

Bear Blast

January 9 - 13, 2023



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,

It was wonderful seeing our students back in the building!

We are coming to the end of the 2nd Quarter and our Winter MAP testing will begin. Our 8th graders will be completing midterms this week and the Battle of the Books and Spelling Bee teams will continue to prepare for their upcoming competitions.

Tomorrow, January 9th, 6th – 8th graders will represent our school at the City Council Meeting. St. Anthony Catholic School will be presented with a Resolution proclaiming the week of January 29 – February 4, 2023, as Catholic Schools Week in the City of Florence! Christopher Davis and Tristen Woodall will address the City Council on behalf of our school.

The construction for the new building for the Parish Center is making progress! The school and parish administrators are working closely with the contractors to ensure the safety of our students, parishioners, and the construction workers. Please remember to drive in front of the orange cones in the back parking lot during arrival and dismissal.

We need wine! Two bottles of wine per family would be great. If you can help the auction committee, your generosity would be appreciated! We will be using this wine for Wine Baskets, Wine Toss and for custom labeled bottles for sponsor tables. White, Red, Blend or Blush- you choose, we can use it all! Please drop off wine this week through the 12th of January. Again, your help is appreciated!

Congratulations to Katherine Gibbons, Caroline Casey, Jana Seif, Makinsey Lawrence, Alexa Sungahid and Bianka Acaylar for placing in the top two of the Knights of Columbus Keep Christ In Christmas poster contest! Their work has been sent on to the state competition. Congratulations to all our students who participated! Well done!

Have a wonderful week and remember "God is good all the time. All the time God is good!"

Blessings,

Mrs. Salemmo

Important Dates and INFORMATION

January 9 – Resolution Signed; Prefect and Assistant Prefect Meeting 3:00-4:00 p.m.

January 10 - 13 – 8th Grade Midterms

January 9 - 27 – Winter MAP Testing

January 12 – House Meeting; students wear House T-shirt; End of 2nd Quarter

January 16 – NO SCHOOL – MLK Holiday

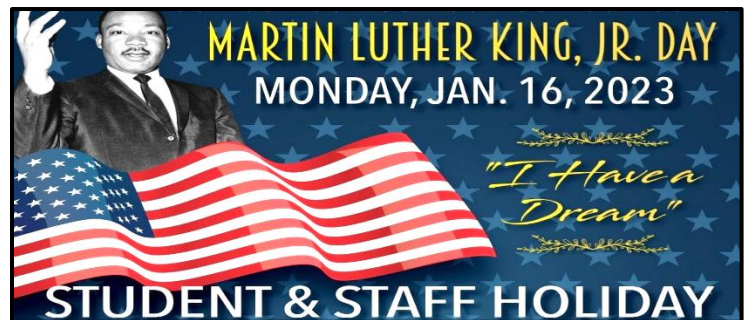
January 17 – Battle of the Books (Lower School)

January 24 – SCISA Spelling Bee; Report Cards

January 26 – January Birthday NUT Card Day

January 27 – Noon Dismissal; PD for Teachers

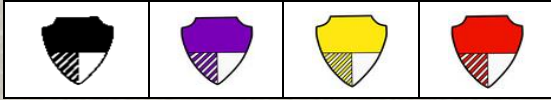
Jan. 29 – Feb. 4 - Catholic Schools Week



A Prayer for the New Year

God, thank you for a new year. May everyone in our family be willing to begin anew with a clean slate. We know that you are always ready to forgive us. Help us to be willing to forgive ourselves and to forgive one another.

As we begin a new year, remind us of our truest values and our deepest desires. Help us to live in the goodness that comes from doing what you want us to do. Help us to put aside anxiety about the future and the past, so that we might live in peace with you now, one day at a time.



House Prefects and Assistant Prefects will meet with Mrs. Stowe **3:00 – 4:00 Monday** to prepare for the upcoming meeting.



Good Luck to our students preparing for the SCISA Lower School Regional Competition (virtual competition) on January 17th.

[SCISA Page with links to rules and book lists](#)

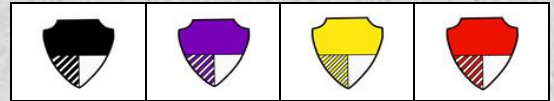
REMINDER

Students in 6th – 8th grade must be in Mass uniform to attend the field trip to the City Council Meeting.

WELCOME

WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE HERE

We would like to welcome **Decari Wallace, 4K**, and his family to the St. Anthony School Community!

