



Bear Blast

September 4 - 8, 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 Labor Day! I hope everyone enjoyed this wonderful 3-day weekend with family and friends! Labor Day is an annual celebration of the social and economic achievements of American workers. St. Anthony community is a community of workers! Please join me on this Labor Day to celebrate the workers within our St. Anthony Community!

Thank you to the Middle School parents who attended "Let's Get Fired Up for Middle School"! It was an evening of discussing, listening, and socializing. We are all working together to keep our students' flame bright! Thank you to the PTO for providing the refreshments and making our evening fulfilled!

Our House System begins every year with the House Sorting Ceremony! This ceremony is where our new students and teachers are placed in one of the 4 Saint Houses: Saint John Bosco, Saint Paul, Saint Joan of Arc, and Saint Jude. The new members and St. Joan of Arc will be receiving their House t-shirt from Mrs. Galemmo. House shirts are to be worn on House Meeting Days as well as other designated days during the year. Students are to wear their House t-shirt with jeans or uniform bottoms.

This year our Saint Houses will be focusing on exemplifying the theological virtue of faith. Our house system encourages teamwork, friendship, cooperation, and leadership. Our students will continue their great works through service projects and prayer, putting their Faith into Action. I am excited our students are called to be "Keepers of the Flame!"

Happy Labor Day!

Blessings,
Mrs. Galemmo



UPCOMING EVENTS

September 4 – Labor Day; No School

September 5 – NUT Card Day for August Birthdays

September 7 – House Sorting and First House Meeting

September 9 – 11 AM Altar Server Training

September 11 – 2:00 Dismissal; Staff Meeting

September 13 – Interim Report Grades 5 - 8

September 18 – MAP Testing Begins

September 22 – Noon Dismissal; PD for teachers

October 2 – 2:00 Dismissal; Staff Meeting

October 6 – MAP Testing Ends

October 10 – End First Quarter

hotlunch orders

Don't forget to place orders for September school lunch. Please place your order through the parent portal. Contact the school office if you have any problems. Please be sure to place all lunch orders 24 hours in advance to help us with planning.

Tuesday, September 5, is NUT (No Uniform Today) Card Day for those students with birthdays in August. Students may be out of uniform, but must adhere to the dress code.



Spirit Wear Store is Open!

Order Deadline: September 6, 2023

Online Ordering: [Spirit Wear Store](#)

A big thank you to Ashley Stokes and All-Star Sports for working together to launch our line of 2023-2024 Spirit Wear.

PLEASE NOTE: The school will provide a House shirt for new students at the beginning of the school year. Students formerly in the House of St. Crispin (now St. Joan of Arc) will receive a House shirt from Mrs. Glemmo.

Please contact Ashley Stokes with any questions at astokes@saintanthonycatholic.com.

House News: Welcome to the New Year!



On Thursday, September 7th, 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.

This year, we are focusing on exemplifying the theological virtue of faith. As a school we have always practiced and demonstrated faith, however, we are going to dive deeper into faith as a virtue - philosophically and theologically. A virtue is a firm attitude, mindset, or disposition to do good. Faith is a gift from God, the ability to trust in Him completely, and to accept all that He has revealed and teaches through the Church.

Each month, we have identified a saint that modeled great faith, whose example we would like to imitate. In September, we are going to examine the life of Saint Augustine, who started his life as a non-believer. St. Augustine was a great scholar. After reading the Bible, his heart and mind were open to God. He became one of the most prolific writers on the Catholic faith the world has ever known, earning him the distinction Doctor of the Church. The following quote from St. Augustine describes well his profound faith.

“Our hearts were made for You, O Lord, and they are restless until they rest in You.”

Let's have a great year!

Labor Day Prayer

On this weekend, when we rest from our usual labors, we pray for all who shoulder the tasks of human labor - in the marketplace, in factories and offices, in the professions, and in family living.

We thank you, Lord, for the gift and opportunity of work; may our efforts always be pure of heart, for the good of others and the glory of your name.

We lift up to you all who long for just employment and those who work to defend the rights and needs of workers everywhere.

May those of us who are now retired always remember the valuable contributions we make to our Church and our world by our prayers and deeds of charity.

May our working and our resting give you praise.
Amen



Altar Server Training • September 9 • 11:00

You must be in the 4th grade or higher, and have already received your First Communion. If you are interested in being trained, please e-mail Cal Duncan at calvinduncan3@outlook.com to confirm your attendance at the training. We look forward to working with you as you learn to serve Our Lord at his most holy altar.

Keeping Children and Teens SAFE ONLINE

Link to Recommendations from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops for [Online Safety](#).



New Face, New Position



Ashley Stokes joins the St. Anthony family this year in a new role for the school focused on fundraising, events, marketing, communication, and special projects. She has a Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education from Lander University, a Master of Education in Divergent Learning from Columbia College, a Master of Education in Educational Leadership and Supervision from the University of South Carolina, and a Certificate of School Management and Leadership from the Harvard Business School Online. Mrs. Stokes has served as Associate Head of School, Lower School Head, and has taught 1st and 5th grades. She is excited to begin her 18th year in education at St. Anthony Catholic School. She is married to her husband, Chris, and has two children, Thomas (7) and Caroline (5). She enjoys running, reading, fishing, and spending time on the water with her family.



CAR LINE PROCEDURES

Just a few reminders to help carline move swiftly and safely at the end of the day.

- If traffic begins to back up onto Hoffmeyer, please form a second lane on the entrance road beside the rectory.
- Once a second line has been formed, please merge with grace into a single line around the parking lot.
- Please be sure to display the card you received in your windshield.
- During Dismissal, please proceed to the front parking lot to secure your child in their car seat.

SOCCER

Schedule for the Week of September 4 – 8

4K/5K Team

Wednesday	5:30 – 6:30 p.m.	First Practice
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1st – 3rd Team

Saturday	9:30 – 11:00 a.m.	Practice
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4th – 6th Team**

Wednesday	5:15 – 6:30 p.m.	Practice
Friday	5:15 – 6:30 p.m.	Practice

** Coach Woodall is considering holding practice on Tuesday and Thursday since our season will begin on Sept. 12th, and we haven't had but one practice. Please check your emails and text messages frequently to see if Coach Woodall will add these 2 days for practice.

Uniforms (1st - 6th Grade)

Team jerseys for new students have been ordered and should arrive prior to our first game. Please make sure you have cleats, shin guards, navy blue socks, and navy or black soccer shorts to wear with your navy and white jerseys. If you have any questions, contact Mrs. G at dguerriero@saintanthonycatholic.com

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

**Youth Group
Kick-Off Party**

**Sunday, September 10
5 - 7 p.m.
Family Center**

Students in Grades 7 - 12

We will have **FOOD, FUN, GAMES**
and the **YOUTH ROOM!**

See you there and bring a friend!



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