

Saint Anselm "NEWS"

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CATHOLIC SCHOOL

FALL 2011

School Year 2011-2012 Begins With Changes

Commitment Sunday

Many new and innovative programs have been introduced into the curriculum this year here at St. Anselm's and other programs already in existence have been enhanced. We are extremely pleased to announce that we are continuing into our second year of Yale's Emotional Literacy program and will be implementing our "feeling words" curriculum. The Aquinas program has been expanded to include a modified program for 6th grade students who meet the program's admission criteria and these students are also attending Latin class once a week. We have also been fortunate to acquire several internet based educa-

tional programs which will provide students with differentiated instruction to address each child's interests and learning style, particularly the Renzulli Learning system. 3rd and 4th grade students are also enrolled in Mathletics, a challenging Math program to reinforce math concepts at those grade levels. All students are also enrolled in Learning.com. Since it has been proven that better handwriting skills lead to better literacy which, in turn, leads to more effective communication, this year we have implemented the Zaner-Bloser Handwriting program in grades K-6.

On Sunday, September 25, 2011 the 7th Grade Confirmation class of St. Anselm School and 7th Grade Religious Education students attended the 10:00 am Mass with their parents in preparation of beginning their studies for the Sacrament of Confirmation. The students presented their signed covenant agreements to Fr. Kull during the Mass and received a book about the Saints.

iPads come to Saint Anselm Catholic School!

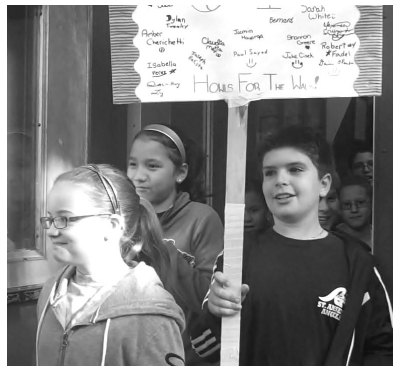
Once again St. Anselm's is partnering in a technology grant with an NY-CDOE District 20 School and DGK. This year's grant project will involve Mrs. Conigliaro and her 1st grade students and Mrs. Lankton and her 5th grade students. These teachers will participate in professional development sessions and work with Ms. Scott of the DOE in implementing the use of iPads. The focus will be on Project Based Learning and promises to be a true learning experience for teachers as well as students.

WALK-A-THON 2011



This year's Walk for Education took place on Thursday October 20th, 2011. The students walked to raise money to supplement our technology programs. We had a beautiful clear day for walking which was fantastic since the previous day had been rainy, gloomy and cold. The students in all grades did a fantastic job showing support for one another along the way and support of our wonderful school..... Thanks to the many parents and guardians who accompanied us on our journey that day! We look for-

ward to next year and another rewarding experience!



6th Graders Shannon Greene, Claudia Osario and Robert Fadel begin their walk

Halloween Window Painting



On October 25th 30 students, along with their chaperones made their way to 3rd Avenue to paint a little Halloween Spirit on the windows of participating merchants.

The selected paintings were chosen from an in-school contest. Grades 5 thru 8 competed for a chance to paint a Third avenue storefront window while grade 4 painted posters that were also judged by the Community Board.

This was our most successful year to date, with a record 9 gold , 6 silver and 2 bronze medals awarded to the upper grades. The 4th graders were just as successful with 3 gold and 3 silver medals.

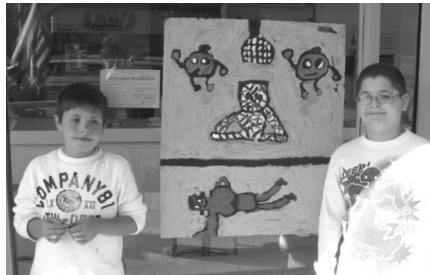
CONGRATULATIONS to all who participated in this wonderful and enriching event!



Michael Zamora and Russell Wong brighten up DeVito and Alvarado Pediatrics.