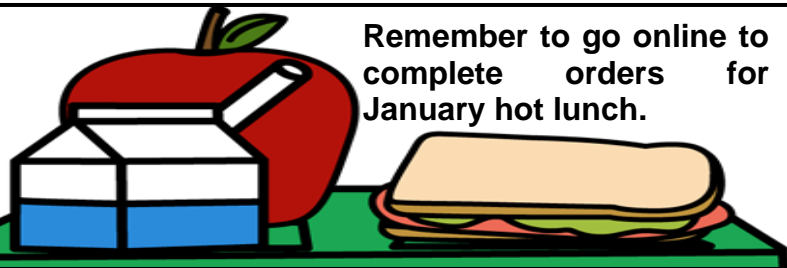


We will have **House Meetings on Thursday, January 12!** The uniform for Thursday is the house T-shirt. Students may wear jeans with their house shirt.



Good Luck to our students preparing for the SCISA Spelling Bee on January 24th at Weldon Auditorium in Manning.

[SCISA Page with links to rules and word lists.](#)



Remember to go online to complete orders for January hot lunch.

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Save the Date!
Thursday February 9th

Take a fashion trip into the past on February 9th and dress in your favorite 1950's attire. Whether you are a Greaser, a Jock or a Prep come to school Rockin' your best 50's style.

**Student Sock Hop
Dress Up Day!**

Prepare Students for MAP Testing



Students in 5K – 8th grades will begin testing this week. Please help your child be successful by:

- ensuring your child gets a good night sleep
- encouraging your child to eat a good breakfast
- making sure your child arrives at school on time

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.



Tuesday, 3:30 – 5:30 p.m., Scenes 14 - 18

Thursday, 3:30 – 5:30 p.m.

Full cast

NOTES:

- From now on ALL rehearsals will go until 5:30. Students are to be picked up in regular dismissal line. After 5:45, they will be sent to extended care.
- Jan. 17 is "Off-Book", which means all lines and songs should be memorized. No books will be allowed "on stage".
- Please check your "Band App" regularly for rehearsal scheduling and any announcements.



Information January 9 - 13

Monday, 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.

First Home game vs The King's Academy

Wednesday, 4:00 - 5:30 p.m.

Practice in the Family Center

[Link to 2022-2023 Basketball Schedule](#)

Uniform Reminder:

The Team jersey was sent home with your child Friday. Please make sure that you have the rest of your child's uniform ready to go. Remember, you will need navy or black shorts, a white t-shirt to wear under the jersey, white basketball socks, and good basketball shoes. Please make sure that the basketball shorts are the appropriate length. At the end of the season the jerseys will need to be turned back in to the PE Department.

Also, make sure your child brings his/her uniform to school so he/she can change and be ready to warm up at 3:30 pm for our first home game. GO BEARS!!!

A poster for the Sweetheart Sock Hop. It features a pink banner at the top with the text 'Sweetheart Sock Hop'. Below the banner, it says 'You are invited to the St. Anthony School Auction & Gala'. In the center, a pink-bordered box contains the text 'February 11, 2023', '6:30 PM', and 'Florence Country Club'. Below the box is a silhouette of a man and a woman dancing. Underneath the dancers, it says '\$75.00 per person'. At the bottom, it says 'Tickets available online and in school office'. In the bottom left corner, there is a QR code. A large pink arrow points from the bottom right towards the QR code, with the text 'Auction and Gala Homepage' written inside it.

 A poster with the text 'We need YOU!' in large, bold letters. The word 'YOU!' is in a red box. To the right of the text is a cartoon illustration of a large, muscular arm flexing. To the left is a cartoon illustration of a person in a suit dancing. Below the text, it says 'The Saint Anthony School Sweetheart Sock Hop will be February 11, 2023 at Florence Country Club. We need parents, parishioners, and the community to help us obtain sponsorships for the Auction and Gala. The more sponsorships we have, the more profit for the school. You can use the QR code in the bottom left corner to sign up.' At the bottom, it says 'If you need additional information, please contact Marie Glinski at saintanthonygala@gmail.com'.

 A poster with the title '2022 Scrip Holiday Sales Results' in large, bold letters. Below the title, it says 'Thank you to everyone who purchased scrip! From Thanksgiving to December 31, 2022, we sold \$12,976 worth of gift cards with \$767 earned for school tuition credits and assistance. Thanks for a great holiday sale! A special thanks to all the parishioners who go out of their way to support our school!'. At the bottom, it says 'If you have any questions about the Scrip program, please contact Teri Kooper at tkooper@bellsouth.net'.