



Bear Blast

September 18 - 22, 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,

MAP testing begins this week! But what is MAP (Measures of Academic Progress) testing all about? 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. St. Anthony students, grades 5K-eighth take the MAP test three times per year. However, it is important to remember this is not the only data we use to assess learning and drive instruction. MAP assessments, joined with other data points, provide detailed, actionable data about where each child is on his or her unique learning path.

Our Fall MAP testing window is open from September 18 through October 6. Homebase teachers will be communicating to parents when each class will be testing. Teachers will be discussing the data regarding your child's growth during Parent/Teacher conferences. We appreciate your efforts to ensure your child is present on those testing days. We will have make-up testing days scheduled if needed.

September 23 at the 5:00 pm Mass, St. Anthony School will be hosting the Parish Mass. Chorus will be singing, students will be lecturing, cantering, altar serving and ushering. Please let me know if your child would like to participate. Following Mass is our 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 in the Bear Blast! This is a great night to ignite our parish and school communities' flames!

*Blessings,
Mrs. Salemmo*

UPCOMING EVENTS

September 19 – Interim Report Grades 5 - 8

Sept. 18 – Oct. 13 – Baby Bottle Coin Collection

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September 22 – Noon Dismissal; Chorus sings at School Mass; PD for teachers

September 23 – Chorus sings at 5 p.m. School Mass and Spaghetti Dinner

October 2 – 2:00 Dismissal; Staff Meeting

October 6 – MAP Testing Ends

October 10 – End First Quarter

Noon Dismissal on Friday

After Care will be available
Regular charges apply

Students should bring a bagged lunch.

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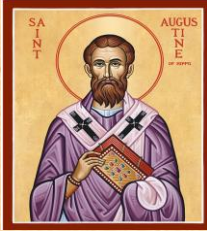
Students in 5K – 8th grades will begin testing this week. Please help your child be successful by:

- 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

Month of September

Saint

St. Augustine

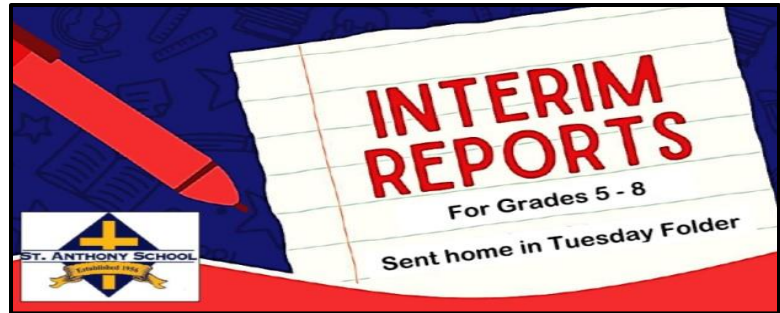


“Faith is to believe what you do not see; the reward of this faith is to see what you believe.”

Virtue



Faith is the virtue that enables us to believe in God and believe what He has revealed to us as truth because He is Truth Himself.



SERVE
THE LORD
WITH GLADNESS

September 23rd 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 House point. Please let Mrs. Galemmo know if you are able to serve.

Congratulations

Congratulations to the following students who completed the training for Altar Servers: **Caua Dodge, Kristian Hernandez, Gia Hieshetter, Lila Hieshetter, Christopher Juarez-Sierra, Yara Seif, Zoey Sulmonte, and Joseph Tilton.** Thank you for your willingness to serve.



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.

A Familiar Face in a New Place



Shawna Chrzanowski has been active in our school community since 2015. She has worn many hats including parent, school volunteer, kindergarten and 1st grade assistant and Art Teacher. Mrs. Chrzanowski has previous experience in finance, accounting, and payroll systems. She has spent time with Mrs. O'Donnell this summer transitioning into her new position as **School Bookkeeper.**

Lighthouse Ministries Working Mothers Education and Support Program is a six-month comprehensive program that provides low-income mothers with life skills classes, money management sessions and ensures that they have an adequate supply of diapers and wipes for their children.

Our Life Skills classes help these mothers by increasing their parental confidence and offering them positive, non-violent parenting tactics. We strive to improve parent-child relationships in an effort to reduce child behavior problems and alleviate parental stress and anxiety. The goal of this program is to prevent child abuse and neglect.

Additionally, our money management sessions focus on minimizing poor spending habits by developing and managing realistic personal budgets. We also provide each family with a six-month supply of diapers, wipes, baby lotion, baby wash, and laundry detergent for each of their small children.

small change makes a BIG difference

We have a baby bottle for each House in the school library. Students are asked to bring loose change (or bills) to help fill the bottles. All money collected will go to Lighthouse Ministries Working Mothers Education and Support Program.

St. Padre Pio**Feast Day: September 23**

Francisco Forgione was born on May 25, 1887, in Pietrelcina, Italy. From his early childhood, it was evident that Francisco had a deep piety. When he was five years old, he solemnly consecrated himself to Jesus. From his tender age, Francisco had a peculiar ability. He could see guardian angels, spoke with Jesus and the Virgin Mary. This was not something taught to him, but occurred so naturally that he assumed other people could see them too.

