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AND THEY'RE OFF!

CLASS OF 2029 BEGINS THEIR JOURNEY

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As the first month of the new academic year draws to a close, the newest class of students at Saint Anthony's is beginning to adapt to the challenges and opportunities of high school life.

For many freshmen, the transition from middle school to high school marks a significant milestone. The shift brings greater academic expectations, increased independence, and a broader range of extracurricular activities.



Coming from middle schools all across Long Island, our incoming freshmen are ready for change and opportunity, courtesy of Saint Anthony's High School. From the TACHS exams to countless visits, tours, and orientations, the class of 2029 is prepared to arrive at school after months of work and anticipation. Friday, September 5th, marked the official first day of school, full of expectation. As students were dropped off by new buses with new routes, they entered a pathway lined to the brim with welcoming S.A.L.T. (Saint Anthony's Leadership Team) members, providing friendly faces and applause for the first day.

Freshman Orientation—an excited energy filled the room as The Class of 2029 was introduced to Brother David. Brother stepped up to the podium with confidence and energy. On cue, the auditorium applauded, and once it fizzled out... Brother said, "I think you should clap louder." Nerves reside as our freshmen burst into applause once again, all the more loud and joyful. Brother David never hesitated to bring the energy back for the new

school year! After giving an introduction of himself and a brief summary of his life story, students jump out of their seats to answer questions about Brother himself. The excitement in front of the stage is endless, welcoming freshmen into their beginning. Armed with Dunkin' Donuts rewards, Brother David handed out gift cards after each correct answer.

Principal Brother David Migliorino has declared this year, the year of Engagement! While speaking to his faculty, Brother said, "I believe that every child deserves to be educated not just academically, but spiritually and socially. Teachers have the responsibility to make our future the best by giving all the tools to their students". As we know, Brother David truly embodies his own words, continuing to motivate his students in faith and fun, making our futures a time full of happiness and passion.

Continuing this year is Brother David's series *Minute with the Monk*. The video posts provided great announcements, affirmations, and information for those who seek it. With his signature "Brother Loves Ya" sign in the background, Brother David continues to be a source of guidance and familiarity to students, faculty, and parents.



In his recent episode, September 22nd, Brother David was joined by five freshman students (Finn, Reagan, Jack, Haley, and Joseph) to reflect on their first impressions and opinions of Saint Anthony's. Each student had positive outlooks on the year, speaking of great extracurricular activities, the teaching staff, our student population, and much more.

Faculty members have also observed the freshmen's adjustment with to high school with optimism. Ms. Malagnone, a ninth-grade English teacher, noted that while the start of the year can be demanding,

students have shown determination and enthusiasm. "They are learning quickly how to manage their time and ask for help when they need it," she said. "Their energy and curiosity are a welcome addition to our classrooms." It certainly has been encouraging to see how the Freshmen are connecting with each other in their first few weeks.



Many freshmen say the biggest challenges so far have been balancing schoolwork with extracurriculars and adjusting to new expectations. However, most agree that high school also comes with exciting opportunities—more clubs, sports, and chances to explore new interests. As the first month wraps up, the Freshmen are looking ahead to spirit week, fall sports, the SALT Carnival and many more opportunities that Saint Anthony's has to offer. Despite the usual mix of nervousness and excitement, most freshmen agree they're ready for whatever high school has in store.

While the class of 2029 embarks on their Saint Anthony's journey, the excitement is palpable. The myriad of opportunities available through extra curriculars will help them discover their passion and interests, and develop both skills and friendships along the way. Support and mentorship from both faculty and upperclassmen will continue to play a vital role in their personal growth as they acclimate to the environment at our school, both socially and academically. Everyone at Saint Anthony's eagerly anticipates what this year has in store for the class of 2029. We're confident in knowing that they will face each challenge head-on, with engagement, and embrace the motto of being classmates for four years and Friars forever! Welcome class of 2029 -- your journey at Friartown has just begun and we cannot wait to see how you make this school your home!

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Principal

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Assistant Principal, Dean of Student Activities

News BRIEFS

Mr. Andrew Zonin appointed Dean of Freshman

Beginning in September 2025, Mr. Andrew Zonin will serve as Freshman Dean. In this role, he will be guiding the Class of 2029 through their first year of high school, helping them adjust socially and ensuring they understand the expectations that come with being part of our community. Mr. Zonin brings years of experience and a strong dedication to the school. Many students already know him from his work in the general office, where he assisted with Student Activities alongside Mrs. Mattutat.



Mr. Zonin (pictured left) assists in supervising Freshman Orientation Lunch.

As Freshman Dean, Mr. Zonin will play an important part in maintaining discipline and creating a respectful and welcoming environment for all students. His role is to help freshmen make good choices, hold them accountable when necessary, and set the tone for their high school journey. In addition to his role as Freshman Dean, Mr. Zonin is a member of the Science Department teaching Chemistry.

Junior Writer: Nicholas Tonno

Get Your Hot Dogs! And now Chick-Fil-A!

