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# From Our Principal

What a blessed year this past year has been! We have definitely worked hard to shine the love of God in all that we do as a school community.

Academically, we continue the Catholic educational tradition of academic excellence. This past May, we graduated fourteen students who are prepared academically to continue their educational journey at our local high schools. Our students continue to exceed the national standards on the NWEA standardized tests. As we prepare for our next school year, our teachers are attending various conferences and workshops to strengthen the tradition of Catholic education.

As a Catholic school sponsored by three parishes, we are blessed to be led by three wonderful pastors. This year, we introduced first Friday Exposition and shared with our students a tradition within our church that allows us to spend time in the Real Presence of Jesus. The pastors also offered monthly Reconciliation to our students in addition to our tradition of weekly Mass. We continue with the Catechis of the

Good Shepherd in our Atrium and look to expand that for our students next year as they come to understand the message of God's love.

I continue to be amazed by the generosity of our community in supporting our school. We asked for assistance in shining the light of Christ and our community delivered. We had a record-breaking Partners in Education event and exceeded the \$100,000 match for our Shine the Light Campaign. Every donor is a blessing to us, great and small, because it is all given with hearts of love.

Please continue to keep us all in your prayers. The strength of our faith can help us move mountains as we continue to offer our students an excellent academic experience surrounded by the tradition and beauty of our faith.

Peace,  
Dr. Melissa Whelan, Principal



*Thank you to the following for their generous support!*

**The Zimmerman Family Foundation** for a \$5,000 grant supporting travel expenses for 2023-2024 field trips.

**Supporters of a \$15,000 grant** for Catholic intellectual curriculum advancement and professional development.



*"I'm so glad we found St. Anthony Tri-Parish Catholic School. The school is full of teachers who are genuinely dedicated to each child's success. As a result, each of my children has grown and continues to grow academically, socially, and spiritually. I love that they look forward to attending school each day!"*

—Heather Tyler, St. Anthony School Parent



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# St. Anthony School Fifth Graders Shine at Annual Mock Trial

“This was one of the best (trials),” said Mary Kubichek.

Kubichek, who retired from the Casper College paralegal program, has volunteered at St. Anthony Tri-Parish Catholic School for 15 years. Each year she prepares our fifth graders for a mock trial which is held annually at the Ewing T. Kerr Federal Building and Courthouse with Kubichek acting as judge.

The mock trial is the culmination of a trimester of work in which fifth grade student lawyers learn lessons in civics and what happens during pretrial, jury selection and trial.

With the help of Kubichek, Casper College paralegal students, Ms. Tiffany Catellier and school parent volunteers, the students engage in small-group problem solving and practice critical thinking when developing and applying themes across each presentation. They hone their public speaking skills with class practice and continue to

do so when standing at a podium in front of a jury.

This year, the students argued *State v. Parker*, a case in which a woman drops dead of a heart attack in front of her son after a scare. Ultimately, the jury rendered a guilty verdict, siding with Mrs. Weaver’s son.

St. Anthony Tri-Parish Catholic School is proud to offer a variety of electives and class inclusions.

Next year, fifth grade students will again prepare for a mock trial. Middle school students will be able to choose debate as an elective and speech will be included in a core class. Kubichek will again dedicate hours of volunteer time to teach and mentor the students.



*The defense team (top) and the prosecution team (bottom).*

For a more detailed description of classes offered at St. Anthony Tri-Parish Catholic School, please call the school office at 234-2873.

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# The Graduating Class of 2023: Off to High School

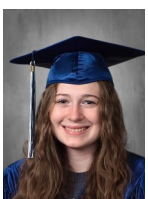


## **Aleigha Booth**

Aleigha is off to Natrona Country High School next year after 11 years at St. Anthony School. She is taking with her wonderful memories and friendships.

## **Alexander Carty**

Alex's favorite saint is St. Michael. He has been at St. Anthony School for 6 years and is off to Natrona County High School next year.



## **Ava Colling**

Ava has been at St. Anthony School since pre-school. She has loved all of her teachers and the friendships she has formed. Her favorite

school memories are all of the class trips. Ava will attend Natrona County High School next year.

## **Julianna Dresang**

Julie is headed to Natrona County High School next year after 11 years at St. Anthony School. Her favorite memories are when her dad was

working at the school and she will miss her teachers and friends!



## **Olivia Edmondson**

Olivia is headed to Kelly Walsh High School next year! She has spent the past 11 years at St. Anthony School and says that St. Veronica is her

favorite saint because she wiped Jesus' face.

