



# Bear Blast

Sept. 27 – Oct. 1, 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,

Happy Fall! I hope everyone is enjoying the wonderful weather, the beautiful Carolina skies, and the warm colors of autumn. With the change in temperatures, the teachers and students are enjoying the outside learning spaces which allows for mask breaks and fresh air. Nice!

Monday we will be having our House Sorting Ceremony. This ceremony is where our new students and teachers are placed in one of the 4 Saint Houses: Saint John Bosco, Saint Paul, Saint Crispin, and Saint Jude. The new members should be receiving their House t-shirt which is to be worn on House Meeting Days as well as other designated days during the year. Due to the delay in production with our Spirit Wear company, there is a possibility the shirts will not be ready. I continue to be hopeful however thank you for your patience if we must wait!

This year our Saint Houses will be focusing on our theme, "Celebrating our past, creating our future ignited in Faith" and exemplifying this through our actions, words, and spirit. Students will learn to work hard individually for the good of their house, along with working as a house team. Our house system encourages teamwork, friendship, cooperation, and leadership. Our students will continue their great works through service projects and prayer, putting their Faith into Action. I am excited to see God's goodness working through our students!

**Blessings,**

*Mrs. Galemme*

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**September 27** – House Sorting

**September 28** – House Meeting Day; students wear their House T-shirts

**Sept. 28 – Oct. 15** – Baby Bottle Coin Collection

**October 1 – 31** – Rosary Challenge

**October 4** – 2:15 p.m. Blessing of the Animals

**October 7** – 2:00 Dismissal; Faculty Meeting

**October 12** – House Meeting; Middle School Quiz Bowl

**October 15** – 2:15 Pray the Rosary in different languages in the Parking Lot

**Oct. 18 – Nov. 5** – Food Drive

**October 19** – End First Quarter; Confirmation

**October 21** – Birthday NUT Card Day

**October 22** – Chorus at Mass; Noon Dismissal; Teacher Workday

**October 26** – Chalk for Life; Report Cards issued

**October 28** – Parent Conferences 4:30 – 6:30

**October 29** – No School; Conferences 8:00 - Noon

## September 29 – Feast of the Archangels

St. Michael the Archangel defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the Devil. May God rebuke him we humbly pray. And thou, O Prince of the heavenly hosts, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan, and all the evil spirits, who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. .Amen.

## October 2 – Guardian Angels Memorial

Angel of God, my guardian dear to whom God's love commits me here. Ever this day, be at my side, to light and guard, to rule and guide. Amen.





Our **House Sorting Ceremony** will be conducted on **Monday**. New students will be assigned to one of the houses and receive their House T-shirt.

Our first **House Meeting** will be **Tuesday**. The House Deans (teachers) will be conducting this meeting. House leaders will be appointed after this meeting and the students will lead future meetings. The day of House Meetings is considered **House Day**. The uniform for House Day is the House T-shirt. Students may wear jeans with their house shirt.

## The St. Anthony House System

The “house” system has its roots in the British school system where boarding students are divided into mixed-age groups in order to help meet their basic physical, emotional, and social needs and to create a sense of a “family”. Catholic schools, in particular, have begun to use the house system to promote positive character traits as well as to instill a sense of belonging and group pride.

St. Anthony has four different houses to which students may be assigned. An attempt is made to have an equitable distribution of students from all grade levels in each individual house. The goal is for members to remain in the same house until they graduate from St. Anthony. However, changing demographics may result in a need to reassign houses. At the beginning of each school year students participate in the House Sorting Ceremony. Students new to St. Anthony are assigned to houses. Sibling groups are always placed in the same house.

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 the house meetings that occur once a month.

House members work together to earn points for their house. Points can be earned 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.

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## Hot Lunch Ordering is Ready!



Online lunch ordering for October is open. Please complete your order online. This helps us with planning and ordering.

While we will not let any child go without lunch, **unless you have contacted the school office 24 hours in advance, we cannot guarantee that your child will receive the hot lunch choice for the day.**

## Rosary Challenge

Each time your family prays a Rosary for life, complete and return one of the beads. We are building Rosaries with the beads in the Library. Each bead turned in earns one House Point. Check Tuesday Folder for more info.

## The Blessing of the Pets

The Feast of St. Francis is October 4. As has been our tradition, we will have a blessing of pets. You are invited to bring your pets to the front lawn of the church on Monday, October 4<sup>th</sup>, at 2:15 p.m.

Parents who intend to take students home from the blessing need to sign students out in the school office by 2:00 p.m. Students who have not been signed out need to return to the classroom for regular dismissal procedures.



First Friday-First Saturday Vigil begins Friday, October 1, after the 8:15 a.m. School Mass and ends with the First Saturday Mass at 9 a.m. Join us for part or all of this beautiful time in honor and in reparation to the Two Hearts of Jesus and Mary. Families are encouraged to come. Fr. John Duraisamy will be available for Confession in English from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will continue throughout the night until the First Saturday 9 a.m. Mass. Come at any hour and stay for as long as your time will allow.





## Meet Mrs. Williams

Sara Lynn Williams is our Middle School Math teacher and 6th grade home base teacher. Sara Lynn has been teaching in Florence One Schools for the past 28 years. She has her Master of Education in Remediation, BS in Elementary Education and was a Master Math Teacher for the Teacher Advancement Program. Sara Lynn became a teacher so that she could make a difference in children's lives. She believes that children need guidance, consistency, responsibility, and love. Watching children learn and grow is the ultimate reward.

## Additional Uniform Option



We were informed by French Toast SchoolBox that the Quarter Zip Fleece is no longer available. This item continues to be one of the uniform options for students who already have it. The new option is a Full Zip Microfleece Jacket with logo. This item can be worn in the classroom.

## Covid Updates for St. Anthony School

Student cases	0
Faculty cases	0
Students quarantined	3
Faculty quarantined	0

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

## VOLLEYBALL

At this time, we do not have a volleyball coach to have a team, but Mrs. G is working with Selena Thomas from Thomas Hart Academy and Coker College to hold a volleyball clinic in Hartsville. Please be on the lookout for more details to come!

# SOCCER

## Schedule for the Week of Sept. 27 – Oct. 1

### 4K/5K Team\*\*

Wednesday	3:30 – 4:30 p.m.	Practice
Thursday	5:30 – 6:30 p.m.	Home Game vs. All Saints

### 1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> Team\*\*

Monday	4:00 – 5:00 p.m.	St. Anthony at The King's Academy
Tuesday	4:00 – 5:00 p.m.	Home Game vs. Montessori
Friday	4:00 – 5:00 p.m.	St. Anthony at Maranatha

NO PRACTICE this week due to three games.

### 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> Team\*\*

Monday	5:00 – 6:00 p.m.	St. Anthony at The King's Academy
Tuesday	5:00 – 6:00 p.m.	Home Game vs. Montessori
Friday	5:00 – 6:00 p.m.	St. Anthony at Maranatha

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**\*\*Please remember to wear your soccer jerseys on game days with your uniform bottoms.**



## ATTENTION PARENTS!

### First – Sixth Grade Soccer Teams

We have two away games this week. Whenever we have to travel to another school, soccer players and their siblings will be dismissed from the front parking lot. The players on the 1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> grade team will need to bring their uniforms to school so they can change and be ready to dismiss directly following afternoon announcements. You will need to arrive by 3:30, NO LATER THAN 3:45, to warm up and be ready for the 4:00 game to begin.