecora will work at our Cardinal Wuerl North Catholic site.

Make sure you say hello to our new staff next time you visit one of our sites.

