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From Our Principal

This year we have focused on our identity as a Catholic school. At the beginning of the year, our faculty spent time on retreat reflecting on various Church documents about the purpose, mission and vocation of Catholic educators.

Our Board of Directors also took time to be on retreat and focus on our school's mission. Both the faculty and board spent time reflecting on "The University of St. Thomas course, Mission, Culture and Emerging Questions" to help shape our mission and our own understanding of the vocation of the Catholic school educator.

As we reflected on our theme for the year, "Faith Can Move Mountains," we are reminded that as a school community rooted in faith, we can accomplish great things.



For our theme next year, "Led by the Spirit", we are asking that the Holy Spirit infuse us with gifts that will allow us to ignite our faith, reach new heights, and shine our light to our community.

We are so blessed as a school community and appreciate all the gifts that are bestowed upon us. I encourage you to come and visit to see the wonderful ways that the Spirit is moving in our school.

Peace,

Dr. Melissa Whelan, Principal

From Our School Board President

Our St. Anthony's Tri-Parish Catholic School Board has been working hard, prayerfully discussing, wrestling with, and contemplating who is St. Anthony's Tri-Parish Catholic School through our strategic planning process.

We believe our core values are truly our foundation; the pillars are Faith, Knowledge, Service and Tradition, and through this intense process we felt called to reexamine our mission statement. Therefore, it is by the grace of God, we, the Board of Directors have prayerfully rewritten our mission

statement to reflect who St. Anthony Tri-Parish Catholic School is, today. Our prayer is that this new mission will be interwoven throughout all facets of St. Anthony Tri-Parish Catholic School from staff to students, families, and parishes throughout Natrona County.

We are excited to present this to you today and thank you for your continued prayers and support.

In Christ,

Beth C. Peterson Detrick, Board President

Memorial and Honorariums:

Memorial and Honorarium donations are beautiful tributes with a lasting legacy. Since our last publication, the following individuals have been honored through memorial or honorarium gifts.

In Memory of:

Jeri Alloway
Class of 1956 Deceased Members
Steve Houck
Shaun McCarthy
Janeth Stearns (Class of 1940)
Wilbur Stearns

In Honor of:

Dan Basko
Mary Harris Basko
Terry Cometto
John Martin
Past/Present St. Anthony Teachers
Margaret Scott
Joe Scott

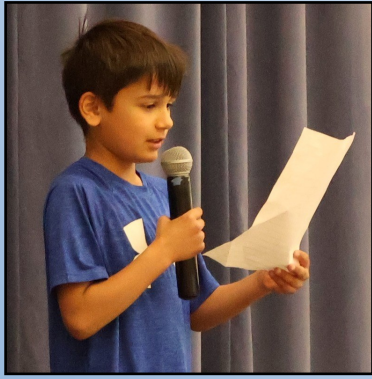


MISSION STATEMENT:

In imitation of Jesus Christ, we ignite a passion for learning, a desire to serve, a love of God and recognition of all that is true, good and beautiful in our church and culture to build the Kingdom of God.

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Spring marks the beginning of a busy season for our students



Our preschool students enjoyed a field trip and exploration time at The Science Zone.



Students and families gathered for dinner and poetry presented by students in grades 1-4.



A Little House on the Prairie based character tea party gave our elementary student readers a chance to become their favorite characters.



The spring concert featured 3-5 graders performing Kings, Dreams, and Schemes (The Adventures of Daniel).



St. Anthony Kindergarten and third graders had the opportunity to celebrate Arbor Day by planting trees on the grounds of Fort Caspar.



The clouds parted on April 8th giving our students a great view of the eclipse.

Yes! I want my gift to support St. Anthony Tri-Parish Catholic School students as they grow in faith, serve others and achieve academic excellence!

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The Archangel Eighth Grade Graduating Class of 2024



Hazel Adams

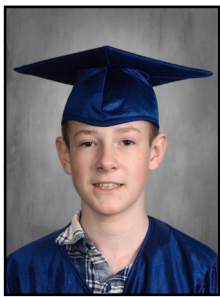
Hazel is off to Natrona County High School next year. She is looking forward to making new friends and a change of scenery, but will greatly miss all the

teachers she had while at St. Anthony Tri-Parish Catholic School.

