

November 21, 2025

Hello St. Anne Families.

I hope everyone had a wonderful week! Now that the excitement of Halloween and our high-energy Dance-a-thon have settled down, things have been relatively quiet in the halls of St. Anne School - or at least as quiet as a school full of enthusiastic learners can ever be!

Although the hallways may have taken a breather, our classrooms certainly haven't. Students have been diving into religion, math, science, social studies, reading, and specials with curiosity and energy. From thoughtful discussions to hands-on activities, the excitement of learning has been steady and strong.

Today also marks the end of the first trimester - can you believe how quickly the time has flown? Students have worked hard, learned so much, and grown in countless ways. To celebrate their accomplishments and keep families informed, we are excited to share that, starting this year, report cards will be sent home as physical copies, no digital download needed! Information will continue to be posted on OptionC. Families can expect to receive their child's report card on Monday, December 8. It's a perfect opportunity to celebrate successes and set goals for the next trimester.

As we transition from fall fun to the season of gratitude, our next holiday is quickly approaching, and the excitement is already beginning to build. Students will be attending Mass on Monday, November 24, as we come together in prayer and thanksgiving before the break.

Just a friendly reminder that St. Anne School will be closed for Thanksgiving vacation from Wednesday, November 26 through Monday, December 1. The school and office will reopen on Tuesday, December 2.

Wishing all of our families a joyful and restful weekend ahead! We are truly grateful to walk alongside you in your child's learning and growth each day. Thank you for being a valued part of the St. Anne community—and for choosing St. Anne School for your child. Enjoy the weekend!

Peace and blessings,

Greg Fries, Ed.D.

St. Anne, Pray for Us!

Attention Families

As the weather gets colder, we'll still be heading outside for recess when it's **32°F** and above. It's so important for our students to get some fresh air and a chance to stretch their legs, even on those brisk days!

Please make sure your child comes to school with a warm jacket, and feel free to send hats and gloves as well. If a student comes to school without a coat, they'll need to spend recess inside the office instead of going outdoors.

Thank you so much for helping us keep everyone warm, healthy, and ready to play!



St. Anne School and CYO Volunteers. . .

Thank you to so many of you who have recently applied for and completed your Child Protection Clearances. I work on a part-time basis both remotely and in the rectory – please don't hesitate to contact me. This is an extremely busy time for so many obtaining and updating volunteer clearances for CYO, School and Parish events/activities. Communication by email works best.

I know this is a tedious task, but a necessary one, and required by law to keep our children safe. St. Anne School/Parish is grateful for your cooperation.

Many of you have asked me about the volunteer badges...they are slowing arriving ...this is a new process. There are several steps involved in finalizing your final approval status on the Diocesan-wide system, which results in the badges being created. I am working to speed up that process. They will arrive.

A couple of tips:

- Keep your original clearances and send me copies only. You may need clearances for other activities outside of St. Anne involving your children. Keep a file at home.
- Read the directions CAREFULLY and pay attention to the forms sent to you...the State and the Diocese issue updates from time to time. PLEASE READ THE PARENT COMMUNICATION EVERY WEEK.
- 3. Once you receive your badge, please wear it for <u>ALL SCHOOL/CYO ACTVITIES</u> <u>AND EVENTS</u>. You can volunteer until your badge arrives!
- CYO-a reminder....the three CYO DIOCESAN clearances are required for EVERY COACH at the <u>beginning of every academic year</u> – regardless of the season in which you volunteer or coach.

Thank You.

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

Our "Dancing Through the Decades" Dance-A-Thon was a success! Many thanks to all who helped the students dance the day away! We have exceeded our \$30,000 goal!



☑ 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!

Kona Ice will be visiting Monday afternoon, November 24.



Many thanks to our business sponsors who supported Dance-A-Thon!

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Thanks to all who helped make this effort a success!



If you and your family would like to participate in the beautiful ritual of the lighting of the Advent Wreath for this coming Advent, please contact Fidelia Akabogu, Coordinator of Spiritual Activities, at 610-867-5039 X14. You may reserve the Mass you would like to participate in. The Advent season is a time of preparation for the birth of the Christ child. What a wonderful gift you would give to Him by your participation.

FIRST WEEK OF ADVENT

Saturday, November 29, 2025

4:30 PM

Sunday, November 30, 2025

8:00 AM, 10:00 AM and 12 Noon

SECOND WEEK OF ADVENT

Saturday, December 6, 2025

4:30 PM

Sunday, December 7, 2025

8:00 AM, 10:00 AM and 12 Noon

THIRD WEEK OF ADVENT

Saturday, December 13, 2025

4:30 PM

Sunday, December 14, 2025

8:00 AM, 10:00 AM and 12 Noon

FOURTH WEEK OF ADVENT

Saturday, December 20, 2025

4:30 PM

Sunday, December 21, 2025

8:00 AM, 10:00 AM and 12 Noon





\$10

EGGS, BACON, PANCAKES, WAFFLES, HASHBROWNS

Free photo with Santa!