## **Kody Havens**

Mr. Shutts' third grade class and this year's trip to Estes Park for John Paul II camp are some of Kody's favorite memories from his 9 years at St. Anthony School. Kody is headed to Kelly Walsh High School next year.



## **Clay Keating**

Eighth grade has been the highlight of Clay's time at St. Anthony School because of the closeness of the class. He shares his middle name with his favorite saint, St. Michael the Archangel and is headed to Natrona County High School next year!



## **Rebecca Martinez**

At St. Anthony School since 2nd grade, Rebecca is headed to Casper Christian Academy next fall. Her favorite saint is Joan of Arc because she

was a brave warrior. She is going to miss her friends but is thankful for the memories!

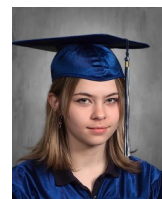
## **Emilia McNutt**

At St. Anthony School since preschool, Emie has loved all of the fun adventures she has had. St. Francis of Assisi is her favorite saint because he was so caring and we know she will emulate him next year when attending Kelly Walsh High School.



## **Cecilia Niglio**

In her two years at St. Anthony School, Cecelia's relationship with God has grown, especially after her time at John Paul II in Estes Park the last two years. She is going to miss St. Anthony's next year when she heads to Natrona County High School.



## **Austyn Steele**

Austyn is headed to Natrona County High School next year and says she will miss all of her friends that aren't

going there. Her favorite St. Anthony's memory is her first trip to John Paul II.

## **Austin Vondra**

Austin has loved his time at St. Anthony School, saying that he cherishes each memory and feels incredibly blessed. His favorite saint is Pope John Paul II because he chose him. Next year, he plans to attend Natrona County High School.



## **Myka Wicks**

Myka is going to miss her close friends and her favorite teachers as she heads off to Big Piney High School next year.

She has been at St. Anthony School since 4th grade and says her favorite memory is the 5th grade overnight trip to Denver!

## **Austin Woodbury**

Austin is headed to Natrona County High School next year after 4 years at St. Anthony School. His eighth grade year has been his favorite and he has loved both trips to John Paul II in Estes Park.







# SUMMER

## at St. Anthony School

### **SUMMER CHOICE BOARDS**

Students are encouraged to continue the learning with summer assignments that range from reading books to becoming a Junior Ranger at a National Park. Students can also send a postcard to school, go fishing, participate in a program at the library or complete math problems.

### **SUMMER READING**

All families are encouraged to read *Raising Upright Kids in an Upside Down World* by Dr. Ray Guarendi. We will be hosting a few book club discussion dates on this book. Faculty are also reading *Renewing Catholic Schools: How to Regain a Catholic Vision for a Secular Age* edited by Dr. R. Jared Staudt.

### **SUMMER CONFERENCES**

Faculty are attending the Institute for Catholic Liberal Education's National Conference and Summer Academic Retreat for teachers, the International Society for Technology in Education and the Exeter Academy Harkness Method Conference.

### **SUMMER CAMPS**

We are hosting camps throughout the summer that are open to ALL families with students entering grades K-8. We have already had students on campus to learn about rocketry and cook up some tasty meals. There is still time to register for some of our camps, including learning about Insects, All Things Ocean, Bible Stories, Rocketry and Sports, to name a few. Scan the QR code to register today!



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# Scholarship Endowments: A Profound Legacy of Blessings

In December 2022, Casper’s Catholic community lost a true servant of Christ with the passing of Jack Blomstrom. Jack’s kindness, generous spirit, and selflessness will be greatly missed by his family and those who knew him. In recognizing Jack’s profound impact on many, benefactors have created the John J. “Jack” Blomstrom Memorial Scholarship endowment to provide annual student scholarships for St. Anthony Tri-Parish Catholic School.

Without the blessings of scholarships, many school families would not be able to choose a Catholic education for their children. The gift of endowed scholarships has a profound impact year after year!

Designed to be permanent and perpetual, an endowed scholarship is often established in the donor’s name or in recognition of the donor’s friend or family member.



*The Hendricks family spoke at the 2nd Annual Scholarship Classic thanking all those who make it financially possible for them to send their four children to St. Anthony School.*

Funds are invested in a diversified portfolio adhering to the investment policies of the USCCB, and scholarships are awarded to individual students each academic year.