Ellise Atnip

A trip to Yesness Park in Kindergarten with Mrs. Powell is Ellise's favorite St. Anthony School memory. She will miss the close relationship she has shared with her St.

Anthony teachers, but is looking forward to meeting new people and trying new sports as she moves on to Natrona County High School next year.



Tayvin Campbell

Memories made with friends tops Tayvin's list during his time at St. Anthony School. He is excited to see friends that he has played sports with

outside of school, but will miss his friends that won't be attending Kelly Walsh High School with him in the fall.



Chance Harmon

Small classes and his teachers are two things that Chance will miss next year at Natrona County High School. While his favorite memories are

those he's made with current classmates, he is looking forward to meeting new people next year!



Isabella Bruce

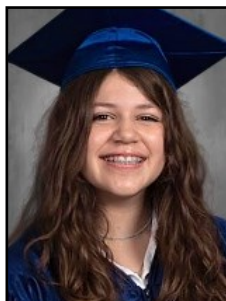
Looking forward to meeting new people and trying new things, Isabella is off to Natrona County High School next fall. She takes with her all of the memories she has

made with her friends during her time at St. Anthony's and will miss her teachers and friends who aren't going to NC.

Sophia Butler

Joining the ranks at Kelly Walsh High School next year, Sophia is looking forward to new friends and experiences! Her favorite school memory is the 4th

grade trip to Cody and she will miss all of the relationships she has built over the years with her friends and teachers.



Parker Colling

Parker is headed to Natrona County High School next year and will miss not knowing everyone he sees. Playground basketball

games being some of his favorite school memories, he will also miss the peace

and quiet that can be found at St. Anthony Tri-Parish Catholic School.



Zaine Colling

Zaine will miss his friends as he heads off to start 9th grade at Kelly Walsh High School. He looks forward to meeting new people and

making new friends, but will always cherish the memories he made at St. Anthony School, especially field trips on the bus.

Colin Hartley

Colin is looking forward to playing football next year at Kelly Walsh High School. He will miss all of the teachers at St. Anthony's and will

forever remember his 6th grade trip to John Paul II.



Patrick Henry

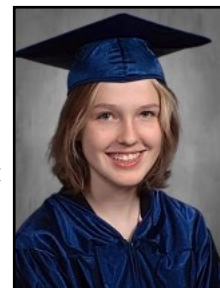
Making new friends is on the top of Patrick's list next year at Natrona County High School. He will miss playing Archangel basketball and his

friends that are going to Kelly Walsh, but is very excited for high school!

Quinn Houck

Recess and her friends are two things that Quinn will miss as a 9th grader next year at Kelly Walsh High School. She looks forward to new

experiences and friends. Her favorite saint, St. Frances de Sales, is the saint of authors and writing, and she is excited to continue to hone her writing in high school as well!



Alexandra Furnival

High school rodeo and new friends are two things Alex is looking forward to next year at Natrona County High School. She will miss the teachers and

her friends, but will channel the strength and bravery of her favorite saint, St. Sebastian, as she takes on 9th grade next year!



May your high school years be blessed



Aiden Ker

Casper Christian School is where Aiden is headed next year and he is looking forward to different classes. While he is excited for high school,

he will miss his friends from St. Anthony's and playing Archangel basketball.

Maggie Miller

Maggie will be attending Natrona County High School next year and is so excited to trade in her school uniform for anything she wants to wear.

She will miss house days and so many of the teachers she had over the years. Just like Mother Teresa, she looks forward to spreading kindness and meeting new people.



Ethan Monfre

Ethan is looking forward to more anonymity at Kelly Walsh High School next year. He will miss middle school dances and recess and is excited for high school

English classes, as he dreams of being an author/writer just like St. Francis de Sales.

Robert "Teo" Moore

A new school requires the bravery of St. Patrick, Teo's favorite saint. He will miss his teachers, but is looking forward to playing high school sports and continuing his Science Olympiad participation at Natrona County High School.



