



# Saint Anthony's High School

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**Dear Saint Anthony's High School Family,**

**It is the Month of MARCH and it is proving to be a Month where we March a Great Deal!!!** Please allow me to show you how the Friars will be marching to their own Drum this Month.

The month begins as we are in the Midst of **LENT**. A season that is not just about giving up chocolate or soda, it is about something much deeper. It is about **Transformation** and it is about looking honestly at ourselves

There are many **opportunities** here at school to answer that question. We will continue with our **Sophomore and Junior Retreats**. Our **faculty and staff** will spend an afternoon on **retreat** as we prepare for Easter. The school will sponsor **Soup Day for Long Island families in need**. In addition, many of our area priests will be with us on **Two Reconciliation Days**, While Lenten devotions and displays will all culminate in the **Holy Week Triduum**, starting on **Palm Sunday**. The month also features special **Feast Days** of **Saint Joseph, Saint Patrick and the Annunciation**. I urge all of us to make every effort to be part of the Lenten Season here and in your home parishes. Let us make this the **Best Lent Ever!**

It is a month for **Academics** to shine! Many of our Juniors will be registering for the **SAT and ACT exams**. Our **College and Career Fair** on March 11 will feature over **150 colleges and career opportunities**. **SCMEA Concerts** (Suffolk County Music Education Association) will take place during the month as well as **SALT and NHS Executive Board** members will be selected, **Admission Tours** and the End of the **Third Marking Period**.

It is a month where **Athletics and Extra-curricular Activities** will be on full display. We will honor **Our Varsity Winter Sports Athletes** with a special awards night and usher in the **Spring Sports Season** as well. You will find our **Pipers, Drummers, and Color Guard** marching in every **St. Patrick's Day Parade** every weekend on the Island and in the New York City parade up **Fifth Avenue** as well. The **Arts** will be on display with the **Show Choir Showcase** and our Spring Musical **"Come From Away"**. This year marks the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of **911** and I cannot think of a better way to honor all those who gave their lives on **September 11, 2001**

Last but not least, it is a month of **Service, Spirit, Tradition and Fun**. It all begins with the **Junior class Ring Day** liturgy on March 6 followed by the **Junior Class Cotillion** the next day. The NHS will sponsor a **Blood Drive**; many of our service clubs will be assisting those in need. **Uniform measurements** especially for the **Senior Class of 2027** will take place as well as the **Alumni Hall of Fame, the Mothers Club first ever Bingo Night** and the **Principal's Dinner**. These traditional events allow us to honor our **Friar Spirit** in very special ways.

Finally, do not forget to turn your **clocks ahead** on **March 8**. You do not want to be late for any of these magnificent events. I am certain that our paths will cross several times this month; please know that I will be keeping all of you in my **Lenten Prayers** until then **Remember Brother Loves ya!!!!**

In Saint Anthony, Our Patron,

*Brother David Anthony, O.S.F.*