



Saint Anthony's High School

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A Note from Brother David,
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Dear Saint Anthony's Family,

Happy Start of the Summer!!! I do hope you are able to Rest, Relax, Refresh yourself from this most unusual year. I also hope you are able to Celebrate the Fourth of July in a Grand style!

I am happy to say that our school year ended well, many of our students did very well, and I attribute that to the dedication and efforts of our faculty, staff and parents who once again prove that the recipe of working together always equals success.

I was most pleased with our Graduation activities; we received many wonderful comments about the videos, Drone footage and in person graduation on June 6. I enjoyed seeing all the posts of our graduates eating bagels with their parents on that beautiful day.

The month of June was most busy with virtual admissions meetings, faculty meetings, department meetings and the planning of the start of school in the Fall. You will be receiving more information on our plans for the Start of the 2020-21 school year in the next few weeks. Please know we are doing everything possible to welcome our students back home, we need them here and we miss them as much as they miss us. All of us here will keep you in the "LOOP".

During the past month, we are all seeing more issues regarding the pandemics of Racism and Violence. To this end, I along with other faculty members have had great conversations with members of our alumni who not only LOVE the school but also want the school to continue to GROW in combating these issues. With this in mind, I have attached to this newsletter some of the many ways we are responding to these issues. We all realize that this is going to be a long process, but a most welcomed process as we continue in our efforts to Live Out the Gospel Message of Jesus Christ. I remind all of us that as Catholics this is our calling as we follow in the Footsteps of Jesus Christ, as I have said over and over again: He is the Way, the Truth and the Life - this is our response and message.

Please be certain of my thoughts and prayers for all of you! Please take to heart my opening sentence REST, RELAX and REFRESH yourself these days of Summer.

And remember, "Brother Loves ya"!!!

In Saint Anthony, Our patron,

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Dear Parents, Guardians, Students, Alumni, and Friends of Saint Anthony's High School,

Over the past several weeks, I have had the opportunity to speak to many of you about the current unrest in our country due to the pandemics of Racism and Violence.

Saint Anthony's High School understands and appreciates your concerns. As a staff, we are also concerned about Racism and want to cultivate an environment of openness and acceptance to students of all races, faiths and backgrounds who seek a Catholic Franciscan Education.

As educators in a Catholic Franciscan School, we understand the primacy of the Gospel of Jesus Christ as the foundation of our curriculum, and that this message, coupled with the philosophy of Saint Francis, be our guide.

Over the past several years, we have taken many positive steps with professional development. Some of our endeavors include the formation of the Equity Club, the designation of a DASA (Dignity for All Students Act) coordinator for the school, and equity training for our faculty and staff. Most recently, students have come forth to ask for an additional club that would raise awareness of the problem of racism, and they have sought out an advisor to assist them in this endeavor. Many of our coaches have reached out to their teams to discuss this very issue, and they have reported many positive conversations.

We are actively evaluating our existing programs and curriculum to determine strengths and weaknesses in these areas. Many faculty members are educating themselves through webinars, reading and other media to better understand the issue of racism and the experience of people of color in our school community. Some of these Webinars have been sponsored by the NCEA (National Catholic Education Association), after each webinar those in attendance have a followup meeting to discuss the issues presented. In addition the Franciscan Brothers of Brooklyn are cosponsoring a 21 day challenge with Saint Francis College to better understand these crucial issues. Many other Catholic Colleges and Universities are hosting Webinars on these issues and we are in attendance as well.

Administrators and several faculty members have engaged with some alumni who have shared their experiences and concerns with us, and have offered to assist us in so many positive ways. We are most aware that many people have suffered in our country and we want to better understand in order to respond in an open, loving and responsible manner.

We are in the process of forming a task force made up of teachers, coaches and administrators to assess and address the ongoing issues in our school. This process will take time and needs the cooperation of all involved in order for it to be successful and invoke long term positive change. I am confident that we will continue to make progress, and that our efforts will impact our Friar community for the better.

I appreciate those individuals who are helping us raise our consciousness and affirm us in our efforts to make Saint Anthony's High School the best it can be for all people. As a Catholic School in the Franciscan tradition, we are committed to not only TEACH but also LIVE out the Gospel Message of Jesus Christ in all that we do.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Brother David Anthony, OSF". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal flourish at the end.

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