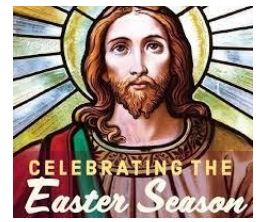


Bear Blast

April 15 - 19, 2024



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,

We have 7 weeks of school before we end our 2023-2024 school year! I cannot believe how fast this year flew by. These next 7 weeks will be packed with field trips, First Communion, MAP testing, Field Day, May Crowning, Run for the Heroes, Spring Concert, eighth grade class trip, Middle School Dance, Walk a-thon, Graduation and much more! I look forward to seeing our children learn through these wonderful events.

The International Festival is this Saturday! Why is this such a wonderful event? The food is amazing, you might learn something, the music makes you want to dance, the fellowship is everlasting, and it is important to celebrate the diverse cultures in our church and school community! There is still time for you to volunteer to help, cook, buy tickets, get a passport, and attend! See you there!

We are very excited about our Walk-A-Thon! Thank you for supporting our students as they do laps to raise money to help cover costs associated with Off Campus Field Trips to extend our learning outside of the classrooms. Pledge forms were sent home in the Tuesday Folder.

Thank you parents for all you do to help our school community continue to grow and learn!

Blessings,

Mrs. Salemmo

REMINDER

The Mass Uniform for boys is white oxford button down, plaid tie, vest with logo, and **navy-blue dress pants**. Navy dress shorts may only be worn when announced via email blast.

Upcoming Events

- April 15 – 7th Grade to Help 4 Kids
- April 19 – Noon Dismissal; PD
- April 20 – International Festival
- April 23 – Middle School Interim Reports; STEAM Bus for 4th Grade
- April 24 – April Birthday NUT Card Day
- April 25 - Walk-a-thon
- April 26 – Middle School Dance
- May 2 – Spring Concert
- May 3 – Noon Dismissal
- May 4 - First Holy Communion
- May 6 - 10 – Teacher Appreciation Week
- May 6 - 24 – MAP Testing

Noon Dismissal on Friday

After Care will be available

Normal Fees apply

Students should bring a bagged lunch.

WALK-A-THON



Students will be participating in a Walk-a-thon on **April 25**. We will be raising money to help cover costs associated with Off Campus Field Trips to extend our learning outside of the classrooms. Pledge forms were sent home in the Tuesday Folder.

Students will walk with their House Buddies around the soccer field. Students should wear their House T-shirt, comfortable tennis shoes and school appropriate shorts (Check the Uniform Policy for any questions).



Doing Easter Right — 50 Days of Joy

We spend forty days of Lent preparing for Easter, and then celebrate Easter as if it's a single day. But Easter isn't just a day, it's a season. It's not only a celebration, but an invitation to joy. In the Christian Calendar it is a season that lasts 50 days! In other words: the next 50 days should be celebrated as a *single joyful feast*. The celebration shouldn't temper down, rather it's only just begun.

We are heading into *Eastertide* (or Easter Season, or Easter Time or Paschaltide — all of them work!). This is a period of fifty days from Easter Sunday to Pentecost Sunday. It's a time to remember that Jesus wasn't in a rush to ascend, but that he spent time appearing to his disciples and preparing them for Pentecost. This is an extended time, then, to joyfully celebrate the resurrection. After all, the resurrection changes *everything*. St. Paul even writes, "If Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain, and your faith is in vain" (1 Corinthians 15:14).

Easter is a big deal. Consider what Pope John Paul II said, "**Do not abandon yourselves to despair. We are the Easter people and hallelujah is our song.**"

A Prayer for Easter Eyes

My Lord Jesus,
 You have risen to new life!
 Give me new eyes with which to recognize
 your presence in the world around me.
 Sharpen my vision so that I see beyond the
 ordinary events of each day and into the
 extraordinary reality of your grace.
 Brighten my view of the world with renewed
 hope in the coming of your Kingdom.
 Soften my gaze so that I view others with
 the kind of tenderness and compassion you
 showed to so many.
 May each day of this Easter season provide
 glimpses of your glory.
 In your sacred name, I pray. Amen



Many of our band students have been hard at work preparing for Solo and Ensemble on April 19. We wish the following students good luck: **Ethan Ancheta, Anthony Elya, Christopher Davis, Alex Finianos, Sasha Finianos, Gia Hieshetter, Lila Hieshetter, Evangeline Jackson, Tony Lusher, Benjamin McLellan, Isabella Narvaez, Sebastian Narvaez, Eli Seif, Jana Seif, Yara Seif, Oliver Thomas, Joseph Tilton, Maddie Tilton, and Tristen Woodall.**

Middle School Dance

Grades 5 - 8

April 26 • 6 - 8 p.m.

Dress: Sunday Best



Refreshments: We would like to have some sweet treats to serve during the dance. Contact Barbara Davis at babsdavis2015@gmail.com or Jing Acaylar at junamari_serbo@yahoo.com to let them know what treat you would like to provide. Thank you!