Friars home football games would not be the same without the Canteen feeding the fans. Long before the new canteen was built, Brother Joshua was selling burgers beneath the stands with Mr. Edward Vilbig and Brother Xavier with only a household charcoal barbecue. Around 1990, a "new" canteen was built to the left of the Student bleachers. Here, for over three decades the student council worked hard every Friday night. By 2024, it was small and outdated.

Thus, in 2025, Saint Anthony's constructed a brand new canteen as part of the the sports complex renovation. This facility was made possible by Terrence X. Meyer, Esq. '74 and his family. The canteen was first used at the 2025 track invitational, where under the leadership of previous canteen chairman, Anthony Caiazza, the debut weekend served over 1,000 track athletes and families.



Senior Thomas Corr, the new Canteen Chairman, indicated the newest addition to the "new" canteen is authentic chick-fil-a chicken sandwiches. These chicken sandwiches have been a raving success and have sold out every game. The Student Council hopes to add more menu items in the year ahead!

Senior Writer: Anthony Caiazza

CELL PHONES AWAY! LOCKERS ISSUED FOR PHONE STORAGE

Sophomore Writer: Lilah Carden

As September begins and a new school year is upon us, a new policy has been implemented at St. Anthony's as well: cell phones are now to be stored away in lockers all day, powered off. This came as a shock to many students as last year no such policy was in place. During the 2024-2025 school year, students were permitted to have their phones with them as they traveled to class, and then they'd be stored away in a phone cubby in the front of the room until the class concluded. Additionally, phones were permitted during free periods, as well as listening to music via headphones in the library or cafeteria.

However, as of late spring of this year, New York State issued a law mandating a "bell-to-bell" restriction on cell phone usage on school grounds. This means that at St. Anthony's, from 8:20 AM in the morning to 2:30 PM, cell phones will be stored in lockers. This law's overall goal, as explained by Governor Kathy Hochul, is to make schools a more productive environment for students, and to foster distraction-free classrooms. The general slogan Hochul coined is, "More Learning, Less Scrolling". St. Anthony's agreed with this sentiment wholeheartedly, having no hesitation to adopt this policy and enact it into our own school.

To understand St. Anthony's mission with this new phone policy further, I spoke with Dr. Vasiliades, Director of Curriculum and Instruction. The desired end goal in addition to the goals and benefits explained by Governor Hochul, is that lack of phones will lead to an increase in classroom positivity. St. Anthony's read and reviewed research this past summer on the benefits of leaving their cell phones locked away for the day including socialization amongst students. Since Covid, there has seemed to have been a depletion in the socialization between students. Students seem to have gotten too engrossed in their phones, that in some cases, interactions with classmates and friends have grown to be secondary. As a Catholic school, St. Anthony's has a unique purpose; in addition to delivering top-level education, St. Anthony's also grows and fosters a sense of community and belonging for its students. So, yes the law is important, but so is forging bonds with each other, based on the principles conveyed in Catholic Social Teaching.

NOTICE



NO CELL PHONES ALLOWED

When speaking with various students,

ranging all grade levels, two main concerns were raised. First, students are concerned that by eliminating phones entirely, it's creating poor self control habits later in life. Many students explained that obviously in college, such policies won't be in place, so will students be able to self-regulate? When faced with this question, Dr. V replied that it depends on grade level and also who the student is. For upperclassmen, yes, there might be some challenges with regulating phone usage in an unrestricted environment, as they've only been with the phone policy for a year. Underclassmen on the other hand, who will be with this policy for longer, may have some better habits and self regulations developed. But again, it all depends on the student themselves. He finishes off this question by explaining that everything is good in moderation.

The second main concern that has been voiced is what will happen in case of an emergency. Dr. V acknowledged this concern and defined the procedure, explaining that mass emails will be sent out to parents, and potentially mass texts as well. In such a high pressure situation, it would be best for all students to be focused, alert, and refer to the guidance of their teachers.

Overall, there are many benefits to having this cell phone ban and even though there may be some growing pains in the adjustment to the new policy, the Administration hopes that students grow to see the value in a social, distraction free, learning environment.

SANTO SUBITO!

TWO NEW SAINTS OF THE CHURCH

Juniors Writers:

Antoinette Uhler & Maya Williams

On the Seventh of September, Pope Leo XVI led a momentous Holy Mass in Saint Peter's Square in Rome before thousands of pilgrims to canonize Carlo Acutis and Pier Giorgio Frassati. Before his passing, Pope Francis was set to canonize both of these Saints during the Church's Jubilee week of youth, but sadly was unable to do so. However, the prolonged wait only inspired Catholics to pray for these two young saints even more.

Carlo Acutis is a name well known throughout the halls of Saint Anthony's High School. Students in Chorus and Orchestra visited the resting place of Carlo Acutis in Assisi and in 2022, the Archbishop of Perugia visited Saint Anthony's with relics of the newly canonized Saint.



