

# Bear Blast

March 18 - 22, 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 are now in the fourth quarter. Can you believe it? The fourth quarter is an important quarter. Please encourage your child to continue to put their best effort toward their learning. Report Cards will be going home in the Tuesday Folder. Please remember if you feel you need to discuss your child with their teacher, I encourage you to schedule a conference. Communication between parent and teacher is especially important to the learning process of a student.

It is tech week for our cast of "Newsies"! It will be a busy and exciting week for our school community. Mrs. Gerth and our cast, tech crew, stage crew, costume designers, publication director, choreographer, and set designers have been working extremely hard! Please see the show! Tickets are on sale at the school office. You can also purchase tickets at the door. The cast of Newsies will be giving a sneak peak of the performance to our school community on Tuesday at 12:40. I guarantee that after they see this, they will want to see the whole show!

Three teams consisting of fourth graders and middle school students will be traveling to Sumter on Wednesday to compete in the 2024 SCISA Division 2 Math Meet. Under the direction of Mrs. Stowe and Mrs. Williams, these students have been preparing to put their math skills to the test! We wish these teams the best of luck and prayers for safe travels.

During our House Meeting this week students will be reading across the campus with their house buddies, praying the Divine Mercy Chaplet and talking about Holy Week.

As we move into the 4th week of Lent remember to slow down, listen, and pray!

**Blessings,**

*Mrs. Salemmo*

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**March 18-May 3** – ARK Testing (Diocesan Test of Religion Standards)

**March 19** - Report Cards Issued

**March 20** – March Birthday NUT Card Day; STEAM Bus for 4<sup>th</sup> Grade; Math Competition

**March 21** – House Meeting; Read Across the Campus

**March 23-24** – Newsies Musical

**March 26** – Court to Cure

**March 28** – Holy Thursday; Noon Dismissal; Easter Egg Hunt

**March 29** – Good Friday; NO SCHOOL

**April 1 - 5** – Easter Break

**April 9 - 10** – National Spanish Exam - 8<sup>th</sup> grade Spanish I Students

**April 15** – 7<sup>th</sup> Grade to Help 4 Kids

**April 19** – Noon Dismissal; PD

**April 20** – International Festival

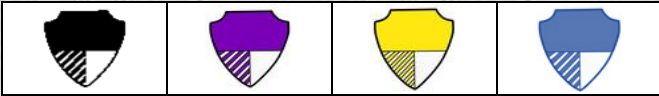
**April 23** – Middle School Interim Reports; STEAM Bus for 4<sup>th</sup> Grade

**April 24** – April Birthday NUT Card Day

Report Card

*Coming home in  
the Tuesday Folder.*





We will have **House Meetings on Thursday, March 21!** The uniform for Thursday is the house T-shirt. Students may wear jeans with their house shirt.

Students will participate in **Read Across the Campus** with their House Buddies. Students should bring a beach towel.



**Congratulations** to our school winners who participated in the state wide competition on Saturday, March 16. **State winners were Isabelle Narvaez, Aidan Woodall and Tristen Woodall.**



*Merciful Cross*

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



Our Lower School and Middle School teams have been diligently working after school to sharpen their math skills and prepare for the SCISA Math Competition on Thursday. Three teams will travel to Sumter to compete in a Speed Round and a Written Round. We wish them well and pray for safe travels.

**RE-ENROLLMENT**

If you have not done so, please help us by completing your re-enrollment packet and returning it to the school office.

Saint Patrick's *Prayer of the Faithful*

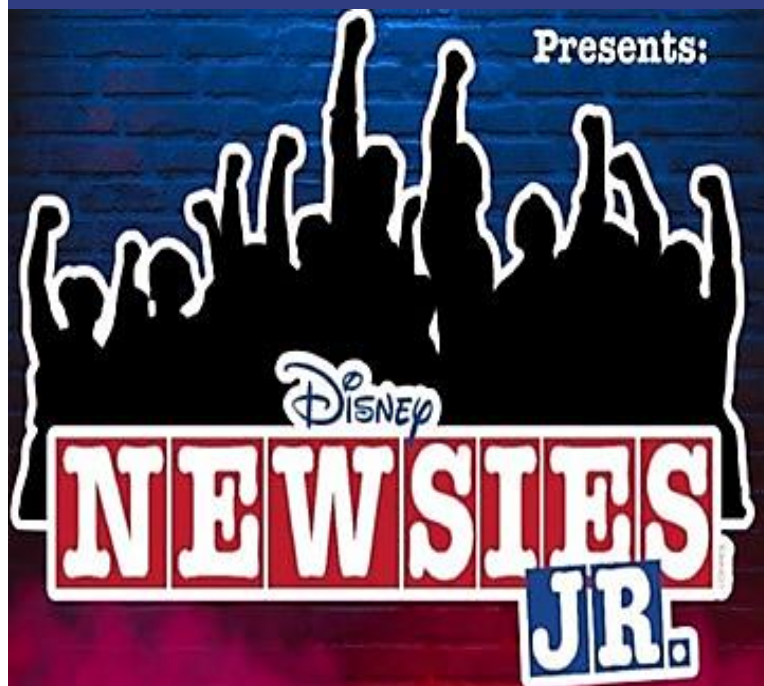
May the Strength of God pilot us.  
 May the Power of God preserve us.  
 May the Wisdom of God instruct us.  
 May the Hand of God protect us.  
 May the Way of God direct us.  
 May the Shield of God defend us.  
 May the Host of God guard us  
 Against the snares of the evil ones,  
 Against temptations of the world.

