

January 31, 2020

Dear St. Anthony of Padua Families,

Catholic Schools Week gives us all an opportunity to recognize the importance of our investment into our children, the future leaders of our community. Our commitment to their first-rate education, and, more importantly, to strengthening their relationships with Christ, is renewed as we reflect on the events of last year. The SAP families, staff and educators have fully embraced our mission: "United by faith and service, St. Anthony of Padua School Community forms knowledgeable students who are moral and courageous Catholic leaders."

Over this past year, we have witnessed incredible resilience as our students, staff, and families have adapted to very unique and unforeseen circumstances. We remain dedicated to creating a safe and open learning environment for our students and staff. We have heard from our families how important it is to keep our school doors open, in order to best facilitate the academic and spiritual growth of our students. We are fully-focused on this goal, and every day we strive to take the necessary measures to keep school in-person. This wouldn't be possible without your understanding and patience, despite the inconveniences and interruptions from routine that we know you have experienced.

We should celebrate this year more than others. It's been full of challenging and unusual lessons that have forced us to adapt beyond where we thought we were capable. We can see a light at the end of this, and let's pray that this light keeps getting brighter and brighter as the days pass. On behalf of the entire Board of Education, we are so thankful that you have entrusted our school with the guidance of your children, even throughout the most unimaginable circumstances. The St. Anthony staff has worked tirelessly to provide a superior education and safe conditions, while following regulations that have changed continuously, sometimes even by the week. We can confirm that our students, staff, and families have fully embraced and have overcome the challenges of this past year. We enter this New Year stronger, and with a greater enthusiasm than ever before, to bringing a Christ-centered education to this community.

With deepest gratitude,

Robert Flermoen, Board of Education President