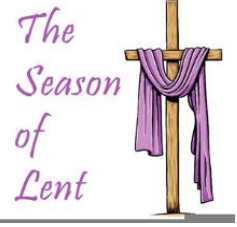




Bear Blast

Feb. 26 - March 1, 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,

Congratulations to our students who attended the 2024 Region 5 Band Clinic in Summerville, SC this weekend: Gia Hieshetter, Evangeline Jackson, Anthony Elya, Maddie Tilton, Oliver Thomas, and Eli Seif. Earning a spot here is quite an accomplishment. Congratulations to Mr. C for 42 years of dedicated work! We are so blessed to have you!

Thank you to Declan Stellato and Pedro Iglesias for speaking at the Masses in Hartsville at St. Mary the Virgin Mother about our school. St. Anthony Catholic School is proud of our 67-year history of growth due to the commitment of priests, sisters, parishioners, and families who dared to dream.

Friday, March 1 is a day off for the students but not the teachers! St. Anthony's faculty will be traveling to Columbia for a Catechesis Formation Retreat with 14 other Catholic Schools from the Diocese of Charleston. We will explore the limitless of God's mercy throughout Salvation History and how teachers can help students integrate the corporal and spiritual works of mercy into their lives. We will learn how God's mercy is revealed in His covenants and how they are ultimately fulfilled and through Jesus Christ. Please join us in prayer as we pray for a successful retreat and safe travels.

As the weather gets warmer and students take off their jackets, increased items are ending up in our lost and found. We have many St. Anthony navy blue zip up fleece jackets in the office. Please remember to put your child's name on the jacket so the item can be easily returned to the owner. Thank you!

Enjoy this last week of February! Remember it is a Leap Year! We get an extra day! Make it a good one!

Blessings,

Mrs. Salemmo



UPCOMING EVENTS

- February 27 – Bookmobile for 1st – 3rd grades
- February 29 – February Birthday NUT Card Day
- March 1 – NO SCHOOL; Diocesan PD
- March 11 - 2:00 Dismissal
- March 13 – End of 3rd Quarter
- March 18-May 3 – ARK Testing
- March 19 - Report Cards Issued
- March 20 – March Birthday NUT Card Day; STEAM Bus for 4th Grade
- March 21 – House Meeting
- March 23-24 – Newsies Musical
- March 28 – Holy Thursday; Noon Dismissal
- March 29 – Good Friday; NO SCHOOL

Reminder

NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS

Friday, March 1

Thursday is a NUT Card Day for students with a February birthday. Students may be out of uniform, but must adhere to the dress code.

**hotlunch
orders**

Don't forget to go online to place orders for March School Lunch.



Merciful Cross

We are covering a cross with colorful flowers to represent our works of mercy and sacrifices. Students have discussed the Spiritual and Corporal Works of Mercy. They are encouraged to use these as a focus for their Lenten deeds. Offerings are written on the flowers and returned to the office.

CRS RICE BOWL
CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES
FOR LENT, FOR LIFE
What You Give Up For Lent Changes Lives



Every Lent since 1975, millions of Catholics across the United States have come together through CRS Rice Bowl to support people struggling with hunger and poverty—both at home and around the world.

During Lent, we're invited to act on this call through our Catholic tradition of prayer, fasting and almsgiving. With CRS Rice Bowl, the Lenten pillars will guide us to encounter Christ through our global family in Uganda, El Salvador and Indonesia.

Each Friday of Lent, we abstain from eating meat as a way to experience a little of the hunger that many experience daily. Journey with us around the world and incorporate these Lenten recipes into your meatless Fridays.

Video: [Ugandan Farmers Fight Hunger](#)
Recipe Link: [MATOKE WITH BEANS - UGANDA](#)

NEWSIES JR.

Schedule Feb. 26 - March 1

Tuesday	3:30 – 5:00 p.m.	Scenes 11-15
Thursday	3:30 – 5:00 p.m.	Scenes 1-8

RE-ENROLLMENT

The planning process for the 2023-2024 School Year has begun. Thank you to those parents who have already completed their packets. If you have not done so, please help us by completing your re-enrollment packet and returning it to the school office.

