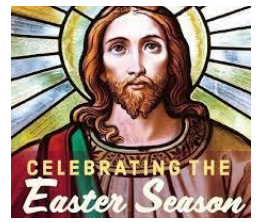




Bear Blast

April 8 - 12, 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,

Alleluia! Happy Easter! I hope everyone had a wonderful Easter Break and enjoyed spending time with family. We are looking forward to welcoming our students back tomorrow.

Before we left for Easter Break, we had so many wonderful events happening on our campus. A big thank you to Mrs. Stowe and all her helpers for the wonderful Easter Egg hunt. Even though we were inside, the kids had a great time! The prayer service led by Mrs. Thomas and Mrs. Gerth and the 8th grade class was beautiful and reflective! Thank you to Mr. C for teaching us about the Triduum and leading us in the reading of the Passion. And the silent dismissal.... Wow! I am so proud of our St. Anthony school community.

Congratulations to Mr. C and our St. Anthony Catholic School Concert Band for earning a Superior rating from the South Carolina Band Association. This rating was awarded to our students for their performance during the Concert Performance Assessment. We are so proud of our students!

In conjunction with Women's History Month Thomas Hart hosted a For the Cure 4th-8th Girls Basketball Game against St. Anthony! All proceeds went to breast cancer research. Thank you to the coaches of both teams for organizing this fun and meaningful event!

I look forward to seeing all our students tomorrow!

Blessings,

Mrs. Salemmo

Upcoming Events

April 9 - 10 – National Spanish Exam - 8th grade Spanish I Students

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

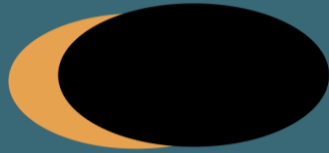


The International Festival, April 20, is one way we showcase the diversity of our school. It is set up as a world tour filled with fun, live music, dancing, and delicious food. Please consider sharing your interest or knowledge of a country.



Partial
Solar Eclipse

Apr 8, 2024
South Carolina



Maximum coverage will be at 3:12pm in Florence, but the show will last from around 2 pm through 4:26 pm as the moon glides through the sun's path. We have eye protection for all students and faculty. Teachers will implement eclipse related lessons within their daily lesson plans. If you would like to sign your child out early, please let the office know.



PEACE OF HEAVEN

Fran Taggart, owner of the Peace of Heaven Christian Gift Shop, will be holding a pop-up gift store at St. Anthony the weekend of **April 13th and 14th**. She will be bringing a variety of **items for First Communion** including veils, rosaries, picture frames, plaques, missals and many other gifts. She will also bring rosaries, statues, books, and much more. If you see a special gift for your First Communicant and that item needs to be ordered, there will be plenty of time to place an order that weekend and have the merchandise delivered back to St. Anthony in time for First Communion. The gift store at St. Anthony will open on Saturday, April 13th at 4:00 PM for shopping prior to the 5:00 PM mass. **All sales will suspend 15 minutes prior to the beginning of each Mass and will resume after the recessional hymn. Sunday hours will begin at 8:00 AM and conclude at 2:30 PM.** Stop by and check out what Fran has to offer. If you have a need that arises after this shopping weekend, her shop is only 30 minutes away in Hartsville.

Break Open the Tomb

Lord of Easter's Promise,
I live in faith of the Resurrection,
but such is the nature of my faith
that so much of me remains entombed.

Break open the tomb.

Where I've buried my compassion,
break open the tomb.

Where I've buried my sense of mercy,
break open the tomb.

Where I've buried my humility,
break open the tomb.

Where I've buried my humanity,
break open the tomb.

Where I've buried my love for
my Heavenly Father,
break open the tomb.

Where I've buried my sense of joy,
break open the tomb.

Where I've buried my willingness
to forgive, break open the tomb.

Lord, in you I've found a Savior
no grave can withstand.

Help me to roll away this stone
And find the miracle of new life

That I may live more fully
in your saving grace. **Amen**



April Virtue: Justice

Justice - being fair and giving each his due

This month, we are learning about the Virtue of Justice. God calls us to be fair and just toward each other in our thoughts and actions. Practicing this virtue means paying our debts and keeping our promises. We look for ways to be welcoming and inclusive, whether asking a classmate to join us at play or making sure that everyone shares in the fun. When we share our time, talents, and resources with others, we become the family that God created us to be. However, we often look at the concept of fairness through the wrong lenses, for example, when we look at what others seem to have with envy. When we use comparisons to tell ourselves, "It's not fair," we miss the opportunity to look instead at the unique and special gifts in our daily lives. Jesus gave us a great lesson about justice in the parable about the vineyard workers in St. Matthew's Gospel (Matthew 20:1-16). To practice justice this month, our school community will be more intentional about making the Seven Themes of Catholic Social Teaching evident through learning, actions, and prayers.

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 will be sent home in the Tuesday Folder.

Students will walk with their House Buddies during our regularly scheduled House Meeting time. Students should wear their House T-shirt, comfortable tennis shoes and school appropriate shorts (Check the Uniform Policy for any questions).



Saint Anthony was born into a rich and powerful family, but he devoted himself to teaching others about God and bringing others to God by example. He joined the brothers who followed the example of Saint Francis of Assisi, the Franciscans. He became very famous for his preaching. St. Anthony is typically invoked to find lost articles, thanks to an event that happened during his years spent teaching the Franciscans. A novice, disenchanted with the monks' way of life, had decided to leave the hermitage, but before he did, he stole Anthony's Psalter, a very valuable item in a time before the advent of the printing press. Anthony, upon realizing the book had been stolen, prayed for its return, and the novice not only returned the book, but he also returned to religious life.

Prayer: Saint Anthony, help us to be fair to everyone. Help Us to return everything we borrow. And help us to find things when they are lost! Amen. Saint Anthony, pray for us.



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.

Runners and walkers of all experience levels are invited to come out and enjoy this Memorial Day event! Run for the Heroes is a Pee Dee Grand Prix race that you won't want to miss! We're also looking for help to make this event even better.

Check the following Links.

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



Middle School Soccer

Schedule Week of April 8 - 12

Wednesday	5:15-6:30 p.m.	Practice
Friday	5:15-6:30 p.m.	Practice

[Link to the Updated Soccer Schedule](#)

Uniforms have arrived! They will be distributed Monday and Tuesday.



Thursday, April 11th St. Anthony will be Kicking off Kids Heart Challenge

Download the Kids Heart Challenge App or visit heart.org/KHC to register today and earn your own BE THE TORCH WRISTBAND so you can help light the way! Once you've registered, start Finn's Mission and complete the challenges. When just three participants in your student's class complete Finn's Mission, the class will earn a free Recess Kit* and every student will get a Kids Heart Challenge heart hero character.

Watch the video on [How to Register and complete Finn's Mission.](#)



We are excited to announce that Challenger Soccer Camp/ Summer 2024 will be July 15 – 19. More than just a soccer camp; a cultural, educational, and informational program that uses soccer to teach core values of responsibility, integrity, respect, sportsmanship and leadership.

Registration is open at [St. Anthony Challenger Soccer Camp!](#) Please use this link to head directly to your registration page.

Feel free to reach out to the following Challenger Sports representative if you have any questions: Chip Eakes, Regional Director, at ceakes@challengersports.com or 843.906.9424.