Carlo Acutis was born May 3, 1991 in London, but soon after moved to Italy. He was raised in Milan, Italy. As a teen Carlo was diagnosed with leukemia but that did not waver his faith. Carlo Acutis who passed away in 2006 at the age of 15 has now become the first ever millennial saint. Despite his young age, Carlo Acutis was known for his humility, kindness, and dedication to others and prayer. From the age of seven, Carlo Acutis never missed daily mass; for him, the Eucharist was not just a ritual but the very center of his spiritual life and his source of strength. Carlo would say the Eucharist was his "Highway to Heaven", meaning receiving communion was the fastest way to grow closer to God and live a truly holy life that leads to eternal happiness with God. Instead of running to the bleachers of concerts, and games he ran to the queues in front of the Eucharist. His love and devotion for Christ offers a beautiful example of what it looks like to have Christ at the center of your life.

A lover of videogames and Spider-Man, Carlo just like most teenagers and many students at Saint Anthony's, loved technology. Carlo used his computer skills to create a website documenting Eucharistic miracles around the world. He was told to be gifted with anything relating to computers. Carlo's personal love for Christ was able to draw his relatives

closer to faith converting not only family members, but people close to him. He would regularly feed the poor he saw in the streets. Rajesh Mohur the au pair to Carlo converted from Hinduism to Catholicism because of Carlo's explanation and love of faith. Carlos aimed to inspire others by his faith and witness. Carlo put nothing before or above God and the Eucharist.

Carlo passed on October 12, 2006, and now rests in a glass tomb in Assisi dressed as a teenager. Carlo is in jeans and a pair of Nike sneakers where many can go to pray at his tomb. Through his death he is still inspiring others to join his faith.

In a world that often encourages conformity and distraction, Carlo Acutis showed us the importance of remaining true to our unique selves, rooted in faith and love. Carlo lived a beautiful life and preached witness to God in a way that is replicable in our world today. His story reminds us that holiness is not reserved for a select few but it is a path open to all who choose to place God at the center of their lives. Carlo Acutis was strong in his faith and love. Although he lived and passed from a tragic disease he kept strong in his faith and love. Carlo Acutis can be quoted to say "All people are born as originals but many die as photocopies". It is safe to say Saint Carlo Acutis did not die as a photocopy and if we must be photocopies we should strive to copy his faith.

Perhaps not as well known is Pier Giorgio Frassati. Born in 1901 in Turin, Italy, Frassati was religious from a very young age. Born to two wealthy parents, he chose to reject comfort and embrace the Catholic life of giving all he had to those in need. He would go as far as giving his bus fare money to the poor, which then meant running the route to make it home in time for dinner. Going to mass everyday, which he considered his "appointment with the Lord", was a ritual for him. His sister, Luciana Frassati Gawronska, recognized his passion for the Eucharist when he altar served. His relationship with the Catholic Church only grew as he got older.

At the young age of seventeen, Frassati joined the St. Vincent de Paul Society. This society has its roots in providing for the less fortunate materialistically and spiritually. His involvement stretched from spreading the Catholic faith to aiding soldiers returning home from World War 1. Within this, he was not afraid to challenge issues the society talked about. Frassati believed that political engagement was a required component to being Catholic. One of the main issues he spoke up against was fascism. The rise of fascism and Mussolini in Italy got its start in the early 1920s. He viewed this group of people as "a union of delinquents or thieves or assassins or idiots". Frassati particularly did not like how fascists used religion as leverage. Meaning, this group of people would gain followers by appealing to those of a Catholic background, even though they did not actually support what they said they did. Along with this, Frassati had an issue with the support Catholics ended up showing the fascists. The cathedral of Bor-

