

St. Anthony's open with 102 students

Monday was the first day of school for St. Anthony's Catholic School in Columbus and according to second-year principal Dr. James Glueck, all went well.

"We're looking for a very good year," he told The Headlight after a long first day of the 1985-86 school year. Not only is he an administrator, but also a teacher, handling the physical education classes so others in the academic classrooms can concentrate on their specialties.

St. Anthony's, contrary to any rumors that might be

floating around, is fully accredited by the Texas Education Agency, and draws on the state's resources as well as the resources of the Archdiocese of San Antonio. The school follows all the guidelines of the state education rules, as well as the guidelines from the Archdiocese's education center.

The obvious departure from the state public school education, in addition to its religious affiliation, is its school calendar. While public schools can't start until the first day of September to get their 175 teaching days in, St. Anthony's has 185 days to fit into a tight

schedule, so it started Monday, August 26.

Glueck set the school's calendar and attempted to match as many of the public school holidays as possible, but there are departures. Monday, Sept. 2 will be a holiday. October 14 is a teacher in-service day, and school lets out for first semester and the Christmas holidays before Christmas. They return to school for the start of second semester on January 2, have diocese-led student testing scheduled in March, and have a slight difference in the spring break

scheduled around Easter. School also lets out for the year at the end of the next-to-last week of May, a week earlier than public schools.

Glueck also commented Monday evening that he thinks the school has a bright future ahead of it. While last year's enrollment was around 110, a few more than this year, the teaching methods at the school have been altered. Teachers now concentrate more on their subject areas, rather than on

grade levels. For instance, instead of one teacher handling all subjects for say the 7th grade, the teacher now may concentrate on math. With the principal handling PE duties, the school is able to operate on one less teacher.

Glueck said there are about five students from the Eagle Lake area attending this year. Also, when students arrived at school Monday, they found a lot of renovation. There was new carpet on the stairs, classrooms have been painted and ceilings renovated. The work was done compliments of the St. Anthony's PTC, which supports the school all year long.

School Menu

Tuesday, September 3: Breakfast, donut or cereal and fruit and milk; Lunchroom, hamburger, French fries, pinto beans, lettuce, tomato, onion, pickles, milk.

Wednesday, September 4: Breakfast, pancakes with syrup or cereal and juice and milk; Lunchroom, pizza, mixed vegetables, salad, fruit juice, milk.

Thursday, September 5: Breakfast, sausage with biscuit with jelly or cereal and juice and milk; Lunchroom, finger steak with buttered rice and gravy, green beans, fruit, hot rolls, milk.

Friday, September 6: Breakfast, cinnamon roll or cereal and fruit and milk; Lunchroom, hot dog with chili and cheese, French fries, Ranch Style beans, fruit, milk.

East Bernard School Menu

Tuesday, September 3: fish nuggets, tartar sauce, macaroni and cheese, combination salad, apple crisp, hot rolls.

Wednesday, September 4: hamburgers, French fries with catsup, burger salad, strawberry jello, oatmeal cookies.

Thursday, September 5: pigs-in-blanket, pork and beans, sauerkraut, chocolate brownies.

Friday, September 6: baked ham, au gratin potatoes, hot sautéed green beans, grape jelly, buttered biscuits.

Rice High School Bell Schedule

Regular Schedule

8:15 — First Bell
8:20-8:15 — First Period
9:20-10:15 — Second Period
10:20-11:15 — Third Period
11:15-11:45 — Lunch A
11:20-12:15 — Fourth Period
12:15-12:45 — Lunch B
12:50-1:45 — Fifth Period
1:50-2:45 — Sixth Period
2:50 — Busses Leave
2:50-3:20 — Tutorial
2:50-3:45 — Seventh Period
3:50 — Busses Leave

Pop Rally Schedule

8:15 — First Bell
8:20-8:10 — First Period
9:15-10:05 — Second Period
10:10-11:00 — Third Period
11:00-11:30 — Lunch A
11:35-11:55 — Fourth Period
11:55-12:25 — Lunch B
12:30-1:25 — Fifth Period
1:30-2:25 — Sixth Period
2:30-2:45 — Pop Rally
2:50 — Busses Leave
2:50-3:20 — Tutorial
2:50-3:40 — Seventh Period
3:45 — Busses Leave