May Christ be with us!  
 May Christ be before us!  
 May Christ be in us, Christ be over all!  
 May Thy Salvation, Lord, Always be ours,  
 This day, O Lord, and evermore. Amen.



St. Anthony Catholic School

Presents:



Saturday, March 23      Sunday, March 24  
 3:30 and 6:30              3:00

Tickets available in the School Office





Helena Kowalska was born on August 25, 1905, in Poland, into a poor farming family, the third of ten children. The home was imbued with the Catholic faith and from her earliest years, Helena desired to give herself entirely to God. Called during a vision of the suffering Christ, on August 1, 1925, she entered the Congregation of the Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy and took the name Sr Mary Faustina.

On February 22, 1931, St. Faustina received one of the most impressive revelations from the Lord Jesus. She saw Him clothed in a white garment, with one hand raised in a gesture of blessing. Two large rays streamed from His breast: one red, the other pale. She heard His divine voice, ordering her to have a picture painted according to the pattern she beheld, with the inscription: "Jesus, I trust in You."

By the express will of the Divine Redeemer, she recorded the revelations she received. The pages of her Diary are filled with details of visions and intimate conversations with Our Lord and Our Lady, communications with angels, saints, and souls in purgatory, and even a description of a visit to hell and purgatory. Beautiful in its simplicity, yet of a surprisingly deep theology, the Diary is a treasury of teachings on Divine Mercy.

The years she spent in the convent were filled with extraordinary gifts, such as revelations, visions, hidden stigmata, participation in the Passion of the Lord, bilocation, the reading of human souls, prophecy and the rare gift of mystical espousal and marriage. In spite of being so richly endowed with extraordinary graces, Sr Mary Faustina knew that they do not in fact constitute sanctity. In her Diary she wrote: "These gifts are merely ornaments of the soul, but constitute neither its essence nor its perfection. My sanctity and perfection consist in the close union of my will with the will of God."

Sr Mary Faustina died in Krakow at the age of 33 on October 5, 1938. Pope John Paul II beatified Sr Faustina on April 18, 1993. Her mortal remains rest at the Shrine of the Divine Mercy in Krakow.



We need volunteers to work the Fish Fry! With the upcoming musical many of our regular volunteers will not be available this Friday. If you are able to help, please call the school office.

**NEWSIES JR.**  
Tech Week Schedule  
First Presbyterian Church

<b>Monday</b>	<b>7:00 – 9:30</b>	Newsies & Katherine
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>4:00 – 7:00</b>	Full Cast and Crew
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>7:30 – 9:30</b>	Full Cast and Crew
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>4:00 – 7:00</b>	Full Cast and Crew
<b>Friday</b>	<b>4:00 – 8:00</b>	Full Cast and Crew

**March Virtue: Mercy**

Saint Faustina's legacy is a message of hope and trust in God. She taught that God's mercy is infinite and that He is always willing to forgive us, no matter how great our sins may be. She also showed us that we should allow Him to work in our lives. Her message of Divine Mercy is a message of hope and love that is needed now more than ever.

**Prayer**

Saint Faustina, help us to practice mercy in our words, in our actions, and by our prayers. Help us to pray for sinners as you did, so that all souls may go to heaven. Pray for us, that we may have great confidence in God's merciful love for us in moments of suffering, and that we may show His mercy to others. **Amen.**

Please return your Rice Bowl by March 22.

**INTERNATIONAL Festival**

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.





March 22, 2023

4:30 - 7:00 p.m.

Last Friday for this Season

Drive-Through Only

St. Anthony Family Center

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



**Court to a Cure  
Girls' Basketball Game  
Thomas Hart Academy  
March 26, 4:00 p.m.**

The purpose of this game is to raise **Breast Cancer Awareness**. This will be a great opportunity to come together, to pray, and to show great sportsmanship to support all families suffering with cancer. The team will consist of 4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade girls interested in supporting our school. More information regarding this event will come later.



**Middle School Soccer**

No practice scheduled this week.

[Link to the Updated Soccer Schedule](#)



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](#)

**SOCCER  
SUMMER  
CAMPS '24**

IGNITE THE PASSION



**EARLY BIRD SPECIAL**

DON'T MISS OUT! SIGN UP FOR CAMP NOW TO SAVE \$

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](mailto:ceakes@challengersports.com) or 843.906.9424.