

St. Anselm School: high standards and school spirit

Enthusiasm, school spirit, a wholesome attitude towards learning and high standards are evident as one walks the halls and is greeted and welcomed by the students and staff of St. Anselm School.

"Our students need to reach an awareness of self, developing the pride, discipline and confidence to be purposeful learners and good citizens, proudly reflecting their Catholic tradition," says Principal Teresa M. Lopes.

Celebrating the 106th anniversary of its opening in September 2014, St. Anselm School provides its students in pre-kindergarten through eighth grade with a high quality, faith-based Catholic education in a beautifully renovated, clean and safe building befitting those children of God who live in the South Bronx.

Located on Tinton Avenue, St. Anselm School has faithfully served its South Bronx community since it was founded in 1908. The physical capacity of the four story building and basement is generous, providing for 23 classrooms, a full auditorium with a stage, a school gymnasium, library, a bright cheerful cafeteria, administrative offices and an enclosed outdoor padded playground.

St. Anselm School offers classroom instruction to 350 students enrolled in pre-kindergarten through eighth grade. St. Anselm School incorporates several enrichment programs to complement a rigorous

academic curriculum; these include art, music, technology integration and physical education, as well as after-school activities in band, art, choir, guitar, theater, basketball, science and math.

The school is staffed by 17 dedicated lay teachers and 14 staff members under the leadership of Ms. Teresa M. Lopes, who has been principal since 1998, and Fr. Antonio Palacios, O.A.R., Pastor since 2004.

"Dedication, hard work and a spirit of teamwork is what makes our school successful. We believe in our Catholic school mission, and are proud of our tradition and our legacy," says Principal Lopes.

With the implementation of the Common Core Learning Standards, new rigorous learning demands are being placed on all. This educational initiative continues to be part of an upward trend that is constantly monitored and is being embraced as a collaborative effort by students, teachers, administrators and parents striving to meet higher standards. After graduation, St. Anselm students have entered Catholic and public high schools with a solid foundation in all academic areas.

"Our families make a great investment and sacrifice in choosing to send their children to St. Anselm School, says Principal Lopes." Today's families realize that their hope for the future lies in the benefits of a value-centered education. The availability of scholarships has enabled

many of our parents to choose a Catholic education here. In return, they are assured that their children will be well cared for and given the tools of a quality, faith-based education, critical not only in the context of their current circumstance but towards securing their children's success in the future."

St. Anselm School maintains one of the lowest tuitions in the archdiocese, providing an affordable, quality Catholic education to all students. More than one-third of the student population receives scholarships, and all capital improvements and renovations have been made possible through a network of support: money raised from foundations,

grants, benefactors and alumni who believe in the school's mission. Education Through Music (ETM), The Creative Classrooms Visual Arts Program, and Kids In The Game physical education are a few of the enrichment programs made possible through the generosity of donors.

"We believe a school must likewise make similar investments in its programs and its physical plant, demonstrating our commitment to our current student body, to ensure the safety and well-being of our students and to attract new students," Lopes says. "This September we will welcome 90 four year olds to our school community in our new "full-day" Universal Pre-Kindergarten Program. Funded by New York State, this program offers high quality early childhood education to children turning four years old by Dec. 31, at no cost, regardless of household income."

Ms. Lopes says, "Concurrent with the Common Core Learning Standards, school development and fundraising efforts are the necessary challenges of everyday planning. Today's challenges are tomorrow's successes."

Interested parents and those who would like to learn more and join this network of support can contact the school office or visit the school website.

And so, the tradition of academic excellence and the spirit of a faith community lives on in a traditional parish-based Catholic school.



ST. ANSELM SCHOOL

Celebrating Excellence in Education since 1908

Special Incentive Scholarship

Grades 3RD, 4TH & 5TH

It's Free

Universal Pre-Kindergarten Program

Full day 6 1/2 hours of learning, exploring, playing and growing

First Steps to College

St. Anselm School offers a safe and nurturing learning environment where students:

- * Achieve academic success
- * Learn integrity and values in the Catholic tradition
- * Belong to a community that fosters self-confidence and school spirit
- Full day Pre-K and Kindergarten
- Technology Program including SMART Boards, I-Pads, Elmos, Laptops and Wi-Fi access
- Daily Extended Care Program until 6:00pm
- State-of-the-Art Library • Comprehensive Science Program
- Art and Music Programs • Physical Education Program
- Math Mania Clubs • Guidance & Counseling Services

New York State Funded UPK provided by Saint Anselm School

- **New FREE** Full Day Pre-K Program (8:15am - 2:45pm)
- Children must be 4 years old by December 31

children first!
always 1st!
all faiths welcome!

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2014-2015 School Year
Pre-Kindergarten through Grade 8

After School Clubs: Theatre, Choir, Guitar, Art, Band, Science and Basketball

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