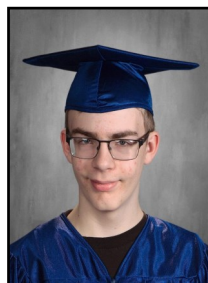
Zeina Skaf

Zeina will be attending Kelly Walsh High School. She will miss the family atmosphere at St. Anthony's but is looking forward to new and more people and

more class offerings. Her favorite memories include her 7th grade trip to John Paul II and the presidential election when she was in the 5th grade.

Konrad Smith

Konrad is looking forward to high school at Natrona County High School. Time with friends are his favorite memories and he will miss those that are not attending NC next year. St. Maximilian Kolbe is his favorite saint because of his selflessness, a quality Konrad also possesses.



Delaney Studer

Mass and exposition are two things that Delaney will miss next year when she starts 9th grade at Kelly Walsh High School. Thanks to her time at St. Anthony's, her beliefs are deeply rooted like that of her favorite saint, St. Almadine. She is excited and looks forward to more students and friends.

Hawquin Warren

Woodworking and welding are two class offerings that Hawquin is looking forward to next year at Natrona County High School. He has loved his time at St. Anthony's and will miss the small class sizes and the project based learning.



Antonian Angels

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

Derek Bitner
Diane (Quinlan) Kowalski
Zane Knight
Martha (Watt) Wahl Nelson
Terry O'Brien
Donna Kay (Galles) Shockey
Stephen Skaj

Class of 1943

Joann (Bagby) Ivanoff

Class of 1944

Mary (Marinich) Goodstein

Class of 1947

Patricia (Kelliher) Tripeny

Class of 1950

Arlene (Quealy) Condelario

Class of 1951

Mary (Kerns) Cabela

Frank Holscher

Class of 1955

Thomas Fake

Helen (Jansen) Larramendy

Class of 1960

Dale Ford

Class of 1961

James DeWitt II

Rudy Stanko

Class of 1962

Cheryl (Miller) Vanatta

Class of 1965

Vincent Lukowiak

Class of 1974

Mary (Leclere) Perkins

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

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Mrs. Cometto set to retire after more than 30 years



For more than half of her life, Terry Cometto has been teaching music at St. Anthony School.

Terry began teaching music at St. Anthony School at the “old school,” located at 218 E. 7th Street in Casper, in the fall of 1991.

“When Terry came in for her interview many years ago, I thought she was a young mom and would fit in well at the school, but probably wouldn’t stay long-term,” said former St. Anthony School Principal Mary Kozola. “Here we are 33 years later and she has proved me wrong.”

Music has always been her passion, but in addition to music, Terry has spent countless hours in service to others during her time at St. Anthony Tri-Parish Catholic School. She lives her faith daily and set a great example for her students. Dedicated so much to service, Terry’s favorite saint is St. Therese of Lisieux, for whom she is named.

“I learned about how Saint Therese used a string of beads as her daily devotion to God to do good for others,” said Terry. “I always wanted to be the person who performed acts of love each day.”

Having been an asset to students, faculty and staff, Terry has quietly demonstrated God’s love for His children, consistently showing God’s love in all the little and big ways she serves.

“Her notes to former students as they achieved milestones in high school shows our students how cherished they were as part of our community. Planning service day and service projects for the students were all a work of her heart and an outward sign of her commitment to service,” said current St. Anthony Tri-Parish Catholic School Principal, Dr. Melissa Whelan.

A true servant, Terry is the also the consummate musician, teaching band and choir and everything in between.

“My son is still quite the musician thanks to her earnest piano lessons,” said former Principal Jane Smith, who worked with Terry for many years, first as a teacher and then as her principal.

Cyndy Novotny, who served as principal from 2005-2022, spoke about the number of lives Terry has touched, both in her teaching and her service to others.

“She has influenced so many young lives into the world of music and helped make their education complete by teaching them all the joy that surround the immersion in music,” said Novotny. Novotny continued saying, “I often wondered how she was able to teach a variety of instruments, foundational music instruction, choir, handle the music at the school Masses and conduct concerts, performances and plays....all in the same year!”