- Solo & Ensemble Assessment will be on Friday, April 19 at West Florence High School
- Mr. C will be available to work with students in preparing their solos after school on Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays.
- Dress code is casual.
- Please have your band student on the site at least 30 minutes ahead of their scheduled time.
- Upon arrival, all students must report to me in the Commons Area to pick up their admission materials.



St. Katharine is the patron saint of racial justice and philanthropists. Her feast day is celebrated on March 3. St. Katharine Drexel is the second American-born saint to be canonized by the Catholic Church.

Katharine Drexel was born in Philadelphia on November 26, 1858. Her mother died 5 weeks after her birth. For two years Katharine and her sister were cared for by their aunt and uncle. When her father remarried he brought his two daughters home. A third daughter, Louise, was born in 1863. The children grew up in a loving family atmosphere permeated by deep faith. Katharine was raised to believe that wealth was to be shared with those in need.

After her father's death, she established a religious congregation called the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament for Black and Native American peoples. Dedicating her life and fortune of \$20 million to this work.

In 1894, Mother Katharine took part in opening the first mission boarding school called St. Catherine's Indian School, in Santa Fe, New Mexico. Other schools quickly followed - for Native Americans west of the Mississippi River, and for the blacks in the southern part of the United States. In 1915, Katherine founded Xavier University in New Orleans, the first Catholic University in the United States for African-Americans

Katharine is remembered for her love of the Eucharist and a desire for unity of all peoples. She was courageous and took the initiative to address social inequality within minorities. She believed all should have access to a quality education and her selfless service, including the donation of her inheritance, helped many reach that goal.

St. Katharine was canonized on October 1, 2000, by Pope John Paul II.

April Virtue: Justice

Justice - being fair and giving each his due

To be just means to make sure every person receives what he or she needs, such as food, clothing, and shelter. This even includes obeying those in authority, playing games fairly, and respecting that which belongs to someone else. Being fair doesn't always mean giving each person exactly the same things - for instance, not everyone needs glasses to see well. But because we are all made in God's image and likeness, justice also means showing each person dignity and respect.



Sponsored by St. Anthony Catholic School

Saturday, April 20, 2024
St. Anthony Family Center
5 - 8 PM

Join us for a world tour filled with fun, live music, dancing and delicious foods.

Countries represented will include Botswana, Brazil, China, Columbia, Cuba, Haiti, India, Italy, Lebanon, Mexico, Peru, Philippines, Portugal, Puerto Rico, Republic of Georgia, Romania, South Africa, Thailand, Ukraine, USA, Venezuela, and Vietnam.

Free Admission

Passports and food available for purchase.

Tickets for food will be available for purchase or they can be purchased in advance at the school office. Most food items will be valued at 3 or more tickets.

Ticket Costs

- 1 ticket - \$1
- 6 tickets - \$5
- 12 tickets - \$10
- 25 tickets - \$20



Volunteers Needed

We need help to make the Run for the Heroes Race a success. Opportunities for volunteering include:

- Race Course Spotter/Guide
- Parking Attendant
- Sunday Setup at 1:00 PM
- Race Day Setup at 6:00 AM
- Race Day Cleanup immediately following breakfast
- Wherever Needed

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact St Anthony School at (843)662-1910 or email runfortheheroes.5k.10k@gmail.com.



Start your Memorial Day off right by remembering our military who died while on active duty in our armed services and by burning some calories in the Annual Run for the Heroes 5k, 10k, or 1-mile Honor Walk. We also recognize the current sacrifices of our Active and Reserve personnel and their families. There will be a military tribute prior to the race and all registered participants will receive a "Red, White, and Blue" Pancake breakfast immediately following the race.

Check the following Links.

- [Information](#)
- [Registration](#)
- [Sponsorship](#)

Don't forget – we have a little friendly competition between our Houses so do not forget to select your house's team name during registration.

House Competition Points through May 24

10k Registration	2 **
5k Registration	2 **
1 Mile Honor Walk	2 **
Kids' Fun Run (9 and Under)	2 **

** **DOUBLE YOUR HOUSE POINTS** by registering at itsyourrace.com no later than April 30! Do not forget to select your House in the Team Name field to receive your points.



Registration is now open! Our community counts on lifesavers like you. Please sign your student up for our Kids Heart Challenge so they can learn how to keep their hearts and brains healthy while raising funds to help kids with special hearts. If 50% of our school registers the PE Department will receive an additional \$500 to spend through US Games. Our goal this year is \$3000 for the American Heart Association and our donations are due by May 8, 2024. Thank you for your help and support! Download the Kids Heart Challenge App or visit heart.org/KHC to register today.



Middle School Co-Ed Soccer

Schedule Week of April 15 - 19

Monday	5:00-6:00 p.m.	Home Game vs. Thomas Hart
Wednesday	5:00-6:00 p.m.	Home Game vs. Pee Dee Academy

NOTE - If you have not completed your Parent/Athlete Code of Conduct, please do so and return ASAP.

[Link to the Updated Soccer Schedule](#)



SOCCER SUMMER CAMPS '24

POWERED BY SPIRE



July 15 - 19

Ages 3 to 14

REGISTER NOW



Register at [St. Anthony Challenger Soccer Camp!](#)

