



MISSION STATEMENT

St. Anthony on the Lake Catholic School is dedicated to excellence in a Christ-centered education rooted in our Catholic faith; and to the spiritual, intellectual, social, and physical development of each student. Together with our parish community, we live the Gospel of Jesus Christ, commit to worship and lifelong faith formation, and serve others.

LIVE • SEEK • COMMIT • SERVE

WHY CHOOSE ST. ANTHONY ON THE LAKE?

There is no other school community quite like the one you will find at St. Anthony on the Lake. Just ask our students what they like best about St. Anthony on the Lake School and they will tell you, "It feels like home!"

The family atmosphere at our school is something we treasure and want to extend to all of our new families. That's why our School Committee members developed a **Family-to-Family Mentoring Program**. When you register at St. Anthony on the Lake, we will match your family with an experienced family who will contact you prior to the start of school and will be your own personal resource for questions about school (dress code, volunteer opportunities, schedules, extracurricular activities, etc.).

During the summer months, we host a social gathering for mentors and new families to give you and your student(s) an opportunity to get to know a few friendly faces prior to the start of school. We also host a casual get-together for new families and their mentors in the fall, to ensure you are settling into the school year well. Your mentor family will remain a resource for you throughout the school year and beyond!

OUR FAITH

St. Anthony on the Lake School values our Catholic identity and our community of faith and we strive to integrate our Catholic faith into all we do. We believe our homes, school, and church are integral in the development of the whole person. Each of us is a Believer, a Scholar, and a Disciple. Our school is guided by Christ's commandment to love God and thy neighbor.

At St. Anthony on the Lake, your child will receive religious education through formal instruction and life experiences, including:

- Sacraments
- Worship
- Daily Prayer
- Service
- Scripture
- Basic Teachings
- Retreats
- Respect for Life



St. Anthony on the Lake School celebrates the unique abilities of each person as gifts from God. Our Graduate Profile outlines that our students leave here Confident Authentic Believers, Committed Christians, Disciples, and Servant Leaders.

SERVICE

St. Anthony on the Lake School is committed to social justice through service to the community. Here are some of the service opportunities offered to our students:

- Pledges for Peru, Pennies for Peru, and Paces for Peru - all benefitting our sister Parish, Santissimo Sacramento, in Peru
- Gold in September Mass & Activities - benefitting childhood cancer awareness & research
- Operation Christmas Child - sends Christmas gifts to children in underdeveloped countries
- House of Peace food boxes & various other local community food/clothing/book drives
- Salvation Army, Hope Center, and Repairers of the Breach field trips
- Middle School Students have service-hour requirements as part of their religion & social studies grades and have the opportunity to participate in Service Club starting in 5th grade. This club gives students the opportunity to provide service to the community, church and school with hands-on activities throughout the year.

CURRICULUM

Accredited by both the Archdiocese of Milwaukee and the Wisconsin Religious and Independent Schools Association (WRISA), St. Anthony on the Lake offers a faith and values-based education. Our superior instructional program emphasizes the mastery of basic skills throughout all academic and spiritual subject areas. Specific examples include the incorporation of phonics into our reading program and a hands-on science curriculum. In addition, our math program not only stresses the development of computation skills, but also focuses on problem solving, critical thinking, and the use of manipulatives.

Students are also challenged by participating in:

- Geography Bees
- Speech Writing & Civic Oration
- Poetry Contests
- STEM Activities
- Wellness Day
- Art Contests/Art Club
- Future City
- You be the Chemist

Awards our alumni have received from these contests include:

- Division, State, and National titles for Civic Oration
- Regional poetry contest award winners - including a published anthology
- Arbor Day / DARE Program poster winners
- Awards & displays at the Helen Mears Art Contest





Cooperative education, school assemblies, field trips, and special liturgical celebrations further enhance each student's experience at St. Anthony on the Lake. We are proud of our record of academic excellence. St. Anthony on the Lake students consistently score above average on standardized tests and perform very well in their high school classes as we feed into several area high schools (Pewaukee, Kettle Moraine, Arrowhead, Oconomowoc, Waukesha North, Catholic Memorial, Pius, DSHA and Marquette).

