

Bear Blast

May 6 - 10, 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,

It is Teacher Appreciation Week! We are so blessed to have such a talented and creative faculty and staff who are truly dedicated to our mission and each one of our students. The vocation of education is one of love, hard work, and commitment. We thank them for choosing education! Please join me during this week to celebrate them!

Congratulations to our First Communicants! A special thank you to Mrs. Sansbury and the families who prepared them so well to receive the Holy Eucharist. May they always feel the strength of God within them.

Thank you, Mrs. Gerth and Mr. C, and our St. Anthony Chorus and Band students for a wonderful Spring Concert! Our students' talent and commitment to the arts continues to shine through!

St. Anthony Catholic School is proud to host the 15th Annual Run for the Heroes on Monday, May 27, 2024. The 5k/10K race will take place at St. Anthony Catholic School on Hoffmeyer Road in Florence, SC. We will honor the memory of our deceased military and recognize the current sacrifices of the Active and Reserve personnel and their families. We also have a Fun Run for children nine and under and a little friendly competition between our Houses so do not forget to select your house's team name during registration. I would love to see our students and families participate in this wonderful event! It is a fantastic way to get exercise, support the Red Cross, have fun, and enjoy being together!

Continue to pray during the Month of May as Mary asks us to, Love Jesus more and pray for Peace.

Blessings,

Mrs. Salemmo

UPCOMING EVENTS

May 6 - 10 – Teacher Appreciation Week

May 6 - 24 – MAP Testing

May 9 – 7th and 8th Confirmation Retreat to Mepkin Abbey; 1st – 3rd Field Trip to Strawberry Farm

May 10 – Chorus sings at Mass; May Crowning; Band Banquet

May 13-16 – 8th Grade Finals

May 16 - May Birthday NUT Card Day

May 20-23 – 8th Grade Trip to Washington D.C.

May 24 – Noon Dismissal; Field Day

May 27 – NO SCHOOL; Memorial Day; Run for the Heroes

May 28 – Preschool/Kindergarten Award Ceremony

May 29 – Noon Dismissal; Awards Day; Graduation

May 30 - Noon Dismissal; Last Day of School

What a teacher writes
on the chalkboard of life
can never be erased.

Teacher Appreciation Week • May 6 - 10

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

The last day for hot, school lunch is May 17 Beginning May 20 students will need to bring a bagged lunch and drink from home. Just a reminder – students may not bring canned or bottled sodas for lunch.

Beginning the week of May 20, **After Care fees** must be paid by check or cash at the time of service.

After Care will end at 5:30 p.m. on Field Day, and May 29. There is NO After Care May 30.



Field Day, May 24, will be a Noon Dismissal. Students will enjoy a pizza snack before Dismissal.



Saturday, May 4, eleven of our St. Anthony students received their First Holy Communion; **Eli Burkemper, Jake Carbonell, Elijah Gibbons, J.T. Gibbons, Owen Lorenzo, Luciano Medina Sierra, Teodora Saes, Amelia Sears, Cyrine Seif, Damian Woodall** and **Stephen Woodall**. Congratulations to our First Communicants!

May Crowning, May 10

May Crowning is a longstanding tradition in the Catholic Church, when children don their First Communion attire or Sunday best, gather to sing for the Blessed Mother, present her with spring's first flowers and crown her with a small wreath of blossoms. The crown of flowers is an acknowledgment of Mary's place as Queen of Heaven. This is a way of honoring her and drawing attention to her as both an example of faith and as the Queen Mother of the Church. The chorus will lead us in song and our First Communicants will crown the statue of Mary.

Flowers for our Blessed Mother

Students are asked to bring live cut flowers for the vases that will be placed in front of Mary for our May Crowning on Friday. Students may bring a single flower or a bouquet to school Friday morning.

A Prayer for Teachers

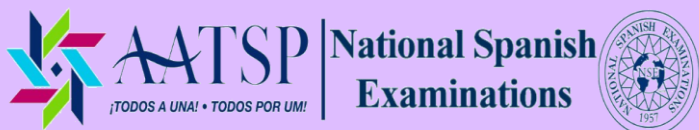
- God of Love, thank you for every teacher who notices a child's special gift. Thank you for teachers who are listeners and gentle guides. Thank you for teachers who expect much and love enough to demand more. Thank you for the special teacher each one of us remembers.
- God of Mercy, sustain teachers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

Prepare Students for MAP Testing



Students in 5K – 8th grades will begin testing this week. Here are just a few ways you can help:

- Make sure your child gets plenty of rest each night.
- Charge their Chromebook before school so they are prepared for the test.
- Feed them a healthy breakfast to fuel their memory and cognitive function.
- Attendance is important. Ensure they arrive on time for school every day.
- Encourage them to be positive and help build their confidence.
- Remind them that it is important that they do their best.



