



ST. ANNE SCHOOL
Enriching heart, mind & soul | Summer 2018

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Exciting Times

St. Anne School has been providing a high quality, affordable Catholic Education at 108 E. Liberty St. for almost 95 years.

Today, we are always striving to improve our school with new educational programs, the latest state of the art technology and, more recently, our innovative use of space. As we look toward our future, we must explore every opportunity provided to us to continue this tradition and give St. Anne School a promising, and lasting, future.

Last summer, Bishop Gainer requested a meeting with the leadership of St. John Neumann Parish regarding the future of Catholic Education in our area, as well as renovations to the church. In July, this meeting was held with Bishop Gainer, Diocesan representatives, Father Dan, SJN leadership, and St. Anne School principal Suzanne Wood. It was revealed that the Diocese feels strongly that the future of Catholic Education in this area includes the relocation of St. Anne School to St. John Neumann Parish. A lengthy discussion was held in response and, over the last year, several steps have been taken.

A Master Plan committee was formed and created a proposal addressing both planned renovations to the church, as well as additions to the St. John the XXIII Religious Education Center including classrooms for both religious education and a school, a gym and an office. This plan was shared with SJN parishioners and SAS families

in the fall of 2017 and a feasibility study was conducted at SJN by Cathedral Corporation to determine financial support for such an endeavor.

In mid-May, Father Dan presented the plan as well as its proposed cost and financing to the Diocese and received their approval to move forward. Cathedral Corporation will begin conducting a \$4.5 million Capital Campaign at SJN beginning in September with a conclusion date of January, 2019.

Father Dan and his committee are mindful of the past difficulties and missteps that happened in previous building projects and are committed to not repeat the past. At St. Anne School, we believe this should be an exciting time – contemplating the prospect of a new school which would allow us to grow and expand our mission. We will do our best to keep you informed about future steps in this very promising process.

If you would like to view the feasibility report results or new building plans, please visit the SJN website at www.sjnlancaster.org.

St. “Anne-chors” Away!

Four years ago, Hannah Citsay was a smart, talented and determined eighth grader at St. Anne School. She had already made us proud by attending the Scripps National Spelling Bee in Washington, D.C the year before and tying for 12th place! And then, she went back to the national competition again!

But, something else happened in Hannah’s eighth grade year that made much more of an impression – the annual eighth grade trip to Annapolis including a tour of the United States Naval Academy. While the walk around Annapolis is fun, the tour of the Academy is always very memorable for our students. So, four years later and with her high school diploma in hand, we are proud to announce that Hannah will be a member of the United States Naval Academy Class of 2022! While Hannah agrees that there were a lot of things that inspired her to go down this path, she credits this eighth grade field trip as being a main contender. In fact, she even mentioned it in her admissions essay.

When asked about including her appointment in this newsletter, Hannah’s response was that she “would love to pay it forward and inspire others to serve.” Hannah is truly an inspiration to us all and, who knows, maybe to one of our recently graduated eighth graders who also made that fateful journey to Maryland.



2017 Annual Appeal

Thank you to our amazingly generous supporters who donated over \$20,000 for the students of St. Anne School through this year's 2017 Annual Appeal. Our students, parents, faculty and staff truly appreciate this generosity and your dedication to St. Anne School and its mission.

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Mid-Autumn Night's Dream Event

It was a night filled with delicious food, good natured bidding and friends getting together at this year's Mid-Autumn Night's Dream held in November. Our families once again showed their dedication to St. Anne School this year raising over \$35,000 for our school including \$15,000 for the Guardian Angel Fund. Next year, the event is moving to the spring and will be re-named "Celebrate!" Each year we look forward to celebrating a different theme. Mark your calendars now for March 23, 2019 – and keep an eye on our website for event updates!

Color My World

The sky was blue, the turf was green and the students were purple, blue, green, orange and red – it was the St. Anne School Color Crusade! Held in conjunction with Field Day, our students walked the track after receiving pledges of support from family and friends – and were sprayed along the way by parent volunteers. This year's Crusade brought in a lot of "green" – almost \$13,000 to keep our tuition low and affordable! Thank you to all who participated!



Artistic Excellence

Abby Klein and Annie Verelli were two of the four winners of the 2017 Christmas Card Contest sponsored by the Diocese of Harrisburg. The contest, which was open to the more than 11,000 students in the Diocese's 39 Catholic schools, called for the students to portray an interpretation of the birth of Jesus Christ as seen through their eyes. The four winning entries were used to illustrate Bishop Ronald Gainer's Christmas cards. Both girls, along with their parents, their art teacher Mrs. Comerford, and school principal Suzanne Wood, as well as the other two winners were honored at a luncheon hosted by Bishop Gainer.



Academic Excellence

When our students leave St. Anne School, we are confident that they are well prepared to enter the next phase of their education. Over the last two years, all of our students have continued their education at Lancaster Catholic High School. And year after year, our students demonstrate their high school readiness by receiving academic scholarships. This year, two of the five Merit Scholarships awarded by LCHS, were awarded to St. Anne students. Congratulations to our Merit Scholarship winners: Ella Wolfe and Liam Dell Isola. We are so proud of them and can't wait to see what they are able to achieve in high school....and beyond.



Not pictured: Liam Dell Isola

Pomp and Circumstance

In June, our school commended our Kindergarten and Eighth Grade classes on a job well done and the promise of a new challenge. Our Kindergarten class participated in a special "Moving Up" ceremony celebrating their move from Kindergarten to First Grade! We look forward to watching our new first graders as they continue their journey here at St. Anne and we look forward to welcoming a full class of 26 new Kindergarteners!

Twenty-one students concluded their St. Anne experience with a June 1 graduation. For the last two years, all of our graduates have continued their education at Lancaster Catholic and we look forward to seeing what they will accomplish in high school. This year, we are extremely proud of LCHS's Valedictorian, Maria Howe, St. Anne School Class of 2014. We congratulate all of our student alumni on their accomplishments, and we wish them nothing but the best in all of their future endeavors.





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St. Anne School Participates in Global “Hour of Code”

This year St. Anne School participated in the International “Hour of Code” Week in celebration of Computer Science Education Week. The Hour of Code Week started five years ago as a one-hour introduction to computer science designed to demystify “code”, to show that anybody can learn the basics, and to broaden participation in the field of computer science. It has turned into a global learning event offering hundreds of one-hour activities in over 48 languages for kindergarten and up.

At St. Anne School, the Hour of Code took place every day as each grade attended their weekly computer class. Based on their skill levels, the classes coded using the Code Academy, Scratch and Lightbot coding programs with each child working at their own level.

Every class also had the opportunity to code with the school’s Ozobots. An Ozobot is one of the world’s smallest programmable robots, measuring just over 1 inch in height & diameter. Students were able to use color based coding to program what they would like their Ozobot to do. Either with a marker and paper or with their iPad, students drew lines (tracks) using different colors. Each color is a “code” for the Ozobot to follow. Students began programming with simple codes (move forward, turn, spin) and continued learning

to code during their classes over the next two months. St. Anne School purchased 18 Ozobots at the beginning of the school year to be used in their STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) classes.

