



Bear Blast

November 13 - 17, 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,

The Veteran's Day Program was a beautiful tribute to the veterans from our parish, school families and Florence Community who have served, past and present, for our Country! Thank you to all the parents, grandparents, and extended family members for coming to our program. I hope you experienced our heartfelt gratitude watching our students share their gifts. Thank you, Mr. C, Mrs. Gerth and Mr. Spivey, for preparing our students so well! This program always reminds me of how special our school community is!

Don't forget to join St. Anthony Catholic School to inspire and celebrate Catholic giving by spreading the word about #iGiveCatholic to your friends, family, and colleagues. Early Giving begins **TOMORROW, Monday, November 13** online or you can give in person, by phone, or mail. More information can be found on our giving site: bit.ly/47XGFqm. Thank you for your support!

Please join us for Thanksgiving Prayers in the Parking Lot, and Thanksgiving Family Lunch. We have so much to be thankful for!

"Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus." 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

Blessings,
Mrs. Salemmo

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Oct. 23 - Nov. 16 - Food Drive
- November 14 – School Picture Day
- November 15 - Prayers of Thanksgiving
- November 16 - Thanksgiving Lunch
- November 20-24 - Thanksgiving Break; No School
- November 28 - NUT Card Day for November Birthdays; #igivecatholic
- Nov. 30- Dec. 14 - Toys for Tots
- November 30 - House Meeting; students wear House T-shirt
- December 1 – First Friday Mass
- December 3 - St. Anthony School Hosts 9 AM Mass; Santa's Breakfast; PTO Toy Shop
- December 4 - Advent Morning Prayer (Every Monday during Advent); 2:00 Dismissal; Faculty Meeting
- December 5 - Band and Chorus Concert 6:30 p.m.
- December 6 – STEAM Bus for 4th grade.
- December 8 - 8:15 School Mass; Immaculate Conception Holy Day of Obligation



PARENT SURVEY

Please help our school celebrate our success and strive for continuous improvement by completing our Annual Parent Survey. This data will be used by our school as well as the Catholic Schools Office and Diocesan School Advisory Council (DSAC) to assist in continuous improvement. When you click the link, you will be able to choose Spanish/ English and then you will need to select St. Anthony Catholic School, Florence. It is important that we get feedback from all of our families. [Survey Link](#)



Picture Day

Tuesday, November 14
Students 5K – 8th should wear their Mass uniform. 3K and 4K students should wear their daily uniform. Information was sent in the Tuesday Folder.

Food Drive - House Competition

Our Food Drive will end on Thursday, November 16. Points to date: St. Joan of Arc – 156; St. John Bosco – 102; St. Jude – 90 and St. Paul – 144.

Weekly Special - This week only

- Stuffing Mix earns 3 points
- Cranberry Sauce earns 3 points
- Tang Juice Mix earns 3 points
- Yams/Sweet Potatoes earns 3 points
- Peanut Butter earns 2 points
- Jelly earns 2 points



Join us for
Prayers of Thanksgiving
Wednesday, November 15
2:15 p.m. in the Parking Lot

Parents who are attending may sign students out from the office by 2:00. Those students will be packed up because they will not return to the building. Students who have not been signed out will need to return to the classroom to follow normal dismissal procedures.



We will be collecting new unopened toys to be donated to Toys for Tots. We would like to collect as many toys as possible, but we would also like to have 100% participation from all families.

Students will earn points for their House by bringing a toy to donate. The points will be awarded based on the percentage of families in the House who participated. The participation points will be multiplied by 3. **We are asking each family to contribute a minimum of 1 toy.** However, we will gladly accept more. Students will earn 1 point for each additional toy donated.

*I'm thankful, Lord – so thankful
 You've blessed me day by day.
 Food, shelter, friends and family
 You've given when I pray.*

*And though I am quite grateful
 for these things I hold so dear,
 what I really cherish most of all
 is Your presence ever near.*

I may be full or empty.

I may be glad or sad.

*But You're the constant in my life,
 the best blessing, I could have.*

Thank you, Lord.

Thanksgiving Lunch Thursday, November 16

Join us as we give thanks for God's blessings and enjoy a traditional Thanksgiving feast together.

Lunch times

3K - 3rd Grade 10:50 - 11:20

4th - 8th Grades 11:40 - 12:10

Parents will meet their children in the Cafeteria.



Donate at
[St. Anthony School](#)
 Website opens November 13

Save the Date!

November 13-27

Advanced Giving

November 28

Giving Tuesday

November Virtue: Stewardship

Stewardship - returning to God the first fruits of your time, talent, and treasure.

Prayer to St. Joseph Moscati

O Saint Joseph Moscati, doctor with a huge heart, in the exercise of your profession you cured the body and spirit of your patients, turn towards us too who now run to you with faith in your intercession. Give us physical and spiritual health, so that we can serve our brothers with generosity. Alleviate the pain of those that suffer, give comfort to the sick, consolation to the afflicted, and hope to the hopeless. Make that the sick might encounter doctors like you: human and Christian. The youth find in you a model of life, the workers, an example, the old, comfort, and the dying, hope in eternal salvation. Be for all of us a sure guide: teach us to work with serenity, honesty and charity, to be able to complete in a Christian way our everyday tasks. Amen

BASKETBALL

Basketball forms and registration fees should be turned in by Tuesday, Nov. 14th. Coach Hieshetter would like to begin practicing as soon as we return from our Thanksgiving break, but Liability and permission forms have to be completed before anyone is able to practice.