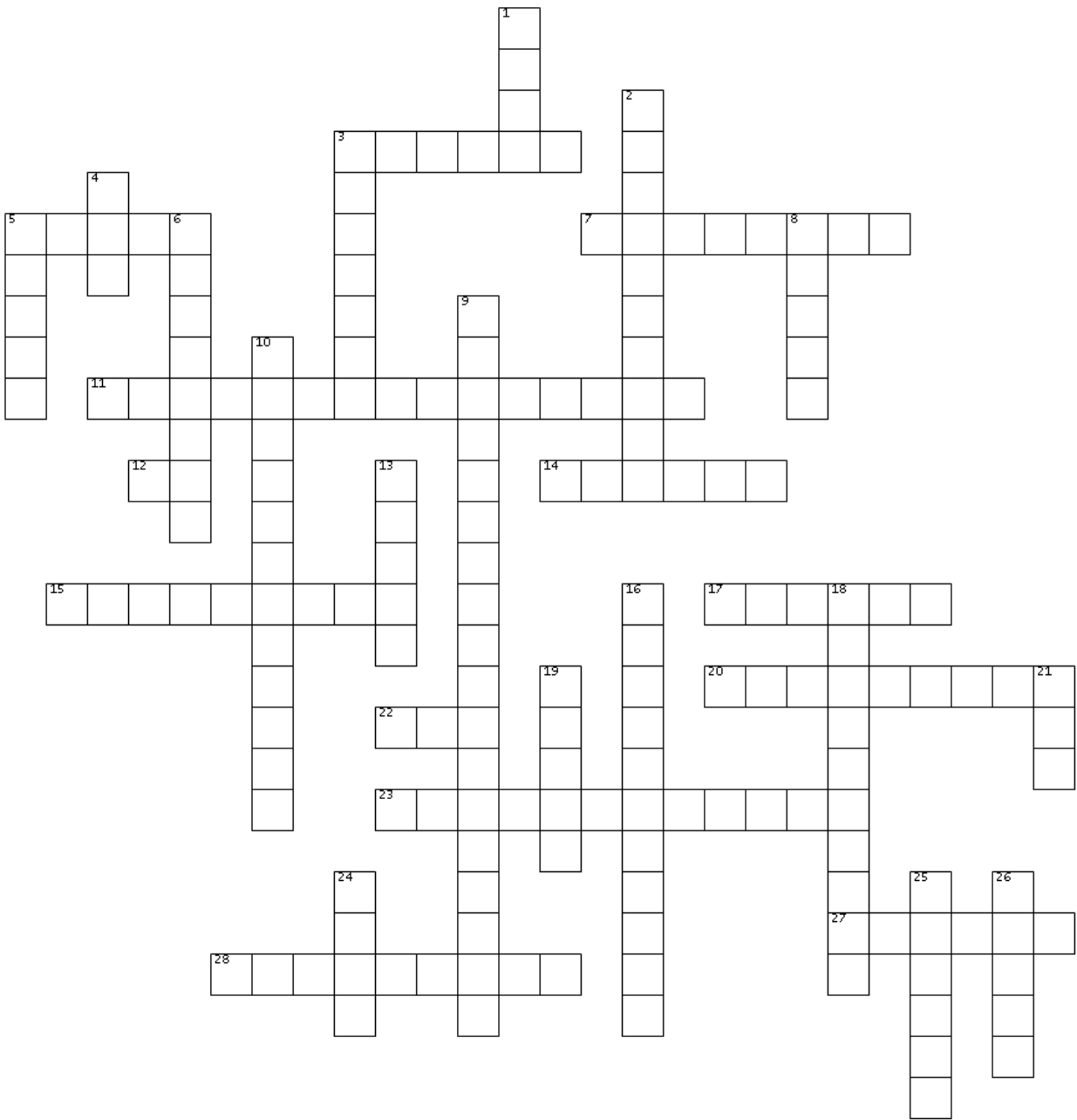
go San Donnino played the fascist hymn Giovinezza, and a club Frassati was a part of raised their flag to welcome Mussolini. These things especially frustrated Frassati, again, since the fascists actions did not align with those of the church. Along with all of this, Frassati joined Catholic Action, a society which spreads the church's teachings. He also organized the first convention of Pax Romana, which had its roots in unifying all Catholic students.

Though Frassati was a part of many organized clubs that spread the faith, there was one unique way in which he did this informally. Frassati and his friends had a not-so-common hobby of mountain climbing. Since they were all very skilled climbers, Frassati came up with a challenge. He made a bet with his friends that if he made it to the top of the mountain before them, they would have to go to church with him as their "punishment". As silly as this wager sounds, it really did have a huge purpose. It introduced his friends to a world of religion they wouldn't have otherwise known of, if it wasn't for a friendly mountain climbing challenge.



All that Frassati achieved in his 24 years of life, sadly came to an end. In 1925, he died from polio. During his last hours, he wrote goodbye letters with his paralyzed hand to all the groups and organizations he belonged to. He even gave up a pain killer shot to an older person who he thought needed it more, despite the immense pain he was in. He continued to serve others up to his very last breath. Though his physical life on earth was over, his spirit lived on. In 1933, Domenico Sellan was miraculously healed. Sellan, a forty year old man, was paralyzed from Pott's disease (spinal tuberculosis). A priest, who thought the end of Sellan's days were nearing, handed him a prayer card with Giorgio Frassati on it. In that instant, Sellan was miraculously healed through the intercession of Frassati. This miracle was nothing less than extraordinary. Fifty long years after the intercession occurred, the Catholic Church finally recognized the miracle (1989). And in 1990, considered Frassati blessed putting him on the path to sainthood. Both saints are now enshrined in Saint Anthony's as statues that adorn the entrance to the Student Center.

THE 411 OF SAINT ANTHONY'S



ACROSS

3. The place to store your cell phone throughout the day
5. Nickname for a Freshman
7. The Name of the Road where your High School is
11. The Name of the Chapel
12. The common name of the main office
14. The athletic class you have two times a cycle
15. The School Yearbook
17. Item of Identification you must keep with you at all times
20. Home of the first SAHS
22. A scientific hands on class you have twice a cycle
23. The Principal
27. Location of Mass
28. A great source of food
2. The name of the main football field
3. A place you can go when you have a free period
4. As Brother David says, we must place Him above all things
5. School Mascot
6. The ten minute interval where Daily Attendance is taken
8. A technical device that every student has
9. The Founders of SAHS
10. The Patron Saint of your High School
13. Dr. Buehler, Mr. Arrigo and Mr. Zonin
16. Brother David's favorite Saint
18. The first place you go after you are absent or late
19. The number of periods in a day
21. The Honor Society run by Mr. Paul Washington
24. A period when you do not have class
25. The School Newspaper
26. The number of days in the SAHS Cycle

DOWN

1. The number of minutes you have between classes
2. The number of days in the SAHS Cycle

FACULTY SPOTLIGHT

For each issue, the Paduan sits down with one of our esteemed Faculty Members to introduce them to our school community. If you have a teacher recommendation, please write to paduan@stanthonyshs.org



Ms. Kathleen Vertolomo

Paduan: How many years have you been at Saint Anthony's?

