



# Bear Blast

## September 11 - 15, 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,

Welcome to September! So many events are happening around our school community! Soccer has started, Quiz Bowl teams are practicing, our band is in full swing, students are preparing for our first parish Mass, the choir is singing, and youth group has kicked off!

The church is having new flooring installed this week. The 8:15 am school Mass will be held in the Family Center on Friday. Please join us if you would like!

Our House Sorting Ceremony was rescheduled to this Thursday. Students are not to wear their House shirt for the ceremony. We are very excited to roll out our 2023-2024 House System!

Through our House System we will be focusing on virtues. The program we are using as a basis for our study of virtues is *Virtues in Practice*. The goal of the program is to help students live out the faith in their everyday lives. The program consists of a three-year cycle with each year based on one of the theological virtues. This year we will focus on the *Year of Faith*. The virtues emphasized during the *Year of Faith* encourage the use of Catholic devotions as well as opportunities to expand ministry through service projects. Each month we will focus on a different virtue and learn about a saint who exemplified that virtue. During September our virtue is faith, and the saint is St. Augustine. If you would like more information about the program, please use this link [Virtues in Practice](#).

Blessings,  
Mrs. Salemmo



### UPCOMING EVENTS

**September 11** – 2:00 Dismissal; Staff Meeting

**September 14** – House Sorting and First House Meeting

**September 18** – MAP Testing Begins

**September 19** – Interim Report Grades 5 - 8

**September 22** – Noon Dismissal; PD for teachers

**October 2** – 2:00 Dismissal; Staff Meeting

**October 6** – MAP Testing Ends

**October 10** – End First Quarter

**2:00**

**Monday is a 2:00 Dismissal.** If this presents a challenge for your schedule, After Care will be provided free of charge until 3:30. After 3:30, normal fees will apply.

### Rescheduled House Sorting



On Thursday, September 14<sup>th</sup>, we are kicking off the year with our House Sorting Ceremony. New students will be assigned to a house. Then, we will proceed with our first meeting, and get right to business. Each house will select their leaders for the year and discuss what is in store for the new year. Our first service project is the Baby Bottle Coin Collection, information to come soon.

**Please do not wear House T-shirts on Thursday.** Since we have so many students without house T-shirts, please wait until notified to wear house shirts.

### Why do some virtues have different labels?

The **Theological Virtues** of faith, hope, and charity are infused along with sanctifying grace into the soul of the person at Baptism. They are gifts that are given to us by God and their purpose is to lead us back to God. God is the beginning, end, and motivation of these virtues. Our understanding and practice of them depend upon God's grace.

The Theological Virtues inform and give life to the **Cardinal Virtues**: Prudence (Wisdom), Justice, Fortitude (Courage), and Temperance (Self-Control). These virtues are gained through human efforts, and the practice of these virtues is a good life. However, when practiced in the power of God's grace, they help us meet not only our natural good but also our supernatural end—eternal bliss in heaven with God.

Funneling down from these two main groups are the "human virtues." God meets us where we live (so to speak) and provides us with what we need to live virtuous lives. All virtues will center on the 7 core virtues identified above. You may hear reference to a special group of virtues called the seven capital virtues. These are the virtues which overcome the seven deadly sins of lust, greed, gluttony, envy, anger, pride, and sloth. The **Capital Virtues** include Chastity, Generosity, Temperance, Brotherly love, Meekness, Humility, and Diligence.

### SEPTEMBER SAINT: St. Augustine



Saint Augustine was born in northern Africa in 354. Despite being raised by a devoted Christian mother, Monica, he was a difficult child, and grew to be an atheist. He was a brilliant scholar and speaker, and he left his home in North Africa to teach speech-making in Italy. His mother followed him, and through her prayers and the teachings of the holy bishop St. Ambrose, Augustine returned to the Faith and was baptized on Easter.

In prayer, Augustine found peace. He realized that because God had made each and every one of us to love Him more than anything, only in God could our restless hearts find rest. He gave eloquent speeches and wrote letters and books in defense of the Faith.

## SCHEDULE CHANGE

Interim Reports for students in Grades 5 – 8 will be sent home in the Tuesday Folder on September 19.



Students are not permitted to use cell phones or smart watches at school. These devices are a distraction and a temptation.

If students need either device to communicate with parents after school, the device must remain in the student's backpack. Any call home during the school day should be made through the office.

### SEPTEMBER VIRTUE

**FAITH: believing in God and all he has revealed.**

Sometimes we think of faith as our own choice, but unless God reveals himself to us, we cannot know him or develop a personal relationship with him. We develop faith not just by studying about God, but by taking time each day to have personal encounters with him.

When do you have personal encounters with God?

## WELCOME

WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE HERE

We would like to welcome the following students and their families to our school community.

Willow Graham 3K

Aslan Kumantas 4K

We are so glad that you have joined us!

# SOCCER

## Schedule for the Week of September 11 - 15

### 4K/5K Team

Wednesday	5:30 – 6:30 p.m.	Practice
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### 1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> Team\*\*

Tuesday	4:00 – 5:00 p.m.	Home Game vs Pursuit Christian Academy
Thursday	4:00 – 5:00 p.m.	St. Anthony <u>at</u> The Kings Academy

### 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> Team\*\*

Tuesday	5:00 – 6:00 p.m.	Home Game vs Pursuit Christian Academy
Wednesday	5:15 – 6:30 p.m.	Practice
Thursday	5:00 – 6:00 p.m.	St. Anthony <u>at</u> The Kings Academy

\*\*Team Jerseys were handed out to on Friday. Please make sure you have the rest of the uniform ready to go by the first game on Tuesday. You need navy blue or black shorts, navy soccer socks, shin guards, and cleats. If you have questions, contact Mrs. G at [dguerriero@saintanthonycatholic.com](mailto:dguerriero@saintanthonycatholic.com)

Links for schedules: [4K/5K Soccer Schedule](#)  
[1<sup>st</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Soccer Schedule](#)

God of grace and God of glory, on this anniversary of 9/11, grant us the wisdom to remember the lessons from that day that make us more Christ-like. May the myriad of images of helpers - firefighters, police officers, pastors, office workers, ordinary citizens - compel us to acts of kindness, words of love and demonstrations of community. We pray for those whose lives were forever changed on September 11, 2001. Grant comfort to those who grieve. Strengthen those who struggle with questions that remain unanswered. We thank you, Lord of all, for the people who every day put their lives in danger in order to protect and serve others. We pray for all first responders, for medical personnel, police officers, firefighters and others who never know what a shift at work will bring on any given day. Grant them wisdom, courage and rest. Bring your peace to our world: peace in the hearts of all men and women and peace among the nations of the earth. Amen

*“The most valuable thing you can make is a mistake – you can’t learn anything from being perfect.”*

*Adam Osborne*



Don't miss all the exciting things happening at our school! Please check out our [Facebook Page](#).

## St. Anthony School Mass & Spaghetti Dinner

meatballs, salad, bread & assorted beverages included

23 September 2023 | 5:00 PM Mass

Dinner Immediately Following Mass in the Family Center

### Desserts Needed!

Please drop off individually wrapped items at the Family Center by 4:30 Saturday.

### CONTACT US!

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