Above Victoria Cherichetti and Nicole Liapes painting at Verrazano Vision.



Ryan McMahon and Christopher Saad add some Halloween Fun to JenBre Printing



Sarah White and Bridget Harte paint at Harbor Abstract

Rosary Rally



This year's Rosary Rally was held on October 26th in Sister Eileen Mary McMahon auditorium. The students from each class held their Prayer Intention posters for all to see as they walked in procession. They announced the number of rosaries that their class had recited for that intention and then

we all prayed a decade of the rosary together. We were so happy to have so many parents join with Msgr. Maloney and our school community as we prayed and sang together. It truly honored our Blessed Mother.

2nd Annual Celebration of Catholic Education

The entire St. Anselm Faculty attended a full day of professional development on Thursday, November 10, 2011. The Celebration of Catholic Education is sponsored by the Office of the Superintendent of the Diocese of Brooklyn. In addition to the keynote speaker, Father Joseph Gibino, whose talk focused on the Sacraments and the Mercy of God, teachers attended several breakout sessions on topics that included the New York State Common Core Standards, Child Lures, Historical and religious roots of monotheistic religions, and teaching strategies for catechists which address multiple intelligences. It was a great day for all.

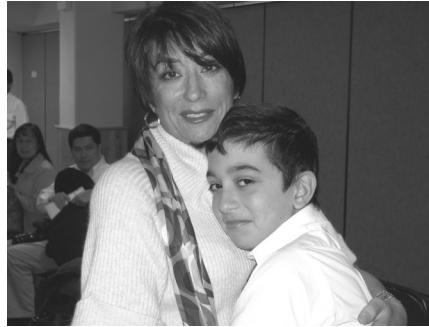




Math Bee

On October 26, 2011, Saint Anselm Catholic School held their Intermediate Math Bee which consisted of students in Grades 4, 5 and 6 competing against one another. The winner of the Math Bee was Dylan Twomley (6th Grader) and the runner –up was Alexander Montes (5th Grader). Both students did an exceptional job showing off their mathematical skills. We are proud of all who competed in their individual classroom bees as well as the Intermediate Bee. Dylan represented Saint Anselm in the Regional Math Bee held at Holy Angels Academy on November 15th.

We are proud to report that Dylan won and will now move onto the Diocesan Math Bee on November 29th. GOOD LUCK!!



Dylan Twomley and his mom celebrate winning the math bee

Classroom Happenings

KINDERGARTEN

October 31st saw some strange creatures enter our school. Beginning Scholars, PreK and Kindergarten children were dressed as skeletons, ninjas, police officers, Jedi and princesses to name a few. After parading through the school bringing Halloween cheer to all, each class enjoyed the treats in their own classrooms. When everyone was full, they were joined by the 1st grade in the auditorium for a Dance Party. They Twisted, did the Electric Slide and the Hokey Pokey to name a few. Everyone had a great time and left ready to do some serious Trick or Treating.

Class K-2 is busy learning the sounds of the letters and blending them to form words. In Math we are learning about patterns. To enhance our learning we are using IPods in our classroom and in the Techivity Room we are using the Smartboard and

engaging in interactive activities. We are having fun learning.

3rd, 4th and 5th Grade

Grades 4 and 5 will be attending the MAGIC OF Science Show at College of Staten Island on November 30 and Rudy Saves the Day at St. James Cathedral on December 5th (Grades 3, 4 and 5).

1st Grade

First grade is very excited about their 1st trip to CSI **Magic of Science Show**. They have also been learning how to take tests, and complete homework. Smartboard activities are a highlight!

6th Grade

The sixth Grade Students, Teachers and Chaperones visited St. Francis College on Monday November 7th. The Office of Faith Formation presented the movie “The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe” by C.S. Eliot. The admission was a warm hat, scarf or gloves which was donated to the needy of the diocese.