Ms. Vertolomo: This is my 6th year teaching at SA.

Paduan: What classes do you currently teach?

Ms. Vertolomo: I currently teach Geometry, Algebra 2/Trigonometry, and Intermediate Algebra.

Paduan: Who has been your biggest influence or mentor here at school?

Ms. Vertolomo: I would like to consider everyone in the math department a mentor for me; but Theresa Kiernan especially, has been an excellent mentor since I first started. I know I can always go to her, whether it's to talk about something work-related or even personal. I know I can always trust and rely on her to be there. I truly admire the way she connects with others, and I strive to be a teacher like her in my future.

Paduan: What are you most looking forward to during the coming school year?

Ms. Vertolomo: During the coming school year, I am most looking forward to building relationships with my students and getting to know their personalities, strengths, and goals. I'm excited to watch them grow not only academically, but also personally, and to help them build confidence in challenging subjects along the way. I look forward to collaborating with my colleagues, trying out new teaching strategies to keep lessons engaging, and creating a classroom environment where students feel safe, supported, and motivated to learn. Beyond academics, I'm also eager to see students thrive in extracurricular activities and to be part of school traditions and milestones that bring our community together. Most importantly, I look forward to continuing to grow as an educator myself, learning from both my students and peers as I work to prepare my students for their futures.



The first student to turn in a completed and correct crossword to Mr. Farrell in the Admissions Office will receive a Gift Card Prize!

STAFF SPOTLIGHT

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Mr. Joseph Minucci

Paduan: What is your role at school? How long have you been in this position?

Mr. Minucci: I am the Athletic Director and have held this role since 2016.

Paduan: What sports did you play when you were a student at Saint Anthony's?

Mr. Minucci: I played football, wrestled, and played baseball for Saint Anthony's.

Paduan: When did you first come to Saint Anthony's and what did you teach?

Mr. Minucci: I first started coaching football at Saint Anthony's in 2004. I coached on and off for the next few years. I was hired as a full time staff member in 2009, and in 2010, I was hired into the Health and Physical Education Department.

Paduan: As Athletic Director, what is your goal for the student-athletes?

Mr. Minucci: My goal is for athletics to serve as an extension of the classroom and to use interscholastic sport to foster our Roman Catholic Heritage, in the Franciscan tradition.

Paduan: Varsity Football is a storied tradition at SA...what is the most important facet of the program?

Mr. Minucci: It is the camaraderie between the players. The bond that is developed during offseason workouts, during preseason practices, team meals, team masses, long bus rides, and being on the sideline on a Friday night. Football is hard. Without a family mentality, things can fall apart fast.

BUILDING BRIDGES

Senior Writer: Jordan Turansky

In late August, Saint Anthony's High School welcomed new transfer students from various countries, to a welcoming experience filled with fun activities and games meant to strengthen bonds across cultures. This event, organized in partnership with Amerigo Education, highlighted the school's commitment to faith, community, and global understanding.

The Amerigo program provides international students with opportunities to study at Saint Anthony's while living in supportive residential home communities. This event offered a chance for foreign exchange students to share their journeys, traditions, and talents with future classmates, teachers, and their peers. Not only was this a time for the participants to partake in athletic activities, but also a chance to snack, grab a drink, and mingle with all the international students.

Many students, even though there may have been a language barrier, were able to communicate and create deep relationships with the incoming students. Teenagers coming from diverse countries such as Russia or Italy got to not only meet current American high school students, but other high schoolers from countries around the world. Exchange students also spoke about the challenges and rewards of adjusting to life in a new country. As they were welcomed by numerous National Honor Society members, many paired up and broke off to play various sports games, including: basketball, soccer,

volleyball, etc. Teachers and Amerigo specified educators attended as well, learning more about the new students, and sharing their own academic experiences.



The event also featured collaborative activities designed to bring local and international students together. A grand dodgeball game was played towards the end of allotted time to break the ice between the two groups of students. For many representing honor society students, the Amerigo event underscored the importance of fostering global citizenship in a faith-based setting. By embracing students from around the world, the school reinforces values of compassion, respect, and community—values at the heart of Catholic education. At the end of the day, a true lesson was learned, no matter where you come from, what you possess, or what you believe; every person is important and special in their own way. We are grateful to welcome the over 200 students studying at Saint Anthony's this year from across the globe.

CLASS OF '29 ADVENTURELAND

Freshman Writer: Victoria Murthy

On September 3rd, the Saint Anthony's Leadership Team, organized a special event at Adventureland to help freshmen adjust to life at St. Anthony's. The event, included a wide variety of food choices and countless rides, fostering many new friendships and conversations among the new Freshman Friar Class.



