



October 3, 2025

Dear St. Anne Families,

Happy October! The crisp air, falling leaves, and cozy fall traditions remind us of how special this season is at St. Anne School. October is a particularly meaningful month in our faith, as it is **dedicated to the Holy Rosary**. The **Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary** is celebrated on **October 7**, reminding us of the power of prayer and devotion. October also falls during the liturgical season known as **Ordinary Time**, represented by the color **green**. This symbol of hope - the color of the sprouting seed - encourages us in our faith and reminds the faithful of the hope of reaping the eternal harvest of heaven, especially the hope of a glorious resurrection. As we embrace this spiritual season, we also celebrate the joy, community, and excitement of fall traditions at St. Anne.

Picture Day – Tuesday, October 7

Students are encouraged to come to school with their **brightest smiles** for **Picture Day**! Students may wear their **school uniform** or their **“Sunday Best” clothes** - no jeans, or leggings, please. We love seeing everyone dressed up and ready to shine, and we know these photos will bring smiles for years to come.

Mass – October 10, 17, and 24

This month, students will be attending **Mass on Friday, October 10, Friday, October 17, and Friday, October 24**. Parents are always invited to join us at 8:45 a.m. to celebrate this beautiful tradition together. Attending Mass is a wonderful way for our school community to grow in faith, prayer, and fellowship.

Midpoint Progress Reports – Friday, October 10

We are approaching the midpoint of the first trimester, and progress reports for students in **grades 3 through 8** will be posted in Option C on Friday, October 10 for parents to review. Parents are **strongly encouraged** to check their child's progress daily in Option C, as teachers post graded assessments within a week. This helps families stay informed and celebrate successes while supporting areas of growth. It's a wonderful way to see all the hard work our students are putting into their learning!

Eighth-Grade Confirmation Retreat – Friday, October 10

On the same day, our **eighth-grade class** will attend their **Confirmation Retreat** in the morning. This is a special day of reflection, prayer, and community building as students prepare for this important step in their faith journey. Please keep our eighth graders in your thoughts and prayers as they grow closer to Christ during this meaningful experience.

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Diocesan Teacher In-Service Day – Monday, October 13

There will be **no school for students on Monday, October 13**, as our dedicated teachers participate in a Diocesan in-service day at Berks Catholic in Reading.

Fall Parent-Teacher Conferences – October 29–31

Our annual **Fall Parent-Teacher Conferences** will be held from **Wednesday, October 29 through Friday, October 31**, with an **11:45 a.m. early dismissal** each day. Conferences are an exciting time to meet with teachers, discuss your child's progress, celebrate achievements, and set goals for the rest of the trimester. More information about scheduling and details for conferences will be coming soon. We look forward to seeing all of our parents and sharing the wonderful work students have accomplished so far!

Halloween Parade and Creepy Crawl – Friday, October 31

On **Friday, October 31**, we'll enjoy our annual **Halloween Parade** for students in Pre-Kindergarten through Grade 5. This colorful, festive event allows students to show off their costumes, celebrate together, and enjoy some Halloween fun. Our Middle School students will participate in the Creepy Crawl, an exciting and spirited activity designed just for them. It's a joyful day full of laughter, community, and Halloween cheer! More information will come out closer to the date.

Blessing of the Pets – Thank you!

A very special thank you to all the families who joined us for the Blessing of the Pets. A total of 53 families from our school participated, not including parishioners. It was wonderful to see so many furry, feathered, slimy and scaly friends gathered in our parking lot, bringing joy and excitement to our students. A heartfelt thank you to Father Esposito for leading the blessing and helping us celebrate this charming tradition that fills our school with community and love.

We are grateful for the opportunity to share these experiences with your children and to build lasting memories together as a school family. **Thank you for choosing St. Anne School.**

Blessings to you and your family,

Dr. Gregory Fries

Principal

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Picture Day is Coming!

Dress Your Best – It's Time to Smile!

1 **Date:** Tuesday, October 7th.

