

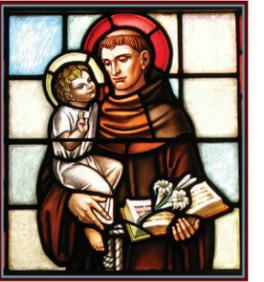
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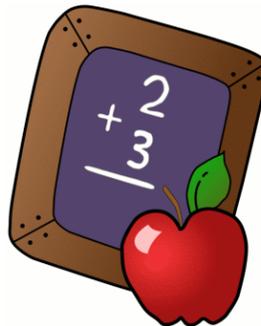


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Save the Date

- **Inclusive Games** - Tuesday, May 6th at Saints Simon & Jude in Greentree
- **2014 Summer Camp** - Grades K-10 - June 16-27 at Saints Simon & Jude in Greentree

Apples for the Students Program Information



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/ 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 and click on the link under What's New.



Site Spotlight: St. Thomas More



In 1987, St. Anthony School Programs opened its first satellite program at St. Thomas More School in Bethel Park serving 8 students. The site continues to have steady enrollment and today, has 12 students in grades K-8. These amazing students are true testaments to the abilities of our passionate teachers and paraprofessionals. Sandra Young, resource room teacher at St. Thomas More since 1994, is just one example of the remarkable staff of St. Anthony's. Through the hard work and dedication of Sandy and her staff, the students at St. Thomas More are able to learn and grow with same-age peers in a safe, inclusive environment. They do an amazing job of learning with their peers in general education classes including science, social studies, and religion, as well as weekly school masses. They also receive individualized instruction based on their abilities. Our students are able to participate in a number of exciting activities with their peers, including the 6th-8th Grade Winter Formal, the 100th Day of School Celebration, Cha Cha for Chimbote Dance Marathon, and the St. Anthony's Inclusive Games, just to name a few.

Today, St. Anthony School Programs operates four elementary school sites, two secondary sites and a post-secondary site at Duquesne University, with training sites at the University of Pittsburgh and Carlow University. This year, there are 102 students participating in our programs. If you would like to visit St. Thomas More or one of our other sites, please contact us at 724-940-9020, ext. 103.



Special Event News

Our events and activities are a great way to learn more about our program while enjoying a special activity with your family and friends. Mark your calendar now and plan to get involved! Volunteers are important to our success, so if you have some time to share, we would love to hear from you. You can find additional information regarding upcoming events on our website www.stanthonykids.org or by contacting the office at 724-940-9020 ext. 104. Here are just a few of the events happening in the next few months:

Monday, April 28, 2014 - Golf Outing - St. Anthony's is once again partnering with McKamish, Incorporated as our Tournament Sponsor to host our annual golf event at Oakmont Country Club. Visit our website for available sponsorships and information regarding attending the dinner portion of our event.

Saturday, May 17, 2014 - Highmark Walk for a Healthy Community - St. Anthony's is one of 68 organizations benefitting from this year's walk. Visit www.walkforahealthycommunity.org to register to walk with us or sponsor a participating St. Anthony student or classroom.

Thursday, June 5, 2014 - Spirit of St. Anthony Breakfast - Start your day off right with a hearty breakfast and fellowship as you learn more about upcoming projects at St. Anthony's.

Endowed Scholarships

Something special is happening at St. Anthony School Programs thanks to a gift from the estate of Elsie Collins. Elsie passed away in 2012 and was the sole surviving member of her family. Her parents (John and Pasqua) were Italian and immigrated to the United States to find work. Eventually John started his own successful contracting firm. John and Pasqua instilled a devotion to St. Anthony in their children, John, Vinci and Elsie. In his later years, her father asked Elsie to remember the children at St. Anthony's in her will. Elsie honored her father's wishes with a bequest to St. Anthony's in the amount of \$1,000,000.

St. Anthony's will use \$860,000 to create the Elsie Collins Endowed Scholarship Fund. The principal of this fund will remain intact. Interest and growth earned each year will be used to provide scholarship support. In 2014 St. Anthony's will continue to work to raise funds for additional scholarships. The remaining bequest monies were used to purchase vans and provide support of academic programs and services.

This is the first endowed scholarship in St. Anthony's history. Increased scholarship opportunities will provide the opportunity for some students and their families to receive an inclusive education that readies the student to be part of society. Proof that our program works is in the 90% of St. Anthony's post-secondary graduates that have found employment and have become active members of our community.

If you would like to learn more about St. Anthony's or endowed scholarships, please contact Jerry Gaughan, Executive Director of the St. Anthony Charitable Foundation, at 724-940-9020, ext. 103 or via email at jgaughan@stanthonykids.org.



Accepting Applications

St. Anthony School Programs is now accepting applications for the 2014/15 school year. St. Anthony's provides students with a unique inclusive educational program for children with intellectual disabilities in kindergarten, grade school, high school and a unique post-secondary program at Duquesne University. Whatever the child's age, we can help them!

We do have scholarships available for those that qualify. If you have a child, or know of someone who has a child with intellectual disabilities and would like to learn more about St. Anthony's, contact us at 724-940-9020 or visit us online at www.stanthonykids.org and click on our admissions tab.

Special Needs Trusts

It's never too early—and almost never too late—to start planning for the care of a child with special needs. Special needs trusts protect assets, while preserving eligibility for government benefits. These trusts can be used to fund services or equipment not covered by Medicaid such as special wheelchairs, educational expenses, recreational activities, entertainment and more. A special needs trust provides for the care of a loved one with special needs, without jeopardizing their eligibility for government benefits.

For more information, contact St. Anthony's at 724-940-9020, ext. 103 and we will put you in touch with a lawyer who can answer your questions without charge or obligation.

St. Anthony's Year in Pictures!



Golf Outing-4/22/13



Inclusive Games-5/7/13



Highmark Walk for a Healthy Community-5/18/13



Spirit of St. Anthony Breakfast-6/6/13



SASP Friends & Family Picnic-9/22/13



60th Annual Dinner & Auction-10/18/13



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