While retirement is normally when people tend to slow down, that is not in Terry’s plan. With more than 10 grandchildren in a multitude of

activities, retirement will allow her and her husband, Mike, more time and flexibility for family and travel. She will also be back at St. Anthony Tri-Parish Catholic School volunteering in our Atrium teaching Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS), something she has spearheaded this year in addition to her music classes and service projects.

“Her passion and dedication to this program (CGS) has and continues to provide our students with the opportunity to learn God’s love in meaningful and tangible ways though their work in the Atrium and the lessons of the parables,” Principal Dr. Melissa Whelan. “We are blessed that she will be returning to lead us to the next level for our older students.”

So, this is not goodbye, but simply a “see you a little less often.” For a woman so dedicated to service, God and music, we are so very excited for her next chapter and beyond grateful that we get to be a small part of it.

Our most sincere thanks to Mrs. Terry Cometto for her gift of being a teacher. We pray that God’s grace will continue to guide her in all things, as we know they will be great.



St. Anthony Scientists Compete in National Olympiad



“The preparation is hard, but it pays off in the end,” said Olympiad team member and St. Anthony Tri-Parish Catholic School recent 8th grade graduate Teo M.

Teo is one of eight students from our school that competed in this year’s Wyoming State Science Olympiad (WSO), hosted every spring at Casper College. The entry categories include chemistry, engineering, inquiry, life science, physical sciences, earth and space.

The coaching team, led by parent volunteers Dagmara Motriuk-Smith, PhD. and assistant coaches Rob Swanson and Stacey Moore, boasts an incredible 50 years of working with youth programs and/or teaching science. Add to that four months of team member preparation (designing, building, practicing tests, reading books or watching documentaries) led by a number of returning students and you have what proved to be a ticket to National Olympiad at the end of May at Michigan State University.

Their state achievements include:

First Place

Wind Power—Teo M. & Konrad S.
Fast Facts—Jack V. & Austin V.
Ecology—Konrad S.
Write-It, Do-It—Jack V. & Austin V.
Flight—Oskar S. & Matthew G.
Code Busters—Austin V., Teo M. & Oskar S.

Second Place

Road Scholar—Austin V. & Teo M.
Fossils—Parker C.
Reach for the Starts—Teo M.

Third Place

Experimental Design—Konrad S.

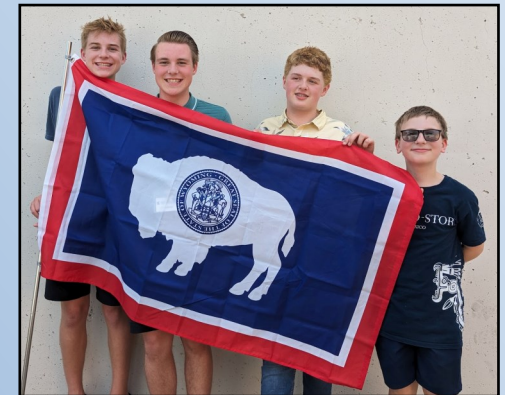
“I give all the credit to the students and I am deeply grateful to the assistant coaches for their help,” said head coach Dagmara Motriuk-Smith, PhD. “Our school also prepared our students well, as they all have an excellent background in both math and science.” According to Motriuk-Smith, most of the state teams they competed against are twice the size of their team, making it sort of a puzzle too figure out how the competition would work with such a small group, but thanks to the team’s determination, each signed up for their preferred events and earned a trip to Nationals in the process.

The National Olympiad proved to be an invaluable experience. Each team member and their coaches came home invigorated and hopeful that this program will continue to grow, allowing for more chances to compete in the



state and national competition for years to come.

Thank you to PacifiCorp and Martin Family Foundation for their financial support of this team. We are so very blessed as a school community, both by our students and volunteers alike, who bring gifts and talents together and do great things. Congratulations to this group of young students. May this experience and its memories last a lifetime and ignite a lifetime love of learning and science.



Our sold-out March 16th Partners in Education event, featured a talented middle school and 5th grade choir, raising more than \$550,000 in support of our students.



Another incredible evening that would not have been possible without the generosity of our volunteers and supporters!



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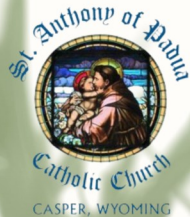
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