Veterans Honored



On November 16th Saint Anselm Catholic School was involved in a Veterans’ Day assembly. The sixth grade classes led the event. The Catholic War Veterans were honored with song and a small skit performed by the 7th grade. The Veterans were also here to present the winners of the 2011 Americanism Award sponsored by their post, O.L.P.H. Post #5 .Captain Diaz, Mrs. Batista’s brother and Iraqi Operation Freedom War Veteran, also addressed the assembly and saluted the Catholic War Vets. It was an honor to have these important people with us!



ST. ANSELM DRAMA CLUB NEWS

Rehearsals are underway for the early spring production of GOD-SPELL Jr.

This must-see musical features a spiritual harkening as it weaves together song and story with a modern-day Jesus sharing God’s word through gospel parables that point us to the deeper meanings in life.

4th Grade Activity Centers

Fourth grade is an exciting year in St. Anselm. Students receive their pens during the year and they study hard to prepare for state tests they will take at the end of the year. Fourth grade is exciting for another reason as well...It's the "technology classroom!" If you stop by our room on the third floor you may notice students "playing" on Play Stations, Laptops and even iPods!



Students are given the opportunity to use the technology with a few conditions. Students must finish their work in a timely manner and it must be done correctly. If students finish their work early they bring it to get checked. Once

Aquinas News

The St Anselm Aquinas Program started in October. We currently have 9 students from grades 6th, 7th and 8th. We have been discussing various topics of interest and have narrowed our focus to comparing Ancient Greece and Roman times. These students have been actively involved in studying Ancient Greek Mythology, language and literature and in particular – reading The Odyssey. In the next few months, we will be studying Ancient Roman themes as well and comparing the two. This connects to their instruction in Latin. We are preparing our project to be submitted into the Aquinas Expo, which should take place sometime in April. Please stay tuned for more updates!!



The Atiles Family and President Clinton

St. Anselm Family Meets President Clinton

they're given the thumbs up from Ms. Mitchell they may pick which "center" they would like to use. Each center is equipped with educational tools to engage students in further learning. At the Play Station Center student can choose an educational game from the "PLATO Achieve Now" series. At the laptop station students are engaged in differentiated learning and games using the "Renzulli Learning" Website, "ABCYA.com" and "Learning.com." The newest addition to our classroom is the iPod Center. Students can listen to news pod casts, grammar and math-tip pod casts and educational music. In all, the entire 4th grade classroom has 4 Play Stations in one center, 3 laptops in another center and 5 iPods for the students to use. These centers really motivate students to complete their class work and teach them the responsibility of dealing with and using the materials.

Jr. High Happenings

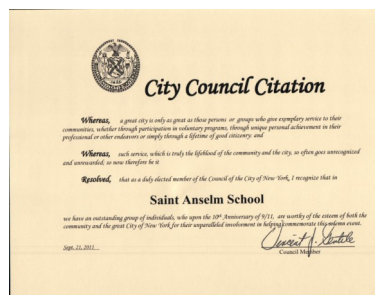
Seventh and Eighth Grade Students received visits during the school day from personnel of Cathedral Prep, Notre Dame Academy, Xaverian High School, St. Savior High School, and St. John Villa Academy. Xavier High School hosted an Info Night. In some cases, our former students assisted in these visits. We hope this guides our students in making this big decision!

Eighth Grade Students attended our TACHS Prep Course for six weeks culminating in the actual examination on 11.5.11! Acceptances will be determined mid-January; please keep our students in your prayers!

The **Program for the Development of the Human Potential** began 8th grade transition workshops which are geared to preparing students to use their natural skills in adapting to their impending new roles as high school. Students are eager to meet again with Mrs. Jeter and her team in January

On November 9th the 7th and 8th grades went on a trip to Discovery Times Square: The CSI experience exhibit where they had the opportunity to act as forensic scientists and meet with a retired NYPD officer.

Both 8th Grades are busy working on a Religion Project together, creating raps to reflect their knowledge of the 10 Commandments.



St. Anselm Catholic School received a citation from Council Member Gentile for their participation in the 9/11 poster display to honor all who lost their lives on September 11th, 2001.