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Dear Saint Anthony's High School Family,

It's February !!!!! Believe it or Not!!!

Yes, it really is February, the month we stop to celebrate **Black History**, the month we remember Our Loved Ones on **Valentine's Day** and the month where **Lent** begins as we prepare for the **Passion, Death and Resurrection** of Jesus Christ.

For such a short month with only 28 days, we have many activities to keep us rather busy this month. As I said, **Lent** begins later in the month and we have many opportunities for **Prayer, Retreats, Liturgies and Service Experiences**. During the Mid-Winter recess, many students will be traveling on a **Religious Pilgrimage to England and France**. They will visit Great cathedrals including **Notre Dame in Paris, the Basilica of Saint Therese in Lisieux , Mont-Saint-Michel, Westminster Abbey and Cathedral**. In addition, they will visit the **American Cemetery in Normandy**.

While some students are traveling abroad, others will be spending a week of **Service in New York City** on the **Franciscan Service Program**. These students will join Saint Francis Prep in Fresh Meadows and Notre Dame Regional High School in Cape Girardeau, Missouri to learn about the many service opportunities in the City. It is a week of **Prayer and Service**. When we all return from the break, the School will be in the midst of the **Lenten Season** with many religious opportunities for all.

Academically, the Social Studies department will provide classes that highlight the contributions of **Black Americans** with displays and discussions. Both the **National Honor Society and SALT (St. Anthony Leadership Team)** will begin **the application season**. Our Guidance Department will sponsor the Junior Parents and Students College Planning Night and many students will prepare for another SAT test. The **Catholic Honor Band** of the Diocese will perform their annual concert here and our Faculty and Staff will spend a **Professional Day that centers on the Gifts of a Franciscan Education**.

As always, there is **Time for Fun** here at Saint Anthony's. Our **Winter Pep Rally and Spirit Week** will be filled with excitement as we hail our **Winter Sports Teams**. Our Winter Dress Down day will continue to provide funds for so many causes that we support and the annual **Ski Trip** will allow many students and faculty to show off their Skiing ability. There may even be a future **Olympian** in our midst.

With all of this going on, the **Spring Musical** is busy with practices, the **Music Department** is preparing for concerts, **Winter Sports** are busy with games and meets, The **Celtic Friars** are preparing for **Parade Season** and the **Senior Class** continues to receive acceptances and scholarships. I can safely say that February will allow us to keep on **Marching into March**.

I am sure our paths will cross this month, until then **Remember Brother Loves ya!!!!**

In Saint Anthony, Our Patron,