\$8

Under 5 FREE!

St. Anne's Community Center - Proceeds will benefit St. Anne's PSA

Please RSVP to Anthony Garguilo at GarguiloAnthony@gmail.com (not required but appreciated!)

Thank you for your continued support!

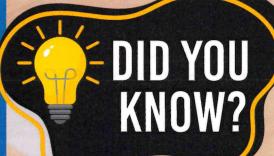


CYO NEEDS VOLUNTEERS
FOR THE UPCOMING
BASKETBALL SEASON!



Volunteers are VITAL to St. Anne CYO's success!
ALL volunteers MUST have clearances!!

THIS INCLUDES ALL SNACK STAND VOLUNTEERS, SCOREBOARD, AND BOOKKEEPERS!



Visit **StAnneBethlehemCYO.com** to get started TODAY!

Email ebrida@stannebethlehem.org
with questions

When parents volunteer, it can naturally help foster trust, communication, and stronger relationships with their child's school community.

Recent studies have shown that students whose parents volunteer at their school tend to have better school attendance and behavior, get better grades, and even demonstrate better social skills.



Volunteering models the values of teamwork and community engagement. Volunteering can help children feel more valued and supported in the school environment which can have a positive impact on a child's self-esteem, motivation, and school engagement.

The Significance of Parental Involvement in School Volunteering

https://childfamilyinstitute.com/2024/01/12/the-impartance-of-parents-volunteering-at-their-childrens-schaol



SALE ENDS 11/21!





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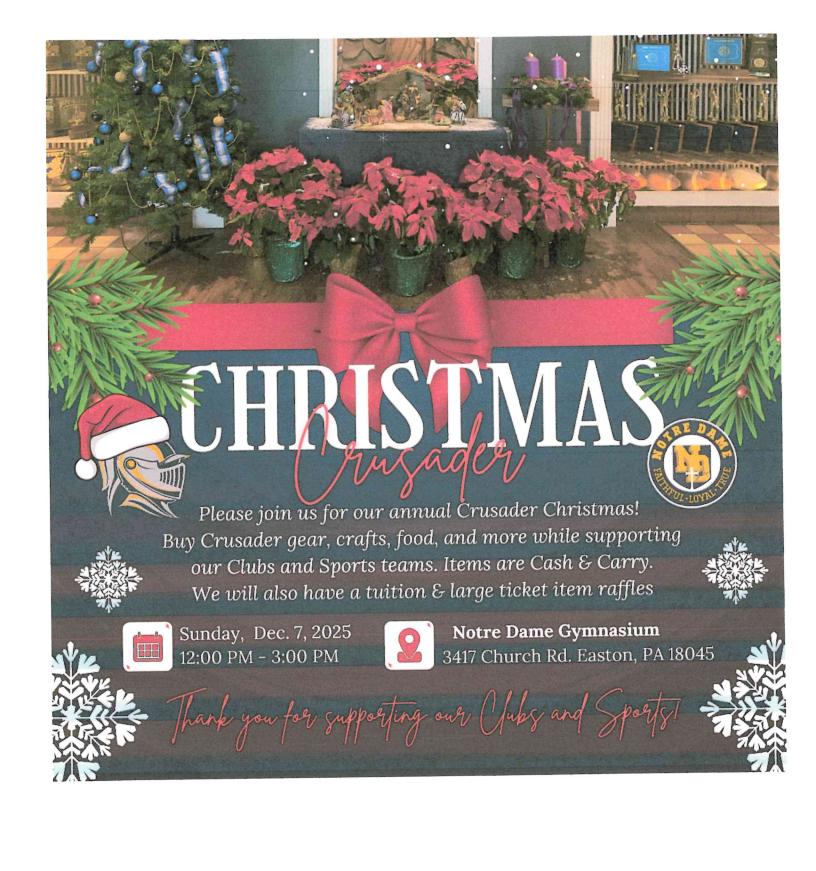
















Sunday, December 7, 2025

Notre Dame Green Pond High School Easton, PA

8:00 AM Registration opens

10:00 AM Race Start

12:00 PM Crusader Christmas Holiday Sale in the Gym

Holiday costumes encouraged — think Santa hats, elf ears, and ugly sweaters! Enjoy some finish Line fun with hot cocoa, cookies, music, and photo ops with Santa himself.