"We were pushed harder and challenged more, which makes the transition to high school easier."

~St. Anthony on the Lake Graduate

TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM

Technology at St. Anthony on the Lake is constantly being updated and improved. Some of the latest updates include mobile devices for all students (1:1 Program), a large network expansion, and a transition to faster Fiber Optic internet connection. All school devices are networked and each classroom and public space has its own wireless access points to ensure connectivity.

A few highlights of Technology at St. Anthony on the Lake:

- Students from 3K to 8th grade enjoy use of iPads and/or Chromebooks. The 1:1 Program begins for students starting in K5 and devices may be brought home starting in Grade 2.
- Students use the Google Education Suite for productivity: Google Docs, Google Slides, etc. are used for writing and presenting, Google Drive for collaboration, and Google Classroom to connect with their classmates and teachers.
- St. Anthony on the Lake has a network that is protected by a business-class firewall and a security device that filters undesirable internet content.
- Each classroom at St. Anthony on the Lake is equipped with a Smartboard, allowing students to engage in active learning.
- Pre-K through 2nd grade students learn basic computer skills and practice classroom-taught concepts using math, science, language, drawing programs, and mobile apps alongside curriculum-driven internet research. Teachers engage directly with the students to provide modern learning solutions that are right for them.
- Keyboarding is taught starting in Pre-K and skills are reinforced all the way through 8th grade.
- St. Anthony on the Lake measures student progress with individualized assessments that provide data to the teachers in real time. These assessments help students, teachers, and families set personalized learning goals that meet the needs of the student and match the curriculum.

MUSIC AND BAND

Hands-on musical instruction is an integral and fun part of each student's experience at St. Anthony on the Lake. Each year, students participate in two all-school concerts and other community performances.





In addition to weekly music classes at school, beginning in 3rd grade, students have the option to join the St. Anthony on the Lake Children's Choir. The Children's Choir sings weekly at our School Liturgy as well as several weekend and holiday Masses throughout the year.

4th through 8th grade students have the opportunity to participate in the St. Anthony on the Lake Band Program. We offer both a Beginner and Advanced Band.

Finally, beginning in 5th grade through 8th grade, St. Anthony on the Lake students may elect to participate in the spring musical. Recent performances have included *The Little Mermaid*, *Shrek the Musical*, and *Peter Pan*.

ATHLETICS

Sportsmanship, leadership, and team play are the goals of St. Anthony on the Lake athletics program. Our program focuses on developing athletic skills along with enriching the social and emotional skills of the young people involved. Our coaches strive to serve as role models of Christian living and to teach our children sportsmanship and gracious winning and losing. We have a state-of-the-art middle school gym with 26' ceilings and two practice courts.

St. Anthony on the Lake Mustangs participate in volleyball, cross country, basketball and track beginning in 5th grade.

EXTENDED DAY CARE

St. Anthony on the Lake offers extended day care for our families. Two adults supervise the program on Monday through Friday from school dismissal until 6:00pm. The program consists of a supervised play period after school, followed by snack time, and then the children have the opportunity to study in a quiet study hall until homework is completed. There are crafts available to those interested and there are also a variety of inside toys and games that the children can enjoy.

OTHER OFFERINGS

In addition to the aforementioned items, St. Anthony on the Lake also offers:

- Spanish
- Weekly Mass
- Age-appropriate Field Trips
- School Uniform
- Hot Lunch Program
- Girl Scouts/Boy Scouts
- Service, Art, & Chess Clubs
- Brixology

FACULTY

Each faculty member at St. Anthony on the Lake is licensed through the Department of Public Instruction. In addition to our Principal and classroom teachers, St. Anthony on the Lake employs teachers for Physical Education, Spanish, Art, Music, and Band. Our 3K, 4K, and Kindergarten classrooms all have teacher's aides & we employ a floating elementary aide. Additionally, our staff includes IT Specialists, Resource Specialists, and Extended Day Care Supervisors.





RESOURCE SPECIALIST

It is the role of the Resource Specialist to offer remediation or enrichment to those students in need of further instruction. Remediation and enrichment are both provided in the classroom, through small group instruction, and/or on an individual basis.

