

Bear Blast

Oct. 31 – Nov. 4, 2022



ALL SAINTS DAY
November 1

ALL SOULS DAY
November 2

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 was wonderful to see all the parents during the Parent/Teacher conferences. Communication between the students' parents and their teachers plays an integral part in the success of the student. We are much better when we are together!

This weekend our school Advisory Council attended a retreat. We prayerfully reflected on St. Anthony School's core values, the Mission, and the Vision. We prayerfully considered how each of us are "Called to action, rooted in Christ" and how we can effectively give from the graces received from the Holy Spirit. It is He who drives the mission, who makes the apostles a team. St. Anthony School is truly blessed to have this group of people "acting" on behalf of our school community!

International Fall Festival is this Friday! Why is this such a wonderful event? The food is amazing, you might learn something, the music makes you want to dance, the fellowship is everlasting, and it is important to celebrate the diverse cultures in our church and school community! See you there!

Please remember we will be attending Mass twice this week. Tuesday, All Saints Mass, and Friday is our daily school Mass. We love it when you pray with us!

Please have a safe and happy Halloween! We are excited for our class parties tomorrow. Thank you in advance to our room parents for organizing the fun! Students and teachers may wear Halloween t-shirts with uniform bottoms tomorrow. No costumes please!

Blessings,

Mrs. Salemmo



Oct. 17 – Nov. 7 – Food Drive

October 31 – Class Parties; students wear Halloween shirts with uniform bottoms; visit from fire truck

November 1 – All Saints Day; 8:15 a.m. School Mass

November 4 – 8:15 a.m. School Mass; 4th Grade Saints Projects; International Festival 5-8 p.m.

November 5 – 4:45 p.m. Chorus sings at Pecan Festival; Chorus members report to Performing Arts Center front door at 4:15.

November 7 – 2:00 Dismissal; Prefects and Assistant Prefects meet with Mrs. Stowe 2-3 p.m.

November 10 – Veterans Day Program

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November 16 – Prayers of Thanksgiving

November 17 – House Meeting; students wear house T-shirt; Family Thanksgiving Lunch

November 21-25 – Thanksgiving Break



Monday, students and teachers may wear a Halloween shirt with uniform bottoms! No costumes please! Class parties will be at 2:15 p.m.

PLEASE NOTE

Student will need to wear Mass Uniforms twice this week: Tuesday, November 1 and Friday, November 4.



All lunch orders should be placed by November 7.

School Spirit Wear Store



The School Spirit Store is open for the Fall! Please follow the link [St. Anthony Spirit Wear Store](#) Deadline: Sunday November 27th.

Questions? Contact Barbara Davis at babsdavis2015@gmail.com.

Congratulations to our St. Anthony Graduates who received the Sacrament of Confirmation on October 25th with other members of our Catholic Community.



We pray the Holy Spirit will increase their desire to know and follow Jesus as his disciple with a grateful and courageous heart.

HALLOWEEN AND ITS CATHOLIC ROOTS



"Halloween is part of our Catholic faith tradition. Dressing up for Halloween comes from the French, Jack-O-Lanterns come from the Irish tradition (originally turnips), and begging for treats comes from the English tradition of going door to door begging for "soul cakes," promising to pray for a family's loved ones. The missing link that you as parents are called to create and honor is the connection between All Saint's and All Soul's Day with Halloween." Read the rest of this article at: [NCEA Parent News](#)

Rosary Challenge

As a school we have built one full Rosary. Our Challenge was to build 3 Rosaries. Each bead turned in earns one House Point. Current House Points are **St. Crispin 22, St. John Bosco 16, St. Jude 21, and St. Paul 17**

Please Send Pictures



If you have any family members who are veterans, living or deceased, please send in pictures for our program. Please make sure the child's name is on the back and give to their homeroom teacher by **November 7**. The pictures will be returned after the program.

Please extend this invitation to family and friends. We would love for them to join us. We will be outside.

We Salute Our Veterans

November 10

In front of St. Anthony Church

Donuts and Coffee at 8:15

Program by St. Anthony School at 9:00

Veterans and their spouses are invited.

Thanksgiving Family Lunch

We are inviting families to join us for our Thanksgiving Lunch on November 17th. We will need families to RSVP so that we can plan appropriately. Watch for details in the Tuesday Folder.

SOCCER TOURNAMENT

Thomas Hart Academy
November 1st and 3rd

Please refer to the packet that went home in Tuesday Folder for tournament start times for your child's team. **Both teams will dismiss at 2:00 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 1st.** If you intend to pick up all of your children, please notify the office. Also, remember to send uniforms to school with your child so they can change prior to dismissal.

Please remember that there will be a \$5 gate fee per day (per person). Students 12 and under are free and all players and coaches will be free.

On Wednesday, November 2nd, you will all be notified of the time that you will be dismissed from school for Thursday's games.

Attention Soccer Parents Only!!!

When picking your child up Tues., Nov. 1st for the 2 p.m. dismissal, please enter the front parking lot of the school and follow the cones for directions.