"Lord, help us to see in your Crucifixion and Resurrection an example of how to endure."

- Mother Teresa



A Prayer for Lent

Please, Lord, guide my mind with your truth.

Strengthen my life by the humble, obedient example of Jesus.

He fulfilled your will by becoming human and suffering with us.

He died so that I would no longer be separated from you.

Help me to feel how close you are and to live in union with you.



The International Festival 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.

The festival will be April 20th, 5 – 8 p.m. in the Family Center. Watch for more details in the Tuesday Folder.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We need volunteers to work the Fish Fry. If you are able to help with any of the Fish Fries, please call the school office. This is a good opportunity for our 7th and 8th Graders to earn service hours. Because the Fish Fry is Drive-Through, we are not able to have younger children in the Family Center.

NEWSIES JR. T-shirt Sale

Shirts can be purchased by using the link below. Cost \$20.00 (final price determined by size ordered). Store closes **FEBRUARY 27**. Shirts will be shipped to and distributed by Barbara Davis. Youth and adult sizes available.

[T-shirt Ordering](#)

Lent.

a season of spiritual preparation

Lent, a period of forty-six days (forty when Sundays are excluded) that commemorates the time Jesus spent in the desert prior to beginning his public ministry as Messiah. Starting on Ash Wednesday and concluding on at sundown on Holy Thursday, it is a season when participants can carry out a three-fold mission, with the key pillars being fasting, almsgiving, and prayer.

As Jesus fasted in the desert for forty days, we, too, are called to forgo something for the same period when observing Lent. It should be noted, however, this personal sacrifice should be difficult but healthy, while respecting responsibilities.

Stressing the importance of recognizing those in need while demonstrating the model of selflessness that Jesus embodied on earth, Lent offers us an opportunity to further concentrate on displaying acts of charity within our communities by sharing time, talent or treasure.

Another avenue for self-growth during Lent that can lead to closer relationship with God is prayer. Lent presents us with an especially meaningful time to connect with our Lord and nurture our bond.

These practices serve to deepen our connection with God, our awareness of Jesus' sacrificial love, and to prepare our hearts and minds for the Paschal Mystery—the journey of Jesus' passion, death, and resurrection. Lent is an invitation to reflect, repent, and renew one's commitment to living a life of faith, ultimately leading to the joyful celebration of Easter.

Watch video: [Bishop Barron on Lent](#)
[Ashes by Tom Conry](#); [Hymn for Ash Wednesday & Lent](#)

Free Throw Competition

February 26 during PE Classes for 3rd – 8th

Please make sure that your child wears the appropriate shoes for PE class.



Middle School (Gr. 5 – 8) Coed Soccer

Middle School Soccer team is set, and the schedule and roster will be coming out soon. If you have not paid your registration fee, please do so ASAP. Thank you!

BASKETBALL

Schedule for the Week of Feb. 26 - March 1

4th – 6th Team

Monday	3:30 – 5:00 p.m.	Practice
Wednesday	3:30 – 4:30 p.m.	Practice

Friday, March 1st - 4:00 pm - First game of the Tournament vs TKA (White) If we win the first game they will play again at 6:15 and if we lose we will not play again until 7 pm. Please arrive at least 30 minutes early. You cannot be late! If we don't have enough players by game time we will have to forfeit.

Middle School Team

Wednesday	5:00 – 6:00 p.m.	Home Game vs. LOL School of Arts
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Basketball Tournament



Pee Dee Independent School Athletic Association Basketball Tournament Rules, Procedures and Expectations went home in Tuesday Folder. Please read over all of this information carefully and familiarize yourself with the weekend schedule. There will be a \$5 Admission fee for adults and children 10 and under will be free. Concessions will be available.

FISH FRY

Fridays during Lent

4:30 - 7:00 p.m.

Family Center

Drive-Through Only

Adult Plate \$12 Child's Plate \$8

Includes Fried Flounder, French Fries, Cole Slaw, Hush Puppies and the Knight's Famous Tartar Sauce

Desserts available for \$1.00