Through data gathered in Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) and classroom testing, students are placed into quarterly "What I Need" (WIN) groups. These groups were designed in an effort to move all students forward toward their individual reading and math goals. Our Resource Specialist aides in instruction of all K5-5th grade students during the school-wide WIN block as well as aiding in instructing 6th-8th grade students during the middle school resource block.

Additionally, our Resource Specialist assists in screening students for various educational needs and refers students for further testing when needed. She leads the process on setting up Education Action Plans for students with differentiated learning needs. Education Action Plans could include modified curriculum, modified instructional strategies, and/or modified testing accommodations.

PARENT TESTIMONIALS

Still on the fence about St. Anthony on the Lake? Take a look at what some of our current and past families and students have to say about us:

"Our daughter began her education at St. Anthony on the Lake this year in the new 3K class and she has thrived. In a few brief months we can already see the impact this faith-filled and dedicated team of educators are making in her development.

Somewhere along the way, her 3-month-old brother took ill with a fever and we found ourselves receiving notes and prayer cards from teachers and a number of fellow parents asked us how he was doing. In the end, it was just a simple 24-hour fever, but it struck us that this kind of care, sincere concern and authentic community is so incredibly special and a perfect illustration of the kind of school we've become a part of. We are so deeply grateful!

~ Ben and Liz Brzeski (Sarah, 5K)

"We are fortunate to live in a great public school district, but we've chosen to invest in Catholic education for our children because we want them to be in an environment where they are immersed, encouraged and supported in their faith day in and day out. We like that there is not a separation for them of their faith life and their school life. Their faith is woven into everything they do, at home and at school. We are so grateful for the friends we have made here, the opportunities our children have to serve the community, the top-notch teachers and all of the extra-curricular activities available. St. Anthony on the Lake has been such a blessing to our family!"

~ Annie and Justin Staebler (Charlotte, 4K; Sam, 1st ; Maddie 5th)





"St. Anthony on the Lake School has become a second home to our family. Quality education, combined with the development of strong Catholic faith, were the key things that attracted our family to this school. What we didn't expect to experience was the unique, strong sense of community from them moment we walked through the door, even from the first time. The community feel is something that truly sets St. Anthony on the Lake school apart from the other area schools. The school experience extends well beyond the excellent academic program. The commitment and dedication that the teachers and staff demonstrate daily in teaching our children to "Learn, Live, Commit and Serve" are helping to shape our kids into thoughtful, kind, well-rounded people, which is so important during these formative years. We love that we are able to view the school as a partner and asset in raising our young family."

~ The Schweikert Family (Drew, 2nd)

"We both attended Catholic schools K-12 and greatly value the Catholic educational experience. We love how the parish and school at St. Anthony on the Lake work seamlessly together to incorporate these beliefs into faith formation programs in the parish as well as into the school curriculum. This truly is a 'Living Church,' helping our family and children continually grow in our faith. Since joining St. Anthony's, the older students have gone out of their way to make our son feel welcomed at the school, veteran parents have guided us and made our family feel part of the school community, and the parish has gone out of their way to make us feel like we truly found our 'home'. Our youngest son is already filled with excitement to attend St. Anthony's someday because of his interactions with other children at parish events and through watching his older brother genuinely enjoy his school experience. St. Anthony on the Lake has been an incredible blessing to our family."

- Rob & Katie McGaver (Grant, 4K; Harrison, 1st)

"We first chose St. Anthony on the Lake to educate our children because it felt right. We toured St. Anthony's and our district's public school. While the public school had and has strong academics and many extracurricular opportunities, it does not allow for our children to live their faith every day. Our kids are free to speak about God and their faith and that is important to us. Our oldest son felt comfortable at SAL and the public school was foreign to him. Our parish was a safe place and we had already begun to establish relationships with families. Since making the choice to send our children to St. Anthony on the Lake School, we have built on those relationships and consider the school community our extended family."

