



Bear Blast

May 2 - 6, 2022



Celebrate
50 Days
of Easter
Hallelujah!

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 is Teacher Appreciation Week! We are so blessed to have such a dedicated faculty and staff who are truly dedicated to our mission and each one of our students. Please join me during this week to celebrate them!

May is Mary's Month! For centuries, the Catholic Church has emphasized the month of May as a time of honor and devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary. We will be crowning Mary on Friday, May 20, as well as saying the Rosary throughout the month.

Thank you for praying for the 7th & 8th graders as they embraced their Confirmation Retreat. This special time is so important for our students to take time out of their busy lives and focus on their relationship with God, to grow in their Faith and spend time praying. We appreciated Mrs. Thomas, Mr. C and Deacon Regi for leading them in their faith formation.

This weekend our 1st Communicates spent time with Father John, Mrs. Foyle and their parents preparing for the Sacrament of First Holy Communion. It was a wonderful afternoon of learning together, breaking bread, praying, making their 1st Communion banner, and going to confession. We are excited for them to receive this special sacrament on May 7th!

Congratulation to our students who were entered in the Solo & Ensemble Assessment at West Florence High School on April 29. St. Anthony School finished with ten superior ratings and one excellent! Congratulations to Mr. C and his students.

So much going on, so much to celebrate, so much joy! Please take the time to center down and be present during this busy month!

Blessings,

Mrs. Salemmo

UPCOMING EVENTS

April 7 – May 21 – Kids Heart Challenge

April 25 – May 13 – Spring MAP Testing

May 5 – 5:30 First Communion Practice

May 7 – 10:00 a.m. First Communion

May 8 – Parish May Crowning

May 12 – 2:00 Dismissal

May 13 – No School; Bishop Installation

May 19 – Spring Concert

May 20 – School May Crowning; chorus sings at Mass

May 23-26 – 8th Grade Class Trip

May 24 – Lynches River Program for 3K-5th

May 26 – Trip to Carowinds for Grades 5 – 7

May 27 – Field Day; Noon Dismissal

May 30 – Run for the Heroes

June 1 – 8th Grade Graduation

June 2 – Last Day of School



Don't forget to go online to place lunch orders for May.

The **last day for hot, school lunch is May 20th**. All students will need to pack their lunch and drink for the remainder of the year.

*Teacher and Staff
Appreciation Week
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Teaching creates all other professions.

Prepare Students for MAP Testing



Students in 5K – 8th grades will continue 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

Prayer for a Child's First Communion

Lord Jesus,

Bless the children coming forward to receive Holy Communion for the first time.

May this day be an initial step into a life-long love of the Eucharist.

Giving them a hunger for this sacred food so that they turn to you for comfort, guidance and wisdom as they grow into full discipleship.

Thank you for their innocence and goodness.

May their hands, extended in anticipation of your Body and Blood, inspire all of us to cherish this sacred sacrament. Amen

A Prayer for Teachers

God of Love, thank you for every teacher who notices a child's special gift. Thank you for teachers who are listeners and gentle guides. Thank you for teachers who expect much and love enough to demand more. Thank you for the special teacher each one of us remembers.

God of Mercy, sustain teachers who give everything they have. Strengthen teachers who assume the blame for so many problems beyond their control. Help exhausted teachers rest.

God of Strength, encourage teachers to care and inspire them to nourish. Motivate teachers to keep on learning for the fun of it and to make learning enjoyable for children.

We wonder at teachers who know how to quiet a class of five-year-olds or help fourth graders be empathetic. We admire teachers who enjoy middle school writers, or teach physics, math, or history. Bless the people who are expected to accomplish these miracles and who know how to comfort children when miracles don't happen.

God of Justice, help and support teachers in their special calling, wherever they teach and whatever obstacles they must face.

We pray these things in the name of our great teacher, Jesus Christ. Amen



This is what you all have been waiting for! St. Anthony School's performance of [Annie Jr. Link](#)

If you would like to order a DVD, please pick up an order form from the office. DVD's will be \$10. **All orders must be placed in the office by May 6.**

JUST A LITTLE *Reminder*

No School – May 13

Bishop-elect Jacques E. Fabre, CS, will be ordained and installed May 13. As part of this momentous occasion, all Catholic school students are excused from school on May 13.



May Month of Mary

The celebration of May as a Marian month fits well with the liturgical celebrations of Easter and Pentecost as we recall Mary's great joy in her Son's victory over death as well as her presence with the apostles in the upper room prayerfully awaiting the descent of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost.

Mary allowed herself to be led by God's grace throughout her life. She became her Son's first and most perfect disciple. In our pilgrimage of faith, we walk always with Mary at our side. She is our model of faith, and she helps us with her prayers to live by faith. She teaches us to believe as she believed.

All honor that we give to Mary leads to, the adoration of God. Devotion to Mary fosters within us a faithful adherence to her Son. When we crown images of Mary, we are honoring her. In honoring Mary, we are ultimately praising God for the grace He bestowed on her.

Volunteers Needed

Field Day will be Friday, **May 27th from 8:30 a.m. to 12 noon.** This fun filled day would not be possible without your help.

The Parent volunteer form will be coming home in the Tuesday folder. Please fill out the form and return it to the school office ASAP.



Middle School Coed Soccer Schedule

Our last game is Monday, May 2nd.
St. Anthony @ Thomas Hart - 4:30-5:30 pm
Please arrive by 4 pm to warm up.



CatapultLearning.com

Catapult Learning's Summer Journey program offers robust educational opportunities and engaging activities that allow students to learn throughout the summer while also having fun. Students will engage in a Thematic, project-based curriculum that encourages critical thinking and problem solving, reinforces foundational skills, improves fluency, and increases self-confidence.

St. Anthony Catholic School

Dates: July 18 – July 29

Days: Monday - Thursday

Time: 9 a.m. – Noon

Click to complete the [Enrollment Form](#)



KIDS HEART CHALLENGE

Our American Heart Association Kids Heart Challenge has started. **In order to get the \$500 gift certificate, we need at least 15 more students to register and take the challenge.** Please register your child by going to the link [Our School is Heart Healthy](#).

Take the challenge: Be Active or Be Kind!



St. Anthony Catholic School is proud to host the 13th Annual Run for the Heroes on Monday, May 30, 2022. As is the tradition, prior to the start of the event, service men and women from various branches of our armed services will participate in a program honoring our military.

The Run for the Heroes 5K course is certified and consists mainly of paved surfaces. The 10K course combines paved surfaces with a portion of the beautiful Florence Rail Trail winding through the award-winning monuments at Florence Veterans' Park. The One-Mile Honor Walk is an opportunity for families to participate in this patriotic and fitness-oriented activity.

Sponsorship opportunities are now open. Volunteers are also needed. If you have any questions, please email runfortheheroes.5k.10k@gmail.com.

[Sponsorship Form](#)



Challenger Sports Soccer Camp

Camp Dates: July 18 - 22

Sign up for our International Soccer Camp and enjoy a fun-packed week of skill-building drills, games, skill challenges, daily coached scrimmages and even extra practices to work on at home!

Register early to receive your free jersey.

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER FOR CAMP!!!!](#)