

When I was five years old, walking in the Kindergarten door was probably one of the scariest things I had done in my lifetime. I went in knowing only one person in my class that I would be spending the next nine years with, and I wasn't sure about the whole "elementary school" situation. Mrs. Fox was extremely nice and, by the time I was through with the first day, I was so excited to go back again. That Kindergarten year at St. Anthony on the Lake School was a great start to the eight more years of faith, learning, and friends that were to come.

St. Anthony's is special because of so many reasons. We are able to learn and build on our faith, and we are able to learn, and talk about Jesus unlike many other schools. Also, we know almost everyone in the school including all of the teachers. Another great thing that makes the school special is that we start middle school in fifth grade which is one year earlier than most schools, so in high school we will be very prepared.

Here at St. Anthony on the Lake School we have patient teachers and volunteers that dedicate their time to the students. I think that the teachers make the school what it is in how special it is. Our teachers are always willing to stay after school or come in the morning to help us with our work we're having trouble with. There are volunteers here at school, literally all the time. We have lunch helpers, recess helpers, yearbook, and health room volunteers, along with room moms, and chaperones. The younger grades have even more volunteers! It's so special that so many moms, dads, and other relatives donate their time specifically to our school

Over my nine years here at St. Anthony's, I have always appreciated that I am able to go to school every day knowing that God will be apart of my life. I always have been able to express my faith during school. I like that I get to participate in Church every Tuesday with the rest of my school. I feel like we can get more out of Tuesday mass because we will many times end up talking about the same reading or same subject, that same day in religion class. That's another thing that I think is great at St. Anthony's. We are required to take religion class in school. This lets us orally express our beliefs as Catholics.

I would recommend St. Anthony on the Lake School for many unique and special reasons. I like that all the classes are all under thirty children, and so we know everyone in our grade. Another thing that makes St. Anthony's original is the bonds with students in different grades. At our school, it is not unusual for kids in other grades to be great friends. One last reason that I would recommend St. Anthony's would be that by the time we are in eighth grade, we have learned responsibility, respect, and other qualities that we will use everyday, for the rest of our lives.

St. Anthony on the Lake has been like a home to my family seeing that I have been here for nine years, and at the parish my entire life! I have always loved the close family environment. I also appreciate the great teachers, and the time they give to our school. I'm so glad that I have been able to be a part of such a wonderful and faith-filled school and church community such as St. Anthony on the Lake School for such a large portion of my life.

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