

Bear Blast

September 25 - 29, 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,

Happy Fall everyone! If you love "Comfy sweaters." "Fall baking." "Boots." "The changing colors." "Cooler weather." "Football season." "Pumpkins!" You love Fall! Enjoy!

Thank you to everyone who made our Spaghetti Dinner Night a success! We had delicious food, festive decorations, tasty desserts, and lots of fun guests! A special thank you to the cooks, St. Anthony's PTO, St. Anthony Men's Club, St. Anthony Women's Guild, Auction Committee, and Faculty. Together, we put on a fabulous night!

Thank you to the students who participated in the 5:00 pm Parish Mass on Saturday. They did a beautiful job serving the Lord! Thank you to our Chorus for sharing their beautiful voices. A big thank you to Mr. Verbe for accompanying the chorus. Students who attended Mass in their uniform earned a House Point!

We will continue to MAP test this week. Thank you for ensuring your child gets a good night's sleep and eats a good breakfast!

Go Bears! We are so proud of our soccer teams. Thank you coaches for your dedication and hard work! We are excited to see our teams play as the season continues. Please note the parents of the players on the 1st-3rd grade team will be responsible for changing their child into their soccer uniform after school. If you have any questions, please see Mrs. Galemmo.

The Harvest Helpers have been busy! The front of the school looks so festive! Thank you everyone for helping us decorate!

Blessings,
Mrs. Galemmo

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

Sept. 25 – Oct. 6 – MAP Testing Continues

September 28 – NUT Card Day for September Birthdays

September 29 – Fall Flower Fundraiser Ends

September 30 – Retreat for Confirmandi and 8th graders

October 2-31 - Rosary Challenge

October 2 - 2:00 Dismissal; Faculty Meeting

October 4 - Blessing of the Animals

map 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

MAP TESTING Schedule Grades 5 - 8

Middle School Students will be testing **8:30 – 10:00 a.m.** on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

Tuesday – Reading

Wednesday – Math

Thursday – Language Arts



Thursday, September 28, is NUT Card Day for students with a **September birthday**. Students may be out of uniform, but must adhere to the dress code.



We have a baby bottle for each House in the school library. All money collected will go to Lighthouse Ministries Working Mothers Education and Support Program. The amounts collected to date are **St. Joan of Arc** - \$29.48; **St. John Bosco** - \$25.54; **St. Jude** - \$80.80; and **St. Paul** - \$66.02.

Lighthouse Ministries Working Mothers Education and Support Program is a six-month comprehensive program that provides low-income mothers with life skills classes and money management sessions. The program also ensures that mothers have a six-month supply of diapers, wipes, baby lotion, baby wash, and laundry detergent for each of their small children.



We are the keepers of the flame

Thank you to all those who joined us as 'Keepers of the Flame' by taking a lantern and fulfilling the wishes of the teachers. We are truly blessed to have such a supportive community!

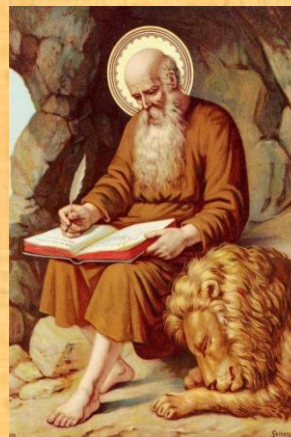
September 29 - Feast of the Archangels

St. Michael the Archangel defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the Devil. May God rebuke him we humbly pray. And do thou, O Prince of the heavenly hosts, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan, and all the evil spirits, who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. **Amen.**



Thank you to everyone who made our Spaghetti Dinner a success! A special thank you to the cooks, St. Anthony PTO, St. Anthony Men's Club, St. Anthony Women's Guild, Auction Committee, and Faculty. Thanks to all those who attended and enjoyed the delicious meal and evening of fellowship.

September Virtue: Faith



St. Jerome was born into a wealthy pagan family and studied in Rome where he became a lawyer. Because of his great intelligence, St. Jerome came to believe in God in his mind – but not his heart. After he was baptized he began to study about God, and it was then that he finally had a true conversion. St. Jerome lived for many years as a hermit in the Holy Land and it was said a lion

lived with him. This is why the saint is shown with a lion in many paintings. St. Jerome became so famous for knowing scripture that the pope asked him to help translate the Bible into Latin so that more people at that time and place could read it. St. Jerome is considered a Father and Doctor of the Church. His feast day is September 30.

The Blessing of the Pets

The Feast of St. Francis is October 4. As has been our tradition, we will have a blessing of pets. You are invited to bring your pets to the front lawn of the church on Wednesday, October 4th, at 2:30 p.m. Parents who intend to take students home from the blessing need to sign students out in the school office by 2:00 p.m.

The St. Anthony House System

The “house” system has its roots in the British school system where boarding students are divided into mixed-age groups in order to help meet their basic physical, emotional, and social needs and to create a sense of a “family”. Catholic schools, in particular, have begun to use the house system to promote positive character traits as well as to instill a sense of belonging and group pride.

St. Anthony has four different houses to which students may be assigned. The goal is for members to remain in the same house until they graduate from St. Anthony. However, changing demographics may result in a need to reassign houses. At the beginning of each school year students participate in the House Sorting Ceremony. Students new to St. Anthony are assigned to houses. Sibling groups are always placed in the same house.

Each house is named after a saint and has a motto, color, and shield. Two teachers in each house serve as deans to oversee the house, and support the house leadership. The house leadership consists of a Prefect, an Assistant Prefect, a Scribe, and a Parliamentarian. The house leadership helps plan and lead the house meetings that occur once a month.

House members work together to earn points for their house. Students will learn to work hard individually for the good of their house, along with working as a house team. Our house system encourages teamwork, friendship, cooperation, and leadership.

SOCCER

Schedule for the Week of September 25 - 29

4K/5K Team

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| Wednesday | 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. | Home Game vs All Saints |
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Uniform T-shirts will be handed out prior to the game. Please have the rest of your uniform ready to go.

1st – 3rd Team

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| Monday | 4:00 – 5:00 p.m. | Home Game vs Maranatha |
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| Thursday | 4:00 – 5:00 p.m. | Home Game vs Virtus Academy |
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| Saturday | 9:30 – 11:00 a.m. | Practice |
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4th – 6th Team

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| Monday | 5:00 – 6:00 p.m. | Home Game vs Maranatha |
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| Tuesday | 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. | Practice |
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Wednesday – NO PRACTICE due to 4K/5K game

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| Thursday | 5:00 – 6:00 p.m. | Home Game vs Virtus Academy |
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Please check emails and text messages daily for updates.

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



Fall Flower Fundraiser

Orders due by **September 29**



| Item | Color | Cost |
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| 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.

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!**