

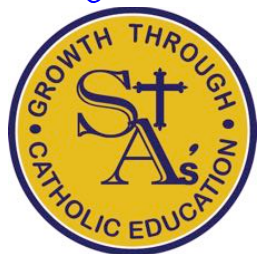
St. Anthony Catholic School

Hereford, TX

February 5, 2015

Linda Aranda
Principal

Principal's Note



*St. Anthony
Catholic School
develops Gospel values, a
commitment to service, and
strong academic skills
in each student.*

Upcoming Events

- ◆ 2/5 Thursday,
PTO Meeting @ 6:30pm - **\$100 Door Prize**. Childcare is provided!
- ◆ 2/6 Friday,
*School Mass@ 8:15
All are Welcome!
- ◆ 2/11 Wednesday,
*Swimming 2nd & 3rd
*Singing Saints @ 3:30pm
- ◆ 2/12 Thursday,
School Board Mtg. @ 6:30pm
- ◆ 2/13 Friday,
*School Mass@ 8:15
All are Welcome!
*Classroom Valentine's Day Parties
K4 @ 10:30am
K5-6th @ 2:30pm

Looking Ahead

- ◆ 2/16 Monday,
Snow MAKE-UP DAY-SCHOOL in Session
- ◆ 2/17 Tuesday,
Fat Tuesday Breakfast \$2-\$3
- ◆ 2/18 Wednesday,
School Ash Wednesday Mass @ 8:15am
Early Dismissal @ 12:35
Ext. Day closes @ 12:35
Faculty/Staff Retreat @ 1pm
- ◆ 2/22 Sunday,
Family Sacramental Prep. @ 3pm
- ◆ 2/23 Monday,
Early Dismissal @ 2:15
- ◆ 2/25 Wednesday,
Lifetouch Group & Individual Pictures

Dear Parents and Friends of all Saints!

In a sense, children are like mirrors; they reflect back to us what we say and do. Research states that 95% of what children learn, they learn from what is modeled. Only 5% is direct instruction. We are blessed to be in a school environment that teaches *The Great Commandment* and our call to *holiness*. With all of that being said, I ran across an article in **Parents Magazine** titled, *The Return of Respect* by Nicole Caccavo Kear, which outlines recommendations on how to model respect to our children.

The article began with the following introduction, "Oh, baby, it's a rude world -- which is why it's more important than ever that we teach our kids this classic value." The author continued to state how her sweet five-year-old came down with a whopping case of a bad attitude. Then went on describing the changes she saw; "Please may I have some juice?" became "Where's my juice?" Words like stupid and lazy started peppering his speech and, most glaring of all, he started issuing ultimatums. When I heard "If you don't give me that ice cream, I'm going to spit on you," I felt like shouting -- but instead, I forced myself to bite my tongue. After I regained my composure, I said: "That's not an okay way to talk. It's hurtful and unkind. I need you to speak to me with respect, please."

Well, the good news is, it is never too late to teach our children the critical value of RESPECT! Outlined below are strategies she recommends: ***Demand Good Manners**. Model the use of 'please' and 'thank you,' and make sure children know what is expected of them.

***Don't Tolerate Rudeness**. Let children know that while it's natural to feel angry or frustrated from time to time, that doesn't make it okay to insult others or scream and shout.

***Teach Listening Skills**. Educate children in what it takes to be a courteous conversationalist -- not interrupting, waiting for a turn to talk -- by role-playing.

***Establishing Rules**. Setting boundaries teaches kids that the world doesn't revolve around them; they also have to consider others with their actions.

***Encourage Open-mindedness**.

Treating others with respect means taking the time to get to know them and trying to see where they're coming from -- even when you don't immediately hit it off.

***Celebrating Diversity**. Kids tend to notice right away when someone looks different from what they're used to -- whether it's their skin tone, body type, or style of dress -- and chances are, they'll say something about it.

I believe we can train ourselves and most especially our children to stop and think before we speak, by remembering that everything we say will be recorded and imitated; and also by keeping in mind that we are called to *holiness*, as we love our neighbor as ourselves. May all that we do be for the greater glory of God.

For the full article and extended tips, please visit www.parents.com, search for article *The Return of Respect*.

AMDG...for the greater glory of God

In His Spirit & Service,
Linda Aranda 

PTO Meeting

Don't forget---please mark your calendar---
PTO meeting
is **TONIGHT, February 5, at 6:30pm**
in the Antonian Room.

We will discuss our school Auction.
**All in attendance will have a chance at
\$100 DOOR PRIZE!**

Hope to see everyone there!
Come out and help support our school!
Childcare will be provided!

Thank You!

A special thank you to all of our Room Mothers and parents who provided goodies for our various activities throughout Catholic Schools Week. We are most especially grateful for the Appreciation Social.

You are FABULOUS!
Everything was delicious and your generosity is greatly appreciated! Bless you!!!

*Please come by the school office
and claim your serving dishes.*

"Coin Power" Drive

Our school-wide Lenten Almsgiving project will be a *Coin Power* Drive for our UNBOUND sponsor child from Columbia, Marisol. The drive will be February 6-19. Donate \$2 and Dress Out of Uniform for a "NUT" Day on Friday, February 20.



Are you receiving all school communication? We are using flocknote.com to help register our members, gather feedback and send out information via email, txt msg, Facebook, Twitter, phone and more. All from one, easy place: Text "STAS" to 84576, visit www.flocknote.com to register.

- Friday, February 13,
- 7-9:30pm
- Girls 1st-12th Grade
- St. A's Gym
- \$15/couple;
- \$5 for each additional
- Meal, Dancing, Photo w/ Dad & Games



RSVP by Monday, February 9
364-6150 or 346-2736
Space is limited to first 125.

Girls may be accompanied by
Grandfather, Godfather, Uncle

(Sponsored by St. Monica's Circle)

SNOW MAKE-UP DAY

**Please note: We will make-up
our Snow Day on Monday, February 16.**

There will be school on that day to make-up for the unexpected snow day.

**St. Anthony School
Annual
AUCTION**

Mud Closet
Tons of Tools
Mystery Coolers
Furniture Inside & Out

**Over 600 Auction Items
Always Tons of Surprises**

To donate items for the auction contact Elaine at 346-2736
www.stanthonysaints.com

**Sunday, March 1
Noon - 6 PM**
St. Anthony's Gym
Hereford, TX

**Hamburgers
&
Sausage**

Watch Facebook to see a sneak peak.

Waterford Crystal
Class Rib-eye
Projects Rolls

ALSO ENJOY OUR
**Silent
AUCTION**