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Dear St. Ann School Families,

As many of you know, each year St. Ann School spends the last week in January celebrating all Catholic Schools and the blessing they are to our children, families, and greater community. Here at St. Ann, students come to learn, serve, lead, and succeed. In keeping with this theme, we have some exciting events scheduled here in our own community at St. Ann School. I am excited to share them with you and invite you to join us! I also would like to thank the teachers, staff, Father Bill and all of our dedicated volunteers whose hard work and faithful service assist in the formation of our children.

May Our Lord Jesus abundantly bless our school and our families, this week and always.

Kindest Regards,

Mrs. Kelly Rojas  
Principal

### **EMPOWER ILLINOIS** **Tax Credit Scholarship Applications**

The Empower Illinois Tax credit scholarship application will begin taking applications on:

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 31st, at NOON.

This may give you the opportunity to receive up to 100% free tuition! [www.EmpowerIllinois.org](http://www.EmpowerIllinois.org)

Be sure to assemble the required documents for the applications *in advance*:

- Copy of 2016 federal tax return or 1099, W-2 and/or year-end pay stubs
- Proof of Illinois residency (driver's license, state ID, utility bill)
- Documentation of student age (birth certificate, federal/state ID, passport)

**Please be reminded that if you are in need of financial assistance for tuition, you MUST apply and SHOW PROOF that you have applied for the Empower Illinois Tax Credit Scholarship before receiving other assistance.**

### **Service Project**

A central aspect of Catholic education is learning the importance of service to others. Our ALL SCHOOL Catholic Schools Week service project will be collecting diapers (newborn and size 1) and baby bath products to help the Women's Center in Calumet City. Please send a package of diapers with your child to help with worthy cause!

## New Discovery Lab

We were proud to reveal our new “Discovery Lab” during Open House on Sunday! The Discovery Lab at St. Ann offers students a creative space where they can explore, experience additional hands on learning, and develop projects that will tap into the curiosity of their young minds. More materials will be added little by little to provide our students with an engaging learning experience through interaction and discovery-based learning.



Please come and check it out!

## School Lobby Gets A Makeover

Recent feedback has prompted us to make improvements on establishing a greater “feel” that St. Ann is a warm, friendly, and inviting school community that is centered around Christ and our families. “The new lobby is just so warm and inviting,” stated one parent. “It’s pretty awesome! It kinda feels like my house,” said a middle school student. Another parent responded that “the new lobby really makes a statement of what we are at St. Ann, welcoming to all.”



## St. Ann Car Decals

Show your St. Ann pride with our new car decals! They are available in the office. Thank you to the families who are proudly displaying their St. Ann decal in the back window of their car!