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Welcome back, Students!



Pre-school class for age 4 offered

St. Anthony's in Columbus still accepting students

Sister Sophie Bonelli is starting her first full year as principal at St. Anthony's Catholic School in Columbus this year. She is familiar with the school though, having become principal last January.

Under her leadership, the school will see some interesting changes this year. One is that grades 7 and 8 have been departmentalized so teachers of specific subjects can better present the material.

Also, the school is offering new classes for four year olds that are not to be compared with the pre-kindergarten classes public schools are offering. The St. Anthony classes for the four year olds are not going to be a day care either, but are designed to be a pre-school. Classes will be held three days a week from 8:15 a.m. until 11:30 a.m.

"I feel it helps to build up the academic level" of a student, Sister Sophie said. "The earlier we take them the better we can give them a good education."

Classes are open to anyone, whether or not a Catholic, and the cost is only \$40 a month. Sister Sophie said the school began preparing for the classes before she arrived, and so far, 11 students have registered. The limit will be 17 children.

The principal emphasized that although school at St. Anthony's started Monday (August 25) students can still enroll.

In talking about St. Anthony's overall, Sister Sophie said that from what she has heard around the school and community, she

expects a good year for 1986-87. During in-service orientation teachers were excited about the start of the year, and last week there was a special dedication service in Church to help make everyone feel special and welcome for the new year.

Among the new teachers is Cynthia Saha of Sealy for Science and Physical Education. "She is quite active and energetic," Sister Sophie said. Students in grades five through 8 will be very active in sports, taking part in all sorts of tournaments. They will play volleyball, softball, basketball, and track, and will have tennis lessons in PE classes. Although the school schedules competition with other Catholic Schools, it would participate with public schools if asked, Sister Sophie said when asked if the school played students from Eagle Lake.

Other teachers are:
•Carol Braden, pre-kindergarten;
•Janelle Mascheck, kindergarten;
•Cindy Yelverton, first grade;
•Pam Thrasher, second grade;
•Susan Tyler, third grade;
•Kay Drvin, fourth grade;
•Carolyn Bartosh, fifth grade;
•Cynthia Sunderman, sixth grade;

•Teresa Harbich, seven & eight;
•Johanna Potter, Religion, and
•Beverly Greene, aide.

The teachers will be working with new U.S. History books, and new computer literacy workbooks.

The PTC remains active in the school, having just installed a new public address system to allow better school-wide communications from the

principal's office.

Sister Sophie pointed out that Church for the education of children and young people. She is experienced in teaching first through the 12th grade, and is a Catholic School. She is the most formerly was in Hereford, Texas, native of Germany, effective means available to the and spent 25 years in Panama. She

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pal in the district, will be spending a great deal of his time evaluating the teachers on his campus. Not only will a large block of time be taken in observation of a teacher's performance in the classroom, but there is a form to be completed that contains nearly 60 points to be covered. The form, called the appraisal instrument, must be tallied for a total score. If that score is low, Grahmann then must conference with the teacher, and they must prepare a "growth" plan to correct deficiencies.

Also, another evaluator not from that campus must also observe teachers and complete the form, then hold another evaluation session if necessary.

All that happens twice a school year.