

**St. Anthony of Padua Grade School
Parish Council Report
September 28, 2010**

- Enrollment is currently 260 students in grades Pre-K3 through 8.
- Part time Librarian hired; Janice Vresics; a highly qualified Delaware teacher whose goal is “to provide a positive and stimulating learning environment where students successfully learn.”
- Full time Science teacher, 8th grade homeroom teacher; Jessica Lowry; has taught Biology, Chemistry, Forensic Science, Algebra and Pre-Calculus. Mrs. Lowry has a Master’s Degree in Educational Leadership from Neumann College and a B.S. in Liberal Studies from Widener University.
- Opening Liturgy was held at 9:30AM on Friday, August 27th for the school; on 11AM on Sunday, September 19th, for the parish which was also Catechetical Sunday.
- Back to school night on September 1st was well attended.
- Began program called Meet Your Student for Lunch. 2 classes each month will have parents come to highlight the lunch program. September 23rd hosted 3rd and 6th grade parents; in October we will host PreSchool and Grade 4 parents.
- Additional Open House to be held during the school day on November 18th during American Education Week.
- Improvements to the school include:
 - New state-of-the-art Computer Lab with 36 computers, new tables, monitors, mice and speakers. There is now a SMARTboard in the lab. Sr. Jamesanne teaches on Monday and Tuesday and the lab is available for student use on Wednesday through Friday.
 - Painting was done in the Kindergarten and 3rd grade classroom as well as the hallways on the lower level and level one.
 - The previous computer classroom was carpeted and serves as the Faculty Room used for lunch and a work space.
 - Murals in Ballad Room and Kindergarten (painted by Fr. Roberto) are being restored and preserved.
 - New curtains in the Ballad Room will be funded by the Home and School
 - New stage curtains have been ordered to replace the original ones.

I thank all members of the Parish and school community at St. Anthony of Padua for their warm welcome and support.

Peace,
Ginger Bahr
Principal
St. Anthony of Padua Grade School