The Dip and Dots stand near the entrance became a favorite among the Friar Community. There, the rides Turbulence, Haunted Mansion, and Frisbee were standout rides of thrill that highlighted the students' excitement and courage. Our principal, Brother David, had conversations with many students and took photos with almost all of them. S.A.L.T., the teachers, and our principal all truly embodied what Saint Anthony's values stand for and what the freshman would be making their way into. Altogether, S.A.L.T. successfully welcomed freshmen and introduced them to the spirit of friendship, enjoyment, and community at Saint Anthony's.

CHALLENGER CAMP

A BUSY SUMMER FOR NHS Contributor: Daniel Hoberman, '26

Under the organized leadership of Mr. Washington and the Executive Board, the National Honor Society ran a very successful camp program for students with special needs. In partnership with *Challenger Athletics*, over 450 NHS students gave countless hours this summer to make these events possible.



The camps held, every Wednesday throughout the summer, included activities varying from baseball, football, soccer, badminton, volleyball to the weekly "track race" and even a Homerun Derby! Over 120 participants came weekly to Saint Anthony's to engage with our NHS Students who served as "buddies" and escorted the visitors around throughout the many activities. The camp was a huge success with challenger participants returning week to week. At the last Wednesday of camp, trophies were given to the athletes to celebrate another successful of SAHS Challenger Camp.

FRIAR SPORTS CAMP SETS RECORDS

Freshman Writer: Quinn Woodley

The 2025 Saint Anthony’s Friars Summer Sports Camps once again proved to be a huge success, continuing the tradition of excellence that our school is known for. These camps serve as an invaluable opportunity for students of all ages to discover a newfound passion for different sports, enhance their skills as athletes, create new friendships, and, most importantly, enjoy their time in the amazing facilities that Saint Anthony’s has to offer.

This past summer, the camps featured an impressive lineup of eighteen different sports, attracting an incredible total of two thousand five hundred fifty participants. All of these athletes were supported during camp by a dedicated team of over two hundred coaches. They played a vital role in teaching and mentoring the campers throughout the weeks. The wealth of experience and coaching expertise that these individuals bring to the table is a large reason behind the success of Saint Anthony’s athletic programs. Their commitment to nurturing talent and encouraging personal growth is evident in every aspect of the camps.

For the boys, the sports offerings included football, lacrosse, track, rowing, baseball, basketball, soccer, wrestling, bowling, and speed and conditioning. This year, bowling was introduced as a new addition to the lineup for both boys and girls, showcasing the school’s commitment to fur-

ther extending its athletic programs. Approximately 1,250 boys participated in the summer camps, with lacrosse as the most popular sport among them. While each sport emphasizes different skills and techniques, the overarching goal of the camps remains consistent: to improve athletic performance and strive for excellence. It is well-known that Saint Anthony’s stands as a powerhouse in high school athletics, being one of the largest sports programs in New York. Hard work and dedication are not only established in the athletes but are also a big part of the camp experience. Despite the diligent training, the camps are always focused on their athletes having fun, ensuring that every moment spent is both productive and enjoyable.



The Staff of Friar Sports camp led by Mr. Chuck Menzer.

On the girls’ side, approximately 1,300 athletes participated in the various sports offered over the four-week period. The sports that were available were similar to that of the boys, with the addition of softball, tennis, volleyball, and cheerleading, replacing wrestling and baseball. Soccer

was the most popular sport among the girls, which comes as no surprise given the their impressive state titles.

While the primary focus of the sports camps is undoubtedly athletics, attending the Saint Anthony’s summer camps also serves as an excellent introduction to the school community. For many students, their journey as a Friar begins at these camps, where they have the opportunity to meet future classmates, coaches, and teachers. This early introduction creates a sense of belonging and hospitality, allowing students to form friendships before the academic year begins. Moreover, the camps provide a chance to explore the outstanding facilities that Saint Anthony’s offers, including the Student Center, the gymnasium, the James C. Metzger Field, and the Rich Reichert Athletic Complex, which features the CY Donnelly Field along with newly constructed baseball and softball fields. Certain camps, such as tennis and rowing, even extend off-campus.

This year marked the largest turnout yet for the Friars Summer Sports Camps, and the number of students is expected to continue to grow. With the guidance of experienced coaches and the insights of past players, the camps are an ideal opportunity for any current or future Friar looking to enhance their athletic abilities while adjusting to the school environment. The mixture of training, learning, and enjoyment produces a vibrant atmosphere that benefits both players and staff alike.

BAGPIPES IN SCOTLAND

Freshman Writer: John Griffiths

This past August, the Saint Anthony’s High School Bagpipe Band embarked on an extraordinary journey. From August 7 to August 17, 2025, the group traveled to Scotland to compete at two of the most prestigious events in the piping world: the European Pipe Band Championships and the World Pipe Band Championships. It gave students the chance not only to compete but also to experience Scotland’s culture, history, and music.

The World Championships are open to any band, but the commitment is enormous. This year, nearly 300 groups from around the globe competed, including 48 in Saint Anthony’s division. The countries represented ranged from Scotland and Ireland to New Zealand, South Africa, and the United States.