Sheridan Elementary Bell Schedule

8:00 a.m. — First Bell
8:04-8:49 — First Period
8:52-9:37 — Second Period
9:40-10:25 — Third Period
10:28-11:13 — Fourth Period
11:13-12:43 — Lunch
11:43-12:28 — Fifth Period
12:31-1:16 — Sixth Period
1:19-2:04 — Seventh Period
2:07-2:52 — Eighth Period
2:55-3:30 — Tutorial



St. Anthony's students took to the shade held on the school's playground, Monday for their first PE class of the year.

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(The following was provided for publication by the Rice Classroom Teachers Association and was written for a state educational magazine (TSB) in 1981 by G. Paul Jennings, Education Service Center, Region 11.)

The beginning of another school year. The rush to see which teacher got what kid and who will be "Who's Who" in the all important clique system of adolescent acceptance. Schedules filled out, teachers cleaning rooms, principals making new teachers feel welcome in their strange new surroundings. Buses rolling down every rural road and lane that is no less than two miles from students designated schools. Parents taking kindergarten and first grade children by the hand leaving their cars parked so as to display an atmosphere of maze-like structures that must be conquered in order to enter the confines of the school.

The smell of a clean building at the beginning of the year is reminiscent of days past, as is the sound of children crying as their teacher seizes the apron strings of youth with the sound of her voice. Mothers looking back that "last time" to see their small glowing face of what used to be a chuckling baby, now all grown up. Adolescent youths now clamor around each other as though it were a ten year high school reunion. Each wearing their new fall outfit even though the temperature is a sweltering 95 degrees. The high school seniors, having mastered this situation twelve years in succession sit back and endure the confusion of the "underclass" with an air of unapproachable authority. The veteran teachers console their "rookies" who hide their excitement behind a wall of apprehension. What have they gotten themselves into, these novice educators brim full of learning theory and rhetoric? Only time will come to their rescue. Will they last? Will they sell insurance? What will become of them?

As the wheels of education slowly make their way through another year student attitudes begin to change from calm

serenity to "LET ME OUT OF HERE!" As the smell of cleaner and furniture polish gives way to the sights and sounds and smells of locker rooms and gymnasiums one is made aware of the impact dirty laundry can make upon the learning atmosphere.

Another year ushers in the mad rush for a teacher for every opening. Superintendents are commonly heard talking to their peers about who needs what kind of teacher and how they plan to secure the services of a coach-bus driver-coachman, who can teach English with a Math minor (so he/she can help out in the business office in his/her spare time).

Transportation directors cling to each frayed nerve as though it were life itself as they anticipate the storm of phone calls telling them what child was left behind as the bus rumbled down the road and out of sight. Cafeteria managers await the first day of school with calm surrender as they watch their kitchen, which was spotless for three months, become invaded with loose straws, dropped silverware, smashed french fries, water-stained steam tables and cries for "extra portions!"

The shrill sound of whistles are heard throughout the state as the beginning of another football season unfolds with a thunderous clap of anticipation.

"Will we win district?", a question to be answered in the near future as stadiums are filled with parents, girl friends, boy friends, aunts, uncles, and cousins of every drill team, band and football team member in the state. Coaches clinging to a contract full of "must win" clauses are trying to fight their way into job security. Players trying to break records and score points are anticipating the cheers of fans as they cross the goal line with the winning touchdown in a close game. The first game is played...there is a winner...there is a loser. There are tears and laughter, handshakes and fits of rage. The end result is always the same...there's always next time.

One may wonder why public school educators continually subject themselves to a seemingly never-ending cycle of stress due to fatigue, money, red budgets, tardy students, irate parents, broken buses, health inspections, reports, reports and reports on the reports (and today the changing world of education by legislation with essential elements and House Bill 78). The answer is not as complicated as it seems. The answer lies in the heart and soul of every public educator...the answer is the love for their kids.

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CORRECTION
In last week's school calendar, the dates for March 16-30 and April 15 were incorrect. Those dates should have been March 17-31 and April 11.