



ST. ANNE
SCHOOL

Enriching heart, mind & soul

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Dear Friends,

It is once again my honor and privilege to write to you as the principal of St. Anne School. This summer was a time of exciting transitions at St. Anne. We said goodbye to Father David Danneker, who served as our Executive Pastor, and said hello and welcome to our new Executive Pastor, Father Daniel Powell. Father Dan brings not just experience with leading a Catholic School; but, more importantly a passion and dedication to building “Catholic Education at St. Anne School”.

Every year as I write my Annual Appeal Letter, I attempt to answer the question- what makes St. Anne School unique and special? This year, I would like to direct your attention to our new logo and our new letterhead on which this letter is printed. I believe this new logo captures both our past, present and future. Look closely and you will see:

- The logo is in the shape of a shield paying tribute to the fact that we are the Crusaders.
- The year “1924” is clearly displayed-a nod to our wonderful history.
- The open book represents both the knowledge and the spiritual foundation our students receive here.
- The outline of St. Anne’s building-our cross at the top of the building, the door to enter the building, and the wings of the school which are the covers of the book-personalize the logo and make it ours.
- The door to the school is an open door-welcoming all to our school.

However, if you are searching for the answer to what makes us different look to the right of the logo. There you will find the words *St. Anne School-Enriching heart, mind and soul*. This is the difference. Our students learn from the primary grades up that they are made in the image and likeness of God. They are challenged to enrich their hearts with service to others, to enrich their minds by reaching their academic potential, and to enrich their souls by learning the beliefs and doctrines of our faith and modeling their behavior, at all times, on the example set by Jesus Christ.

Thank you for your prayers, generosity and support as we continue the mission of evangelizing our youth!

Enriching heart

Every student who passes through St. Anne School learns to develop a caring heart by following Jesus’ example of service to others. Caring for others and caring for all God’s creatures is discussed, modeled and acted upon with various service projects. Our students have supplied food for the food bank at St. John Neumann; food and notes of encouragement for the Brown Bag lunch program at St. Anne Parish; hats, gloves and mittens for the homeless students in the School District of Lancaster; toys and supplies for the SPCA in Lancaster, and many more. All of the projects share the same two-fold effect of helping a cause and developing a sense of awareness and caring in our students.

Enriching mind

St. Anne School has been and continues to be an academic leader in the Diocese of Harrisburg. With the financial support of our donors, we have successfully transitioned our students into 21st century learners with an ever evolving and rigorous academic program. Our students have been and continue to be challenged to think critically, work collaboratively and communicate effectively. In addition to the core subjects of Religion, Math, Language Arts, Social Studies and Science, our curriculum includes Spanish for K-8, and an accelerated Math program which includes Pre-Algebra for 7th grade and Algebra for 8th grade.

This year we are excited to introduce a new STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) program. For grades K-4, the program consists of a “pull-out” enrichment class for those students who demonstrate a need to be academically challenged; while all students in grades 5-8 attend a weekly STEM enrichment class. This class enables students to more thoroughly explore what they are learning in their Science class through hands-on-applications. The students must use

critical-and inventive-thinking when working on experiments and demonstrations of key scientific principles. The teacher training and the technological and material resources necessary to begin and maintain this program were funded in part by the contributions we received from our 2015 Annual Appeal Drive. Thank you to all!

In addition, in the past year our students have participated in the Scripps Spelling Bee; the state finals for National History Day and placed in the North Museum Science and Engineering Fair competitions (this year a St. Anne Student earned the Junior Reserve Champion Award).

We are constantly amazed and proud of our students when they are recognized for their accomplishments outside of school.

- This year we had 3 eighth graders win Merit scholarships to Lancaster Catholic High School.
- A third grade student designed one of four Christmas Cards sent out by Bishop Gainer.
- A fifth grade student was a winner in the Attorney General's Drug- Free Calendar Contest. His work was featured for the month of November.
- Three elementary level students and three middle school level students won the Lancaster County CASE poster contest.
- One St. Anne student received First Place in the Fiction Category of the Hershey's Story History Contest.

Enriching soul

We are first and most importantly a Catholic School. We are dedicated and committed to the Church's mission of Evangelization. Our mission statement illustrates the importance we place on the student's spiritual education as well as their academic education:

St. Anne School is a Catholic faith-filled educational community dedicated to the spiritual growth and academic success of all children. The school provides an environment of faith, hope, love and discipline, preparing students to become responsible, respectful and active leaders and citizens.

We fulfill this mission by having our students participate in scheduled School Liturgies, Holy Day Liturgies, Reconciliation, Adoration and Stations of the Cross. In a world that sometimes spins out of control, our students are fortified with a strong faith foundation. We are preparing the future of our church and it is our responsibility to educate and ensure that our students are prepared to live and fit into a role of leadership in our church.

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My purpose in reaching out to you is to request your help. Your financial gift to our school could provide financial assistance to a family who is struggling, continual capital improvements to our aging but tradition-filled building, updates to our academic and technology programs, the funds for the day to day operational expenses, or any area of your choosing.

In closing, I hope and pray that I've communicated to you the many ways St. Anne School is unique and extraordinary. We hope that you will join in partnership with us as we continue to grow "Catholic Education at St. Anne School". We welcome and invite you to make an appointment to tour our school and witness Catholic Education at St. Anne School!

On behalf of the students, faculty and staff, thank you for your generosity and prayers.

God Bless,

Suzanne Wood, Principal St. Anne School