The plan to travel began over a year ago, in late 2024. Summer 2025 was determined to be the right time to go. Many

members had shown great dedication and passion, making the trip possible musically. In preparing for the trip, the band engaged in an intense practice schedule to train musically and to gel as a group. The band, consisting of both pipers and highland drummers, normally rehearses weekly. Mr. Saxer, the director of the group, added extra “Scotland practices” twice a month, then moved to every other day as the trip approached.. In the final two weeks before departure, they practiced daily—over 60 rehearsals in total.



At the Worlds, the band delivered its best performance to date, narrowly missing advancement by one spot. They placed 7th overall, while the drum corps earned a qualifying score in its category.

Mr. Saxer, Mr. Boyd and Father John Crozier served as Chaperones on the trip. And along with the studnets, were family members as well, wishing to see the students perform in Scotland. As a result,

the trip was filled with unforgettable experiences. Mr. Saxer stated that the highlights of the tour included, “ Competing at both the European and World Championships...touring Edinburgh Castle and attending the Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo...performing at the Burrell Collection and Stirling Castle...attending a private practice with the reigning world champions, *Inveraray and District Pipe Band* and receiving instruction from top musicians [around the world].”



During their time in Scotland, the band also visited the Chapel of Saint Margaret at Edinburgh Castle, a religious landmark dating back to 1130. In one word, members described the trip as “transformative.” They returned with new skills, friendships with young musicians worldwide, and pride in representing St. Anthony’s abroad. Now home, the experience has already paid off. The band has earned first place at every major East Coast competition this season and is currently ranked #1 in its division in the United States. For more information about the Bagpipe Band, visit Mr. Saxer in the Math Department.

IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF SAINT FRANCIS

MR. DON CORRAO HONORED AT PORZIUNCOLA CELEBRATION

On a sensational summer Saturday in early August, the Franciscan Brothers gathered for a Solemn Mass and Celebration on the Feast of the Porziuncola. The Feast of the Porziuncola, also called the Feast of Our Lady of the Angels of the Porziuncola is celebrated on August 2nd each year in the Catholic Church, and has a particular devotion for Franciscans.



Mr. Corrao, pictured with Brother David and his devoted wife, Mrs. Susan Corrao who recently retired from Saint Anthony's.

The feast centers on the little chapel called the Porziuncola ("little portion") that Saint Francis himself repaired in his early ministry and made it the heart of the Franciscan movement. Francis believed that when God spoke to him and commanded him to "rebuild my Church", it was a literal meaning. So Francis brought stone to the Porziuncola to rebuild it. As the Franciscan movement continued, Francis understood it was a figurative direction and that Francis was called to re-

build the body of believers in Christ. Today, the Porziuncola is housed inside the Basilica of Saint Mary of the Angels near Assisi, Italy.

Each year within the Congregation of the Franciscan Brothers of Brooklyn, the feast is used to honor members of the Franciscan Community who have given of themselves, much like Saint Francis, to our schools, our community or the Brothers. This year, Mr. Don Corrao, the current Director of Advancement was honored for his steadfast loyalty, unwavering zeal and profound dedication to Saint Anthony's High School.

Mr. Corrao joined the Saint Anthony's community in the late 1990's, first as a consultant and later as the Director of Development under the direction of the late Principals Brother Peter Dawson and Brother Shane Burke. With their vision, and Brother Gary Cregan's execution, Mr. Corrao led the way in strategic planning to dramatically change the campus from its humble structure to the state-of-the-art facility that we know today.

During his tenure, Saint Anthony's has built the Chapel, the Student Center, the Innovation Center, the Business Center, the Press Box, the Padre Pio Room, the Alumni Pavilion, the Richie Reichert Complex, the James Metzger Stadium, the Entemann Science Center, the Saint Francis Hospital Medical Lab and countless

other improvement projects throughout the campus.

Now serving with current Principal Brother David, Mr. Corrao has led the way in fundraising efforts to bolster our scholarship programs and most notably the *Padre Pio Fund* and *Friar Nation Fund*, both tremendous sources of financial aid for students at Saint Anthony's. In addition to expertly running the Black & Gold Gala, the Saint Anthony's Golf Classic, the Principal's Dinner and the Athletic Hall of Fame Dinner, Mr. Corrao is the Head Coach of the Boys Varsity Soccer Team.



The Franciscan Brothers with Honorees: Msgr. Furnari, Brother Louis Miritello, Mr. Rob Angeletti and Mr. Don Corrao

A man of wise advice and counsel, the Saint Anthony's community is ever grateful and deeply indebted to Mr. Corrao for championing the mission of Catholic Franciscan Education at Saint Anthony's.

FALL ATHLETICS HAVE IMPRESSIVE START

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As autumn settles over St. Anthony's High School, the excitement of fall athletics takes center stage. The season marks more than just the start of games and practices, it's a celebration of the Friar spirit, a showcase of dedication and discipline, and a reminder of the school's commitment to developing student-athletes who compete with heart, humility, and honor. Across fields, courts, and trails, student-athletes are building memories, forming lifelong bonds, and carrying forward the proud athletic tradition that defines the St. Anthony's community.

