



Bear Blast

September 12 - 16, 2022



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 volleyball team is volleying and the PTO along with the Men's Club and Knights of Columbus are preparing the food for our Spaghetti Dinner Night! Wow!

MAP testing is underway! But what is MAP (Measures of Academic Progress) testing all about?

Unlike paper-and-pencil tests, where all students are asked the same questions and spend a fixed amount of time taking the test, MAP Growth is a computer-adaptive test. That means every student gets a unique set of test questions based on responses to previous questions. The purpose of MAP Growth is to determine what the student knows and how they are growing academically. It is designed to measure student achievement in the moment and growth over time.

MAP Growth tracks students' wherever they are starting from and regardless of the grade they are in. For instance, if a third grader is reading like a fifth-grader, MAP Growth will be able to identify that. Or, if a fifth grader is doing math like a third-grader, MAP Growth will identify that, too. Both things are incredibly important for a teacher to know so that they can plan instruction efficiently. St. Anthony students, grades 5K-eighth take the MAP test three times per year. It is important to remember this is not the only data we use to assess and drive student learning. MAP assessments, joined with other data points, provide detailed, actionable data about where each child is on his or her unique learning path.

Spaghetti Dinner Night! This is our first family fun night of our year! For information, please see the flyer in the Tuesday Folder as well as on the Bear Blast! This is a great night full of delicious food, wonderful people, and fun! Please come!!!!

Blessings,
Mrs. Salemmo



Dates to Remember

September 5 - 25 – MAP Testing

September 12 – 2:00 Dismissal

September 15 – NUT Card Day for August and September Birthdays

September 16 – PTO Meeting after School Mass

September 17 – 5 p.m. School Mass followed by Spaghetti Dinner

September 23 – Noon Dismissal; PD for teachers

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.

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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

Thursday, September 15, is NUT (No Uniform Today) Card Day for those students with birthdays in August or September. Students may be out of uniform, but must adhere to the dress code.



Meet Mrs. Alex Toborg!

Please join in welcoming Mrs. Toborg to our St. Anthony community as our third-grade teacher! She is originally from Wisconsin and moved to Florence approximately three years ago. Mrs. Toborg spent much of her summer preparing her classroom and reviewing standards. She is excited about the school year and all the learning that will occur in her classroom.

Having a love for technology and an emphasis on data driven instruction, Mrs. Toborg will be identifying and promoting school-wide educational goals for St. Anthony Catholic School. We are so glad Mrs. Toborg has joined our school community.



Volunteers are needed to make the Spaghetti Dinner a success. If you would like to help, please contact Barbara Davis.

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Practices/Games September 12 - 16

1st – 3rd Team

Tuesday 4:00 – 5:00 p.m. St. Anthony at
The Kings Academy

4th – 6th Team

Tuesday 5:00 – 6:00 p.m. St. Anthony at
Kings Academy

Wednesday 5:15 – 6:30 p.m. Practice

Please see the updated schedule at [Fall 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



September 17th is an opportunity for our students to share their gifts with our Parish Community. At the 5 PM Mass, students will serve as cantors, lectors, servers, and ushers. Any student participating or attending in Mass uniform will receive a NUT card. Please let Mrs. Glemmo know if you are able to serve.

Desserts Needed

Please consider baking something for the bake sale table. Please have desserts individually wrapped and deliver to the Family Center by 4:00 p.m. September 17th.

St. Anthony School Spaghetti Dinner



**September 17th
After the 5 p.m. Mass**

Cost	Includes
Adults \$10	Spaghetti w/ meatballs,
Children \$5	Salad, Garlic Bread, Drink

**Adult beverages and desserts
available for an additional cost.**

St. Anthony Catholic Church Childcare

9 AM and 11 AM
Masses

Classroom A
Family Center



Let your young children experience the joy of Christ's love in a nurturing environment while you enjoy Mass. Childcare will be available during the 9am and 11am Mass in Classroom A in the Family Center starting September 11. Children need to be at least 18 months old and potty trained. If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Neel through the church office.

PTO Meeting for Homeroom Parents

September 16th, following the school mass. Meet Barbara Davis in the Family Center at 9:30 a.m.

Thank you to all the homeroom parents for saying yes and helping to make our school year fun!



RaiseRight™

Formerly ShopWithScrip

Scrip News

New Name, New Vendor, Big Sale

New Name - Our scrip vendor has officially transitioned to the name RaiseRight for their website (RaiseRight.com) and the mobile app. The website was formerly known as ShopWithScrip. If you already had an account on the website or the app, your account info and sign-in information will remain the same.

New Vendor - Publix physical gift cards are now available in \$25 and \$100 denominations. The discount percentage is 2.5%. If there is an interest, I will start stocking them in the school office. They are available now for special order.

Big Sale - Raise Days - September 15 & 16

This 2-day event was formerly known as ThankScrip Day. It is the "Black Friday" of gift cards, where the donation percentage from the vendors increases so you earn more with every purchase. If you are planning a project or big purchase, this is a great opportunity.

Important Things to Know About Raise Days

- You get a sneak peek in the app on September 14, if you want to start planning your shopping list.
- Bonuses apply exclusively to eGift cards and reloaded gift cards - no physical cards.
- Participants must have an online account to participate.

If you have any questions about our scrip program, send an email to Teri Kooper at tkooper@bellsouth.net