St. Anthony Catholic School
Friday, November 4, 5 – 8 p.m.

Join us for a world tour filled with fun, live music with "Ritmo y Corazón", dancing and delicious foods.

Countries represented will include Azerbaijan, Botswana, Brazil, Cuba, Germany, Haiti, India, Italy, Lebanon, Mexico, Moldova, Pakistan, Philippines, Poland, Republic of Georgia, Romania, Thailand, Ukraine, USA, Venezuela and West Bank.

Free Admission

*Tickets for food will be available for purchase, or they can be purchased in advance at the school office.

All Saints' Day is a holy day of obligation celebrated on November 1. It is dedicated to all those who have made it into heaven. Anyone who makes it into heaven is a saint, even if the Church does not yet recognize their sanctification.

Dear God, thank you for the example of the Saints. I desire to join in their company, worshiping you forever in Heaven. Please help me follow their footsteps, and yours, Jesus Christ. Please help me to conform myself to Your image, seeking Your will in all things, as the Saints did. Please help me to devote myself, and all that I do, to Your glory, and to the service of my neighbors. **Amen.**

All Souls' Day is celebrated on November 2. The Church prays for all those in purgatory.

Father and Protector of all You have created, we raise our hearts to You today for those who have passed out of this mortal life. For all the faithful who have died we pray, but in particular for those dear to us. In Your loving mercy, be pleased to receive them in Your heavenly company, and forgive the failings and faults they may have done from human frailty. May the merits and prayers of our Virgin Mother, Mary, and those of all the Angels and Saints, speak for us and assist them now. This we ask in Christ's name. **Amen**

Food Drive - House Competition

We have started collecting items for the Food Pantry and Thanksgiving boxes. Points to date: **St. Crispin** – 119; **St. John Bosco** – 158; **St. Jude** – 167 and **St. Paul** – 154

Weekly Special - This week only

Stuffing Mix earns 2 points
 Cranberry Sauce earns 2 points
 Pumpkin Pie Mix earns 3 points
 Pie Crust earns 3 points
 Sweet Potatoes/Candied Yams earns 2 points



PARENT SURVEY

Please help our school celebrate our success and strive for continuous improvement by completing our Annual Parent Survey. This survey 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. The survey will close on November 18, 2022. It is important that we get feedback from all of our families.

[Survey Link](#)

Catholic Schools Dominate National Test Average Scores

The Main National Assessment of Education Progress, or the "Nation's Report Card," has published the 2022 state-by-state national scores. The report included representative samples of national testing scores from Catholic, charter and traditional public schools.

The results support that Catholic schools outperformed others during the COVID-19 pandemic amid widespread test-score declines. This success is attributed to the continuation of in-person learning and dedicated families and is the reason for carried over success post-pandemic.

The graphs on the next page suggest that if Catholic schools were a state, they would be the highest performing in the nation on all four tests of the National Center for Education Statistics. We pray for the continued success of all our students during this academic year.



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 awesome gift that everyone will love goes to YOU!

Support our school. **Order by December 11.**

1. Visit www.lynchcreekfundraising.com/c/299434
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 # 299434

If you have any questions, contact Teri Kooper at tkooper@bellsouth.net.



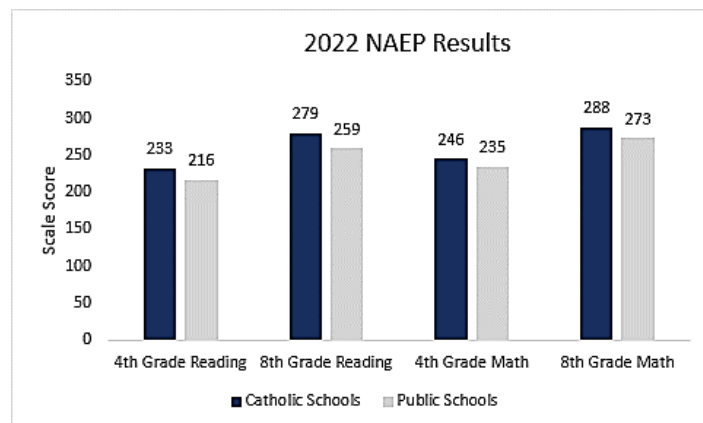
**Sweetheart Sock Hop
Volunteer Meeting
November 2
5:30 p.m.
Technology Classroom**



The Saint Anthony School Sweetheart Sock Hop will be February 11, 2023. We need many volunteers and auction donations from our parents, parishioners, and community. Come join us at our first volunteer meeting and share your ideas while making new friends! If you are able to attend please contact Marie Glinski at saintanthonygala@gmail.com

If you are interested in helping in any capacity (time, talent, treasure), but unable to attend, please contact Marie Glinski.

Catholic Schools Dominate National Test Average Scores (cont'd)



Example by State - Each Blue line is a different state yellow is Charter Average, red is National Average and pink is Catholic Schools Average. Top is 4th grade math. Bottom is 4th grade reading.