No fall season is complete without the cheering of the crowd as the Friar Football team runs onto the field. Year after year, the program has remained a cornerstone of St. Anthony's athletics, a source of school pride and community spirit. Led by a dedicated coaching staff, the team spends countless hours preparing in the weight room and on the field, building the skills and strategies needed to compete at the highest level. Every tackle and every touchdown reflects months of effort and commitment. The football program teaches lessons in perseverance, teamwork, and resilience, lessons that extend far beyond the field.

Inside the gym, the girls' volleyball team continues to thrive. Known for its fast paced matches, volleyball at St. Anthony's is about more than athleticism; it's about communication, and trust. The varsity

team, supported by a strong junior varsity and freshman program, trains intensively to perfect their technique, master rotations, and sharpen their game.



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On the field, St. Anthony's boys' and girls' soccer teams continue to build on their storied legacies. Known for their technical skill and disciplined games, the Friars are a formidable presence in their leagues. Training emphasizes endurance, awareness, and ball control, while fostering the camaraderie that makes each roster feel like a family.

The boys' team, with its strong defense and fluid offense, approaches every match with strategic focus and competitiveness. Meanwhile, the girls' squad blends finesse and grit, using quick passes and precise to outmaneuver opponents. Both teams value character as highly as competition, encouraging players to lead with integrity on and off the field. Both teams are gunning for a State Title this coming year.

While some sports are defined by crowds and cheers, cross country is a quiet test

of endurance, determination, and mental toughness. St. Anthony's runners rise early for long practices, logging miles across trails and fields as they prepare for meets against some of the region's top programs. Their work ethic and discipline never go unseen when every stride reflects hours of preparation. Their training certainly was on display at the Annual Invitational this past weekend.

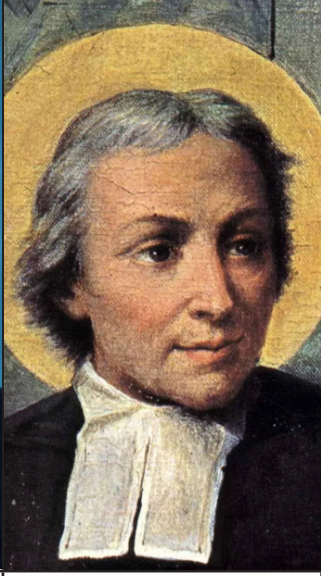
Supporting every touchdown, goal, and victory are the cheerleaders and kickline, whose energy and enthusiasm keep school spirit alive all season long. Kickline and cheer at St. Anthony's demands athleticism, precision, and teamwork. Through high stunts, high kicks, and tireless practice, the teams excites the community and motivates athletes to give their all.

While trophies and championships are celebrated, the true success of St. Anthony's fall athletics is measured in the growth of its student-athletes. Participation in sports teaches lessons that last a lifetime: discipline, leadership, perseverance, and teamwork. Coaches serve not just as instructors, but as mentors, guiding students to excel both on the field and in the classroom.

This fall, as leaves change and the school year unfolds, the fields, courts, and trails of St. Anthony's are alive with determination and success. The athletes wear their black and gold with pride, knowing they represent more than just a team, they represent a tradition of excellence and a strong community of Friars.

Welcome to Saint Anthony's

Meet the New Teachers and Staff

					
Mrs. Kelly Becker <i>Student Activities</i>	Mr. Christopher Carnevale <i>Theology</i>	Ms. Mariella Colombo <i>Social Studies</i>	Mrs. Elizabeth Corbin <i>Student Services</i>	Ms. Joan Dabalsky <i>Theology</i>	Ms. Jenn DeFranza <i>Art</i>
					
Mr. Sean Hallisey <i>Theology</i>	Ms. Kaylee Lecheminant <i>Student Services</i>	Ms. Ashley McDowell <i>Science</i>	Mrs. Meghan O'Leary <i>Mathematics</i>	Dr. Young Park <i>Music</i>	Mr. Benjamin Petito <i>Social Studies & Business</i>
					
Mr. Martin Rowe <i>Theology</i>	Ms. Maryellen Saluk <i>English</i>	Ms. Alyssa Tamburo <i>English</i>	Ms. Elise Werner <i>Campus Ministry</i>	Mr. Thomas Zenobio <i>Social Studies</i>	Saint John Baptiste de LaSalle, Patron Saint of Teachers.

With the end of each school year, and the passing summer, some faculty members retire, while others choose to leave Saint Anthony's in pursuit of other goals. Brother David and Mr. Washington, in conjunction with the Academic Team as well as the Department Chairpeople, worked extensively through interviews, demo lessons and panels over the summer to ensure that our Faculty is second to none by hiring new teachers who value our Catholic Franciscan Education. These new teachers, some Alumni of Saint Anthony's, join us from various backgrounds, educations, schools and areas across Long Island. Our new teachers have already participated in extensive orientations and retreat days beginning in August to learn the many facets of our school and to become part of our wonderful Faculty and Staff. As these men and women join our Faculty, we wish them well as they begin their careers here at Saint Anthony's.