Our family chooses SAL, year after year for many reasons: strong academics, a teaching staff that is willing to meet children where they are at in learning, an environment that fosters making good choices, and of course the strong sense of community that brought us here. The academic bar is set high at SAL. Our sons were well prepared for high school and able to take many to all accelerated classes their Freshman year. Our academic testing has allowed our teachers and resource specialists to teach to the level of individual children so they can succeed. Our children were and are encouraged to be their personal best academically and morally. SAL is a warm and inviting place that is open to the opinions of families; each family matters."



All of this contributes to why we are committed to continuing to make St. Anthony on the Lake Catholic School our home."

~ Greg and Valeria Kopulos (Reese, 8th)

STUDENT TESTIMONIALS

"I like St. Anthony's because I have good friends here. I love free choice time in class and my teacher is super nice. I get to go to church with my buddy class every week!"

~Sam Staebler, 1st

"I like Fr. Tony. He is a good priest. He taught me that I have the Super Power of prayer."

]~Harrison McGaver, 1st

"I like going to St. Anthony's because it's a Catholic school and it's fun learning about God throughout the day. It's the best school because we have awesome teachers and I really like my class and my friends. Ms. Hofbauer makes the day fun, we like to play games to learn about math and science and our projects are fun. My favorite part of the day is spending it with my friends and my teachers. I like to play outside because we all play together. My favorite subject is math and spelling. We work together to help one another so at the end of the day we don't have homework. We have lots of fun days too! Once we got to wear our pajamas to school and watch Polar Express. Another day we got to put on a play talking about Jesus and how he was born. I am happy that my sister and brother go to St. Anthony's too. This way when we have something fun at school, we all get to be a part of it!"

~Bella Sommerfeld, 3rd

"I love spending time with our buddy class, using iPads, and doing projects in class."

~Caleb Feldkamp, 4th

"I am glad my mom chose to send me to SAL because it is a place where God is all the time. We can pray in class every day and God is with us. Some kids can't do that in other schools. I also like that we know all the students in the school and that it is a smaller size."

~Sawyer Woda, 5th

"I'm glad my family sends me to St. Anthony's because I really enjoy the friendships I've made since Kindergarten. I enjoy all the sports, scouting events, and all of the other school activities. I like that the teachers are always available to help when needed. They help me do my best!"

~Leah Dryer, 8th



"I feel closer to God here. The teachers are always available to help me and I have great friends."

~Reese Kopulos, 8th

"My education at St. Anthony on the Lake is something I would never trade for the world. I am currently a sophomore at the University of Wisconsin - Madison and to this day I speak highly of my time at St. A's and how grateful I am to have spent a full 9 years there. I attribute the fact that I am able to keep up with the unceasing demands of college not because of the skills I learned in high school, but of those that I grew up learning at St. Anthony on the Lake. In my time at St. Anthony's, I was nurtured and challenged in equal measure. As a grade schooler, I struggled with reading and made quite a few mistakes, because to be honest, school did not come naturally to me at first. But, I never felt bad about it. As I moved on to middle school, I grew as a reader, a writer, a computer and a thinker. I attribute my academic successes today to the strong foundation of an education I received early on, which more than prepared me for the jump to a big public high school, Kettle Moraine. The rigorous curriculum taught by supportive, down to earth teachers ingrained in me not only strong academic and study skills, but also how to be a compassionate person. At St. Anthony's, I learned about how to truly care about others in a completely selfless way, a quality that is becoming increasingly hard to foster in a material world. At St. Anthony's, I felt safe, but was aware of what lay beyond the constraints of my own privileged life, thanks to the countless service opportunities I partook in from grade school through middle school. These opportunities continued beyond my time as a student there, through mission trips to South Dakota and West Virginia with my confirmation group. Even after I had graduated, I kept coming back, to sing in the young women's choir and lead retreats. Because being a student at St. Anthony's made me realize my potential to do good, and I just wanted to keep acting on that. St. Anthony's has been there for me through each stage in my life and has made me proud to call myself a Catholic and truly understand what it means to live like one, through word and example. It is a place that will forever be my home and one that has made a truly lasting impression on me. I wish there were some way I could thank everyone who impacted me all at once, and who continue to be a part of my life today. I could not imagine my life without all the love, lessons and experiences St. Anthony's gave me."

~Natalie Brunner, SAL Graduate

