

St. Anthony's School News

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Dear Families,

Soon your children will begin school and hopefully they will be enthusiastic about their class and their new grade. Our teachers will be looking for highly motivated students filled with joy to begin teaching. Did you know that research has shown that there is a definite connection between *student motivation* and *self-determination*?

Research has shown that motivation is related to whether or not students have opportunities to be autonomous and to make important academic choices. Having choices allows children to feel that they have control or ownership over their own learning. This, in turn, helps them develop a sense of responsibility and self-motivation. When students feel a sense of ownership, they **want** to engage in academic tasks and persist in learning.

Teachers have observed that after second or third grade, many students begin to show signs of losing their motivation to learn. What happened to that natural eagerness to go to school and the curiosity to learn that is so apparent in preschool, first, and second grade students? Why do students progressively seem to take less responsibility for their own learning? This challenge only grows as students move from upper elementary to middle school. Read more about how to motivate your child to learn this year.

<http://www.nea.org/home/10308.htm>

*They can because they think
they can.
~Virgil*

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NEED TO BE FINGERPRINTED???? You can call the school office and set up an appointment to get your fingerprinting done here at school. This service will be available on Monday, Aug. 20th from 9:00am-11:30am and Tuesday, Aug. 21st from 11:00am-1:30pm.

Ice Cream Social

Thursday August 16 Social Hall

6:30-8:00 pm

All new to SAS families are welcome to attend this evening for more information and some fellowship too! Our PTO hosts this annual event and many parents and staff members are present to help your transition into our school community. Representatives will be on hand to speak with you about:

- School Board & PTO
- Hot Lunch – Milk and Juice
- Yard Duty Volunteer
- Campus Care - Tuition
- Uniform Exchange
- Carnival
- Boy Scouts & Girl Scouts
- Scrip Program
- Springboard

Teachers and Staff will also be on hand and introductions will be made. If you would like to take a quick tour of the school, that will be available as well. Oh yes, and then there's **ice cream** for all. See you soon ☺

School Starts on Monday August 20

Kindergarten: Monday 8/20 VISIT DAY ONLY

Students are welcome to bring their supplies to class, say hello to their teacher and tour the classroom.

Classroom will be open and available until 12:00noon.

Students do not remain at school.

Tuesday 8/21-Friday 8/24

8:30-12:30

1st-3rd Grade (8:30-12:30) Minimum Day Dismissal

Monday 8/20 & Tuesday 8/21

4th-8th Grade (8:15-12:30) Minimum Day Dismissal

Monday 8/20 & Tuesday 8/21

Wednesday August 22: 1st-8th Grade Dismiss @ 2:50pm. Student will need to bring lunch and drink 8/22-8/24. Hot Lunch & Milk delivery begin Monday August 27. Please plan accordingly.