



St. Anthony Student Leaders Attend SCISA Fall Conference



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Four St. Anthony Catholic School student leaders attended the South Carolina Independent School Association's Student Government Middle School Fall Conference in the Senate Chamber of the State House on Monday.

The student leaders were Tristen Woodall, Gia Hieshetter, Oliver Thomas, and Alex Finianos. These students are House Prefects for the school's House System.

St. Anthony was one of 20 schools from the South Carolina Independent School Association that participated in this conference.

Middle School student leaders from the South Carolina Independent School Association schools gathered to learn about the legislative process. They were taught how to write proposed legislation and the process of voting for approval.

"We are honored for our student leaders to join the SCISA Middle School Fall Conference to learn about the legislative process and how to impact our community" said Middle School history teacher, Dan Spivey.

The Saint Anthony House Prefects were elected by their teachers based on good leadership, manners and behavior, diligent work, and overall being positive role models for their peers.

“We began using the house system, 3K-8th grade, several years ago to promote positive character traits as well as to instill a sense of belonging and group pride across the grade levels at our school. Each house is named after a saint and has a motto, color, and shield. Two teachers in each house serve as deans to oversee the house and support the house leadership. The house leadership consists of a Prefect, an Assistant Prefect, a Scribe, and a Parliamentarian. The house leadership helps plan and lead house meetings each month. House members work together to earn points for their house by participating in church events, being involved in extracurricular activities, competing in school-wide contests, displaying positive behavior, engaging in service activities, and getting involved in additional activities that might be going on in the school, church, or community. Students learn to work hard individually and for the good of their house, along with working as a house team. Our house system encourages teamwork, friendship, cooperation and leadership. This year, considering our theme, “We are Keepers of the Flame”, our Saint Houses will be doing service projects, putting their Faith into Action.” shared Principal Galemmo.

St. Anthony Catholic School’s first service project of the year is for Lighthouse Ministries Working Mothers Education and Support Program. Students will participate in a “baby bottle coin collection” to raise money to help support this community program that strives to prevent child abuse and neglect.

St. Anthony Catholic School, a 3K-8th grade school is accredited by Cognia through the North Central Association Commission on Accreditation and School Improvement, the Northwest Accreditation Commission, and the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Council on Accreditation and School Improvement. For admissions information, contact Principal Kristine Galemmo at 843.662.1910.

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