Contributions can be made to existing scholarship funds. The St. Anthony Tri-Parish Catholic School

Foundation manages the following funds as honorarium scholarship endowments:

- John J. “Jack” Blomstrom Memorial Scholarship
- Sisters of Charity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Scholarship
- Jeremy D. Stewart Scholarship
- Schwartz Family Scholarship

Supporters interested in donating to a scholarship endowment fund can simply note the scholarship name in the memo line of their gift. Any questions on endowed scholarships can be directed to Foundation Director, Courtney Ladenburger, at [foundation@sascasper.com](mailto:foundation@sascasper.com) or (307)337-1362.

Thank you for supporting the legacy of these gifts!

***“For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”  
- Matthew 6:21***



## 2023-2024 *Events* CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER  
2023

9

**AMBLE SCRAMBLE FUN RUN**

OCTOBER  
2023

12

**ARCHANGEL BREAKFAST** *Honoring Jody Schmidt*

MARCH  
2024

16

**PARTNERS IN EDUCATION**

SPRING  
2024

TBD

**SCHOLARSHIP GOLF CLASSIC**

# A Life Dedicated to Church, Family & School



Dedicating herself to her faith, her family and St. Anthony School, Janeth (Cavanaugh) Stearns' heart belonged at St. Anthony School for a lifetime. From her years as a student in the 30's and 40's and the raising of her and husband Wilbur's children in the school and church in the 60's and 70's, to the dedicated hours of volunteering as a parent before working tirelessly for 19 years as school secretary. After a long life well-lived, Janeth passed on April 16, 2023.

While her five children were young students at the school, Janeth was an active volunteer.

"I remember how dedicated mom was to anything she was involved with (which was a lot)," said her son John Stearns as he reminisced about her incredible life.

"One of my favorite memories of mom in relation to St. Anthony's school, was going with her when she would play the piano in classrooms needing an accompanist for music," said daughter Mary Gangl. "It was so fun hearing the kids sing and watching the nuns "swoosh" around in their habits!"

In 1976, when her youngest child started high school, Janeth became the school secretary. According to her daughter Carolyn Smith, St. Anthony School provided her mom with a sense of purpose and belonging that she wholeheartedly enjoyed.

"She knew everyone at the school and the parishes," said former St. Anthony School Principal Mary Kozola.

Tulip Titus, a parent turned teacher said Janeth was incredibly efficient. "She was quick-acting while remaining calm and sweet. She never rushed

anyone who was speaking or asking questions, yet you could tell her mind was racing with efficiency," said Titus.

A truly humble servant, Janeth always shied away from the limelight according to her daughter Irene Archibald. She was much loved by students and staff and stayed until her retirement in 1995.

"Janeth taught me everything about being the secretary and even volunteered once a week upon retirement," said her replacement Tina Madruga. "She left big shoes to fill."

When not at the school, Janeth was involved in many capacities at St. Anthony's Church, most often serving in the music ministry playing the piano and organ alongside her husband, Wilbur.

"She was a wonderful Christian, Catholic woman who served her family, church, and community with grace and dignity. Any encounter with her was always pleasant and joyful," said Father Michael Carr, former pastor of St. Anthony Church.

What a mark Janeth left on our school and Catholic community. How blessed are we to have had her as part of our school's story. As Janeth would say, "time goes by very quickly, enjoy each and every day."



**Janeth's 90th Birthday**  
Left to right: Mary Gangl, Carolyn Smith, John Stearns, Joanne Wood and Irene Archibald  
—all St. Anthony School alumni.

## Memorial and Honorariums:

Memorial and Honorarium donations are beautiful tributes with a lasting legacy.

We are truly grateful for the donations that have been made to either St. Anthony Tri-Parish Catholic School or Foundation in honor or memory of the following:

### In Memory of:

John J. "Jack" Blomstrom  
Gary Gilbert  
Susie McMurry  
Janeth Stearns

### In Honor of:

John Martin

## Antonian Angels:

We remember those alumni, former staff and pastors of the school who have left us this past school year. May they rest in peace and may God's grace and mercy comfort their families.

Reverend Robert Fox  
Sally Kidd  
Frank "Pinky" Ellis (Class of 1942)  
Ruby (Racich) Evers (Class of 1940)  
Wilma (Galles) Lathrop (Class of 1943)  
Larry Middaugh (Class of 1943)  
Janeth (Cavanaugh) Stearns (Class of 1941)

*"What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him."*  
-Corinthians 2:9

*We make every effort to ensure the accuracy of our lists and we apologize for any errors or omissions. Please contact the Foundation Office at 307-337-1362 with any correction or questions. Thank you.*



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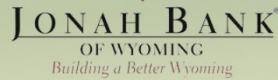
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