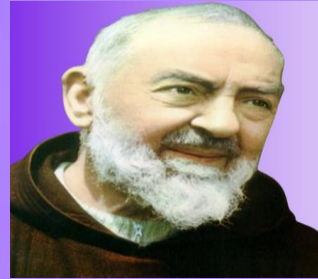
At the age of 15, Francisco entered the novitiate of the Capuchin friars at Morcone. He took the name of "Pio" in honor of Pope Pius I, whose relic he often saw at his local chapel. Then on August 10, 1910, the much-anticipated day finally arrived. The twenty-three-year-old Fra Pio was ordained a priest.

On September 20, 1918, Padre Pio received the stigmata while praying in a church. The wounds were on his hands, feet and side, corresponding to the wounds suffered by Jesus during his crucifixion. The wounds remained visible on his body for the rest of his life. At his death at the age of 81, all his wounds healed without scars, just as he had foretold they would 50 years prior.

Countless persons were attracted to his confessional and many more received his saintly counsel and spiritual guidance through correspondence. Padre Pio is mostly known for his deep wisdom about prayer and peace; his stigmata; miraculous reports of his bilocation; being physically attacked by the devil; and mastering the spiritual life. He famously advised, "Pray, hope and don't worry."

For Padre Pio, faith was life: he willed everything and did everything in the light of faith. He was assiduously devoted to prayer. He passed the day and a large part of the night in conversation with God. He would say: "In books we seek God, in prayer we find him. Prayer is the key which opens God's heart." Faith led him always to accept God's mysterious will.

Padre Pio died on September 23, 1968. Pope John Paul II recognized Padre Pio as a saint on June 16, 2002.

**Prayer of St. Padre Pio****Prayer of Trust and Confidence**

O Lord, we ask for a boundless confidence and trust in Your divine mercy, and the courage to accept the crosses and sufferings which bring immense goodness to our souls and that of Your Church.

Help us to love You with a pure and contrite heart, and to humble ourselves beneath Your cross, as we climb the mountain of holiness, carrying our cross that leads to heavenly glory.

May we receive You with great faith and love in Holy Communion, and allow You to act in us, as You desire, for Your greater glory.

O Jesus, most adorable heart and eternal fountain of Divine Love may our prayer find favor before the Divine Majesty of Your Heavenly Father. Amen.

Calling all Harvest Helpers!**September 22 - October 13**

We are asking St. Anthony families and staff to help us to celebrate the first day of Autumn and the Fall season by dropping off pumpkins, mums, scarecrows, gourds, and other fall decor for our front entrance.

We would love for you to take a picture when you drop off your contribution and we will share it on our Facebook page!

Thank YOU for getting into the Fall Spirit.
Happy Harvest Time!



Volunteers are needed to make the Spaghetti Dinner a success. If you would like to help, please contact Marie Glinski at 803-422-6664

SOCCER

Schedule for the Week of September 18 - 22

4K/5K Team

Wednesday	5:30 – 6:30 p.m.	Practice
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Uniform t-shirts will be ready prior to our first game. A very special thank you to Mrs. Barbara Davis for printing them for us. Please make sure your child has either black or navy shorts, shin guards, and good tennis shoes ready to go for our first game on Sept. 27th. At this age they do not have to wear cleats, but it is perfectly fine if you would like to purchase a pair for them.

1st – 3rd Team**

Monday	4:00 – 5:00 p.m.	Home Game vs All Saints
Tuesday	4:00 – 5:00 p.m.	Home Game vs The Kings Academy
Thursday	4:00 – 5:00 p.m.	Home Game vs Virtus Academy

Practices on Saturdays from 9:30-11 a.m. unless otherwise notified.

4th – 6th Team**

Monday	5:00 – 6:00 p.m.	Home Game vs All Saints
Tuesday	5:00 – 6:00 p.m.	Home Game vs The Kings Academy
Thursday	5:00 – 6:00 p.m.	Home Game vs Virtus Academy

****NO PRACTICE ON WEDNESDAY****

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

St. Anthony School Spaghetti Dinner



September 23
in the Family Center
after the 5 PM Mass

Cost	Includes
Adults \$10	Spaghetti w/ meatballs,
Under 12 \$5	Salad, Garlic Bread, Drink

Adult beverages and desserts
available for an additional cost.



Fall Flower Fundraiser

Orders due by **September 29**



Item	Color	Cost
8" Marigolds	Orange	\$10.00
8" Marigolds	Yellow	\$10.00
8" Mums	Yellow	\$10.00
Gift Cards	Available in increments of \$10	

Plants available for pick up **October 6**.
 Order forms available in the school office.

Desserts Needed

Please consider baking something for the bake sale table. Please have desserts individually wrapped and deliver to the Family Center by 4:30 p.m. September 23rd.