



# Bear Blast

March 25 - 29, 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,

Applause, applause, applause! The St. Anthony production of "Newsies." was outstanding! What a wonderful show filled with talent, creativity, collaboration, skill, and love! This show, directed by Mrs. Gerth, was a show to see. Thank you to all the parent volunteers, parish volunteers, and teacher volunteers for giving up their time and sharing their talents for costumes, choreography, set designs, stage design, heavy lifting, food delivery, coordinating volunteers, sound design, playbill, ticket sales and backstage help. This would not be possible without all of you! A huge thank you to our wonderful, talented, committed students. You were the magic! Thank you, Mrs. Gerth for your commitment, creativity, patience, support, and endless hours. Because of you the magic was experienced by all!

A big thank you to everyone who helped with the Fish Fries this Lenten Season! We had record-breaking numbers! The desserts were delicious, the cooks were amazing, and the serving line was efficient and happy! Our parish and school community can do amazing things!

This is our final week before Easter Break. We will be dismissing at 12 noon on Thursday. We have a special day planned for Holy Thursday. Our 8th grade class will lead us in a reflection service, each class will be studying the Triduum designed to their appropriate grade level, and we will have staggered Easter Egg Hunts throughout the morning.

This will be the final Bear Blast until after Easter Break. If you are traveling, please be safe. Have a very blessed Easter and please know our school community is always in my prayers.

**Blessings,**

*Mrs. Salemmo*

## UPCOMING EVENTS

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

**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

Noon Dismissal on Thursday

After Care available until 5:00 p.m.

Normal Fees apply

Students should bring a bagged lunch.



## Easter Break

March 29 – April 5

# Amazing

Congratulations to the cast, crew and volunteers who worked so hard to produce our Spring Musical, "Newsies". The show was truly magnificent. A special thanks to Mrs. Gerth for her vision and commitment.

# MATH COMPETITION

Congratulations to those students who attended the SCISA Math Competition. Middle School Team I - **Christopher Davis, Alex Finianos, Josie Mazick, Eli Seif, and Oliver Thomas.** Middle School Team II - **Anthony Elya, Sasha Finianos, Declan Hamoy, Pedro Iglesias, Sebastian Narvaez, and Maddie Tilton.** Lower School Team - **Samuel Castillo, CJ Dodge, Bryson Hall, Hunter Jaco, Jana Seif, and Joseph Tilton.** They represented our school well!



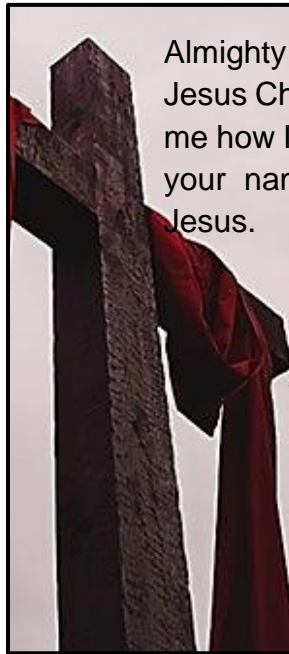
# INTERNATIONAL Festival

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.



## 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.



Almighty Father, who sent your only Son Jesus Christ to save us from our sin, show me how I can honor you and bring glory to your name, by walking in the way of Jesus.

Give me grace and mercy as I try and fail, guidance when I'm not sure which way to go, and wisdom to trust you in all things.

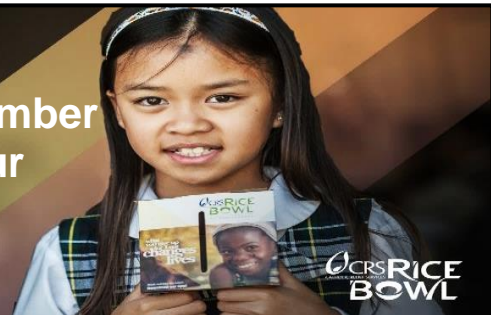
For your love brings light and life to all who seek it. May I seek you evermore as I walk with you through this Holy Week and beyond. **Amen.**



## 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.

Please remember to return your rice bowl.



## March Virtue: Mercy

Mercy is "Love that responds to human need in an unexpected or unmerited way."

Jesus Christ teaches mercy time and time again in the New testament. The Gospel of Matthew tells a parable of the "unmerciful servant" in that forgiveness, (Matthew 18 21-15) especially when it is not deserved, is at the core of true mercy. The story teaches us that we must forgive others because we have been forgiven ourselves.

Acts of KINDNESS are the ACTION behind mercy. When we are kind to people regardless of whether they "deserve" it or not, we are being merciful.

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.

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](#)

Remember to complete orders online for April hot lunch.

**Holy Week, the final week of Lent**, begins on Palm Sunday. Holy Week is a time when Catholics gather to remember and participate in the Passion of Jesus Christ. The summit of the Liturgical Year is the **Easter Triduum** - from the evening of Holy Thursday to the evening of Easter Sunday.

**Holy Thursday** commemorates the Last Supper when Jesus consecrated bread and wine. The washing of the feet takes place during the Mass of the Lord’s Supper in the evening.

**Good Friday** is one of the darkest days of the year for Catholics. It covers Jesus’ arrest, trial, and crucifixion. His death and burial are also memorialized. The events of Good Friday are commemorated in the Stations of the Cross. Good Friday is a day of fasting within the Church. Traditionally, there is no Mass and no celebration of the Eucharist on Good Friday. Communion comes from hosts consecrated on Holy Thursday. Church bells are silent. Altars are left bare. The solemn, muted atmosphere is preserved until the Easter Vigil.

**Holy Saturday** remembers the day which Jesus spent in the grave resting.

**The Easter Vigil** begins at sunset on Holy Saturday outside the church, where an Easter fire is kindled, and the Paschal candle is blessed and then lit. This Paschal candle will be used throughout the season of Easter, remaining in the sanctuary of the church and throughout the coming year at baptisms and funerals, reminding all that Christ is our life and light.

**Middle School Soccer**  
No practice scheduled this week.

[Link to the Updated Soccer Schedule](#)