

Bear Blast

December 6 - 10, 2021



Our Mission - *United by our core values of Faith, Family, Knowledge and Service, St. Anthony Catholic School is committed to providing a learning environment that promotes academic excellence, spiritual growth, and moral development. Preparing students to be good stewards of God's gifts.*



Message from the Principal

Dear St. Anthony Families,

The school community will continue lighting the Advent candle, reading the Bible scriptures and doing the daily Advent good deed. By doing this we are reminded about the meaning of Christ's coming in the past, in the future, and in our time. Our theme this week is Love. Love is willing the good of another or wanting what is good for them. As we light our second candle of Advent, we pray we will choose to love people even when it is difficult. We also we remember to look to the Cross for strength.

The school community is also joining together to complete the Jesse Tree in the Hall of Saints. The Jesse Tree dates to the middle ages and came from Europe. The "tree" is usually a branch or sapling and is decorated with various symbols that remind us of the purpose and promises of God from Creation to the Birth of Jesus Christ.

The Saint Houses have been tasked with filling a crèche with acts of kindness and service. They will be earning straw with every good deed to make a soft place for baby Jesus to lay in when he is born!

The magic of Christmas is all around us. I am reminded how blessed our school community is to be able to celebrate the coming of the Prince of Peace, together, all day, every day! I pray your week is full of love as we continue through this Advent season.

Blessings,
Mrs. Salemmo

UPCOMING EVENTS

Nov. 15 – Dec. 15 – Toys for Tots

December 7 - House Meeting; House T-shirts are the uniform for the day

December 8 – Feast of the Immaculate Conception; 8:15 a.m. Mass; students wear Mass Uniforms

December 9 – 6:30 p.m. Christmas Band Concert

December 10 – NO Mass; Christmas Movie Day in our PJ's

December 15 – Birthday NUT Card Day

December 16 – 2:15 p.m. class Christmas Parties; 6:30 p.m. Christmas Concert grades 1st-8th and Chorus and "a modified version of Light of the World"

December 17 - Chorus at Mass; members report to Music Room by 7:45 a.m.; Noon Dismissal (students and teachers)

December 20-31- Christmas Break; No School; School Offices Closed

January 3 – School Resumes

January 6 – 2:00 Dismissal; Faculty Meeting

January 11 – SCISA Spelling Bee

January 18 – Battle of the Books



Feast of the Immaculate Conception December 8th

Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee.

We will be celebrating the Holy Day with a School Mass at 8:15 AM. Students should wear their **Mass Uniform on Wednesday.**



Rehearsal Tuesday, 3:30 – 5:30 p.m.

We will be rehearsing **Scenes 1, 2 and 3** this week. This includes: All orphans, Miss Hannigan, Bundles McCloskey, Apple Seller, Dogcatcher, Annie, Sandy, Officer Ward, and Grace.

Please pick up your child/children at 5:30 in the regular car-line. Do not leave your car.



December 9, 6:30 p.m.
St. Anthony Family Center

Band members should be seated with their instruments ready by 6:15 p.m. Students should wear dressy Christmas attire, no jeans.



House Competition

We are collecting new unopened toys to be donated to Toys for Tots. Students will earn points for their House by bringing a toy to donate. The points will be awarded based on the percentage of families in the House who participated. The participation points will be multiplied by 3. We are asking each family to contribute a minimum of 1 toy. However, we will gladly accept more. Students will earn 1 point for each additional toy donated.

December 7 House Meeting



All students must wear their House T-shirt with jeans or uniform bottoms. The **House T-shirt is the required uniform for Tuesday.**



Friday, December 10, we will watch a Christmas movie with our House Buddies. All students may wear school appropriate pajamas on this day! Please wear regular shoes, no slippers.



Please join us for an evening of Christmas music Thursday, **December 16, at 6:30 p.m.** in the Family Center. 1st - 8th grades and the Chorus will sing. 4th – 8th grades will present a modified version of "Light of the World."

God, we have learned to love from being loved by you. Thank you for your generous love to me.

Thank you that you see the abundance in my life rather than all my shortfalls. Help me to offer that same gracious love to those I encounter.

We know that what the world needs now is more love. We need to remember how much you love each one of us.

Pour your love into my heart so I can give it away. May they know I am a follower of Jesus by my love. In Jesus' name I pray.

Amen.

Covid Updates for St. Anthony School

Student cases	0
Faculty cases	1
Students quarantined	1
Faculty quarantined	0

**Please remember to
send your child/children
with masks!**



The Basketball schedule for the 2021-2022 season has been finalized. A hard copy will be sent home in Tuesday Folder, and you can access the schedule at this link [Basketball Schedule](#). Please mark these dates on your calendars so you will be prepared for the upcoming games.

Practices will begin next week, but Liability forms have to be turned in to the school office before anyone is allowed to play.



**Practices for December
4:00 - 5:30 p.m.**

3rd/4th and 5th/6th Grade Teams

Monday, December 6
Wednesday, December 8
Monday, December 13
Wednesday, December 15

5th/6th Grade Team

Monday, December 20

3rd/4th Grade Team

Monday, December 27
Wednesday, December 29

***If you are not able to attend a practice during the holidays, please contact your coach and let them know.**

PLEASE NOTE

Students need to wear tennis shoes on PE Days. Students who do not have the appropriate footwear will not be able to participate in PE activities.

Please be sure to label all sweaters, coats, hats, scarves, etc. with your child's name. We want to make sure items are returned to the correct owner. Please have your child check the Lost and Found if they are missing any items. At the end of each quarter, any unclaimed items will be donated, as appropriate.



Do all your holiday shopping in one impactful place. Whether you buy gift cards as presents or use them to buy gifts, your order immediately raises funds for your organization. You now have the option to get gift cards sent directly where you want. Right to friends and family. Or straight to your door. It's a great way to spread joy this season. The ship to home feature is available only in the RaiseRight™ mobile app.

Stop in the office to shop from our inventory any time during school hours. Or you can download an order form, fill it out, send it to the office with a check and we will send your order home to you. [St. Anthony Scrip Order Form](#) If you have questions, email Teri Kooper at tkooper@bellsouth.net.

Scrip Holiday Order Schedule

Wednesday, December 8 – order
Monday, December 13 – approximate delivery date

Monday, December 13 – LAST ORDER

Thursday, December 16 – approximate delivery date