Congratulations to the following Eighth Grade students for their impressive performance on the 2024 National Spanish Exam for High School students.

Gold Medal – Alex Finianos, Eli Seif

Silver Medal – Oliver Thomas

Bronze Medal – Bianka Acaylar, Gia Hieshetter

We are so proud of each of you!



We would like to extend a special thanks to the **Ancheta Family** for providing lunch for the teachers on the occasion of Ethan's Birthday.

8TH GRADE ROCKS

Testing Schedule
Eighth Grade Finals will be
May 13 - 15



8th Grade NUT Card Days
May 13 - 16
May 17 - Mass uniforms required



High School Spirit Day
Wednesday, May 15

This day is for 8th grade students only.
Students may wear a shirt representing
the school they will be attending.
Students may wear jeans with their
Spirit wear.



GRAD PORTRAITS
Thursday, May 16
Pictures in Caps and Gowns

MAP TESTING

Schedule Grades 5 - 8

May 6	12:35	Reading
May 7	8:15	Math
May 8	8:15	Language Arts
May 16	10:00	Science (8 th Grade only)

Schedule for 5K - 4th will be communicated by teachers.



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.

A Mother's Day Prayer

*Loving God,
We are grateful for the love you have taught us through
the mothers in our lives; our own mother who brought us
into this world, the mothers of friends who have
welcomed us into their families, our grandmothers who
took time for us, and mothers who have helped us even
though we were not their children.*

*Bless all mothers of the world. Continue to grace them
with compassion, wisdom and courage. May they know
the fullness of love they have shared and be blessed every
day of their lives.*

*We remember our mothers who are now in your eternal
care. May all our departed mothers rejoice with
Mary, our Blessed Mother, enjoying their heavenly
home. Amen*

May Virtue: Zeal

Zeal - being driven by an intense love for God

If the virtues could be given images from modern culture, then zeal would be the superhero/action figure. When we hear the word "intense," we think of people or things that are strong and forceful. The weather can be intense: think of wind and storms, especially lightning! When athletes are focused on winning, they can also be intense, straining their bodies with rigorous practice to make sure they achieve their goal. When we have this kind of energy for God, we are zealous. Let us all be zealous for God and His truth so that we can share His love with others.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Field Day will be Friday, May 24th from 8:30 a.m. to 12 noon. This fun filled day would not be possible without your help. If you are able to help, please fill out the Parent Volunteer Form (coming home in the Tuesday Folder) and return it to the school office ASAP.

SUPPLIES NEEDED

We need small, bottled water for water breaks during Field Day. We also need coolers (preferably with wheels) to keep the water bottles cold.

PERMISSION FORMS

Bill's Bounce House will be bringing several inflatables to share at this event. In order for your child/children to participate you will need to complete the Festivals and Carnivals Parent Consent Form and Liability Waiver that will be coming home in Tuesday Folder, too. Please complete this form, front and back, and return it ASAP.

GENERAL INFO

Students will be able to have one Kona Ice treat, pizza and a drink.



Middle School Co-Ed Soccer

Congratulations to our Middle School Soccer team on their undefeated season! We are proud of each of our players and their wonderful sportsmanship. This year would not have been possible without the hard work and determination of wonderful coaches and an amazing group of students. A very special thank you to Coaches **Juan Pablo** and **Claudia Narvaez** for always being there for our St Anthony team. Thank you parents for your continued support



SOCCER SUMMER CAMPS '24



July 15 - 19
Ages 3 to 14
REGISTER NOW



Can you help with Run for the Heroes?

We need help to make the Run for the Heroes Race a success. Opportunities for volunteering include: Racecourse Spotter/Guide, Parking Attendant, Sunday Setup at 1:00 PM, Race Day Setup at 6:00 AM, Race Day Cleanup immediately following breakfast, and Wherever Needed.

For more details email:

runfortheheroes5K10K@gmail.com



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Check the following Links for more information:
[Information](#), [Registration](#), and [Sponsorship](#).