What to Wear:

-  **Sunday Best** – dresses, dress shirts, skirts, dress slacks or khaki pants. You may also wear your School Uniform.
-  **Nice Top**
-  **Dress Pants** – no jeans or leggings
-  **No heels, clogs or crocs.**

REMINDER!

ST. ANNE SCHOOL
PICTURE DAY: October 7, 2025



Prepay Here: [CHRISTMASCITYSTUDIO.COM/VIEWORDER](https://christmascitystudio.com/vieworder)
School Code: **STANNE25**

PREPAY EXPIRES AT MIDNIGHT ON PICTURE DAY,
orders placed after prepay expires may incur shipping fees.

Christmas City Studio Customer Care Team
610-691-2109 | customerservice@christmascitystudio.com



Students interested in joining the school band or orchestra may still enroll throughout the month of October. As a reminder, participation in band instrument instrumental music is available to students in grades 4-8, and orchestra instrument participation is available for students in grades 3-8.

If you are interested in joining this wonderful program, please refer to the Northeastern Music enrollment link below. Thank you!

<https://enroll.nemusicprograms.com/Enrollment>



"Dancing Through the Decades" **St. Anne School Dance-A-Thon 2025**



Our "Dancing Through the Decades" Dance-A-Thon is Friday, **November 14!** 250+ students, faculty, and staff will dance the day away with pep rallies featuring local Catholic high school bands, cheerleaders, and mascots - plus pizza lunch, cupcakes, and a live DJ! **Dance-A-Thon is one of our biggest fundraisers**, and we need everyone's support.

Each family's fundraising goal is \$200, which can be met through business sponsorships or our online platform – 99Pledges. As we reach the goal, **prizes** will be coming for our students!

If we raise **\$10,000**, our students earn a... **Crazy Sock Day!**

If we raise **\$20,000**, our students earn a... **Dress Down Day!**

If we raise **\$30,000**, our students earn a... **Kona Ice Truck!**

Here is what we need from each family -

1. **T-Shirt Order** – Complete and return to the Main Office by Thursday, October 16.
2. **Business Sponsorship** – Reach out to businesses you know to help raise funds!
3. **Set up and share your 99Pledges page** – Each family will have a personalized page to share with family and friends to help reach our goal. Details and instructions to launch your family's page is coming soon!

Thank you for your support! Contact st.annes.bethlehem.psa@gmail.com with questions.

Dance-A-Thon T-Shirt Order Form

All St. Anne's students, faculty, and staff will receive a Dance-A-Thon t-shirt!
A \$10 contribution per shirt is encouraged to help cover costs (checks payable to St. Anne School). Enclose payment with this form if you are able.

<u>Student First and Last Name</u>	<u>Homeroom #</u>	<u>Shirt Size</u>
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Available sizes: Youth Small (6–8); Youth Medium (10–12); Youth Large (14–16);
Adult Small; Adult Medium; Adult Large; Adult XL; Adult XXL

Families are welcome to purchase additional t-shirts. Indicate on form and enclose payment.

☒ **Form and payment are due to the Main Office by Thursday, October 16, 2025.**



**"Dancing Through the Decades"
St. Anne School Dance-A-Thon 2025
Business Sponsorship Form**



St. Anne School Bethlehem is ready to dance for a cause! Join us for our "Dancing Through the Decades" School Dance-A-Thon on Friday, November 14, 2025. Over 250 students, faculty, and staff will dance to raise funds for our school. We invite community businesses to support this special event through sponsorship. Thank you for considering this opportunity.

Level #1 Business name on 250+ shirts worn by students, faculty, and staff **\$500**
Exposure on school website, social media, parish bulletin
Large size name recognition on the back of event shirt

Level #2 Business name on 250+ shirts worn by students, faculty, and staff **\$250**
Exposure on school website, social media, parish bulletin
Medium size name recognition on the back of event shirt

Level #3 Business name on 250+ shirts worn by students, faculty, and staff **\$100**
Exposure on school website, social media, parish bulletin
Small size name recognition on the back of event shirt

EVENT SPONSOR - \$1,000 - Be a premier sponsor with recognition throughout the event!