SOCCER CHALLENGE

The next level of competition for the Florence Council winners is the State Event scheduled for Saturday morning, November 18, at St. John Neumann Catholic School in Columbia.

Students that are interested in participating need to let Mrs. G know by the end of school on Tuesday. You will receive your original score sheet. Students will need to take the original scores sheet signed by parents to Registration which begins at 9:00 A.M.

Participating students should bring soccer shoes, a ball to warm up with, and clothes appropriate for an outdoor day. Parents are encouraged to attend the event.

ST. JOSEPH MOSCATI

November 16th



St. Joseph (Giuseppe) Moscati was born on July 25, 1880, in Benevento, Italy. He lived out the Gospels as a doctor, healing his patients' illnesses and helping their souls. He saw the sacraments of confession and Communion as the "first medicine," and is credited with bringing some of his patients back to the Church.

Joseph was the seventh of nine children, born to noble Italian parents. His father, a judge, was a man of strong faith. While Joseph inherited his intellect, his decision to study medicine came after his older brother Alberto fell from a horse and suffered incurable head trauma. Joseph helped care for his brother at home for many years, and in 1897, he enrolled in medical school at the University of Naples.

In 1903, Dr. Moscati graduated, and went on to practice at the Hospital for Incurables in Naples. He was known for his skill in diagnosing his patients, and many interns studied with him, hoping to learn his techniques.

Dr. Moscati would pray before seeing each patient, putting himself in the presence of God. He encouraged his patients to receive the sacraments often, especially before they underwent surgery. Dr. Moscati was known for his charity, often donating his medical services to the poor, or paying for his patients' prescriptions. He helped evacuate a nursing home when Mount Vesuvius erupted in 1906, moving the sickest patients just minutes before the building collapsed. During World War I, he treated nearly 3,000 soldiers.

He prayed for priests often, because, as he said, "They are easily forgotten by the living, since Christians often think that they do not need prayers." Dr. Moscati always carried a rosary in his pocket as a reminder to seek help from Mary and Jesus when he had to make important decisions.

The life of this brilliant doctor, who worked in biological chemistry, whose research led to the discovery of the insulin which nowadays saves millions of lives, had its earthly end. On April 12, 1927. He was canonized on October 25, 1987, by Pope John Paul II.



Don't forget to place November lunch orders.



OH DEER!
IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN!

In case you don't know, we have a year-round fundraising program for St. Anthony School called SCRIP. We sell gift cards that are purchased at a discounted rate and the profit benefits our school. There is no cost to the buyer and the gift cards are just the same as you would receive in a store, but we do the work for you.

Christmas time is the perfect opportunity to take advantage of the scrip program. You are probably going to buy some gift cards for gifts. You can also buy gift cards to purchase gifts. Shopping at St. Anthony makes your life easier because you can get all your gift cards in one location while lowering next year's tuition bill.

Come to the office to shop from the large inventory of gift cards we have in stock or order what you need for delivery based upon the schedule below. We accept cash or check for payment. During the 2022 holiday season, we sold gift cards totaling **\$26,311**. The proceeds from this fundraiser benefit St. Anthony School and can help lower next year's tuition bill for the purchaser. For more information, contact Teri Kooper at tkooper@bellsouth.net.

Scrip Holiday Order Schedule

Wednesday, November 15 – order

Friday, November 17 – approximate delivery date

Wednesday, November 22 – NO SCHOOL – NO order

Wednesday, November 29 – order

Monday, December 4 – approximate delivery date

Wednesday, December 6 – order

Monday, December 11 – approximate delivery date

Monday, December 11 – LAST ORDER

Friday, December 15 – NOON DISMISSAL; Christmas Break begins



WREATHS

TABLETOP TREES

GARLAND

Lynch Creek Farm Fundraiser

Lynch Creek Farm is a family-owned business in Shelton, WA. They create beautiful fresh greenery wreaths, trees, centerpieces, and garland that are perfect to use to decorate your home for the holidays or for stress free gift giving. Items may be shipped directly to the recipient. You pick your approximate delivery date when you order. St. Anthony School will receive 15% of your purchase price, but the credit for giving an impressive gift that everyone will love goes to YOU!

Support our school. **Order by December 10.**

1. Visit [Lynch Creek Fundraiser – St. Anthony School](#)
2. Click on a product category or Shop Online.
3. Click Shop Now to give back 15% of your purchase.

Prefer to order by phone? Call 1-888-426-0781 and reference Campaign 301120

Questions, contact Teri Kooper at tkooper@bellsouth.net.



CENTERPIECES

FALL

SPECIALTY

Remembering Others

*O God, when I have food,
help me to remember the hungry;
When I have work,
help me to remember the jobless;
When I have a home,
help me to remember those who have no home at all;
When I am without pain,
help me to remember those who suffer,
And remembering,
help me to destroy my complacency;
bestir my compassion,
and be concerned enough to help;
By word and deed,
those who cry out for what we take for granted.*

- Samuel F. Pugh

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