Your business benefits include:

- Top billing on 250+ shirts worn during and after the event
- Recognition shout-outs on event day
- Exposure on school website, social media, and parish bulletin

Your sponsorship supports:

- Shirts for the school community
- DJ and music to keep the tunes playing and dancers dancing
- Lunch for our hungry dancers

Contact Karen Bartelt (kbartelt@stannebethlehem.org/610-868-4182 x44) to secure this unique opportunity.

Business Sponsorship Submission Deadline: Thursday, October 16, 2025

Business Name & Contact: _____

Business Address: _____

Business Phone & Email: _____

Sponsorship Level: _____ Level #1 (\$500) _____ Level #2 (\$250) _____ Level #3 (\$100)

St. Anne School Student(s) you are sponsoring, if applicable: _____

Please make checks payable to St. Anne School. Return with this form by October 16, 2025 to 375 Hickory Street, Bethlehem, PA 18017 to be included on t-shirt printing.

Your donation may be tax deductible. Thank you for supporting St. Anne School!

School COUNSELOR'S NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER
2025

**STOP
BULLYING**

Parent Tips & Resources

Open Communication



- Have regular, casual conversations about your child's day.
- Use open-ended questions to encourage sharing
- Make it clear that bullying is never acceptable.
- Listen calmly
- Encourage reporting



Education

- Define bullying as an unwanted, repeated, intentional, aggressive behavior that involves a real or perceived power imbalance
- Discuss Upstander Power-peers can stop bullying. Encourage your child to: not join in or laugh, comfort the student being bullied, or tell a trusted adult.

Resources

- StopBullying.gov
- PACER's National Bullying Prevention Center
- Common Sense Media
- Olweus Bullying Prevention



"No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted." — Aesop

Lessons of the Month

I will be visiting the classrooms and focusing on lessons and activities to prevent bullying and promote kindness in grades K-3rd, 5th and 6th.

Upcoming Dates

- 5th– National Do Something Nice Day
- 10th– World Mental Health Day
- 14th– National Dessert Day
- 25th– Hug a Sheep Day

Contact Info

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Phone: 484-545-3191



Bethlehem Catholic High School
OPEN HOUSE

Where Every Hawk Soars!

**Sunday,
November 9th
2:00 PM-4:00 PM**

★Talk with Administrators,
Teachers, and Students

★Visit the Activities Expo
and Coaches Corner

★See our REVOLUTIONARY
Learning Support Classroom

★Take a Tour of the School

**Questions: Contact Christine Calantoni
610-866-0791 ext. 313 or ccalantoni@becahi.org**



Bethlehem Catholic
Junior Hawks
Wrestling

Signups Open

Boys and Girls K-6

2025-2026
Season

Use link to register and follow us on
Facebook:

www.leaguelineup.com/juniorhawkswrestling





Open HOUSE



WHEN: 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM
Sunday, October 26th

WHERE: Notre Dame High School
Auditorium Lobby (check-in)
3417 Church Road
Easton, PA 18045



Sign Up for a student-
led TOUR Link:

JOIN OUR CRUSADER FAMILY!



ENROLLMENT IS
NOW OPEN FOR THE CLASS OF

2030



APPLY AND SAVE 50% OFF THE APPLICATION FEE

<https://forms.rediker.com/NDHS>

Class of 2030 discount code - NDGP2030

Code expires on December 31st, 2025



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CATHOLIC PARTNER SCHOOL STUDENTS!

Show your school pride!

The Bethlehem running festival welcomes you to participate in the Iron Pigs Fun Run (1 mile) or 5K!

OCTOBER 17 & 18, 2025



RUNNERS & WALKERS!

SCAN THE QR CODE or
visit <https://runsignup.com/Race/PA/Bethlehem/BethlehemRunningFestival>
to sign up for the Iron Pigs Fun Run (1 mile)
on Friday, October 17 evening,
or the 5K Race on Saturday, October 18 morning
(for middle school athletes)

Questions, contact Valerie Versmee, Director of School Development, Office of Education Diocese of Allentown at versmee@allentowndiocese.org