



Bear Blast

Aug. 31 - Sept. 4, 2026



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,

We had another full week at school. On Wednesday, our students joined Catholic schools across the diocese for a virtual Back-to-School Mass with Bishop Jacques Fabre. It was a special opportunity for our school community to gather in faith and begin the new school year with his blessing.

Wednesday evening, we welcomed our fifth through eighth-grade families for Middle School Night. Thank you to the parents who joined us and to our middle school teachers for their time and preparation.

We also enjoyed celebrating Father John's birthday with cookies, cards, and kind words from our students. We are grateful for Father John and the many ways he supports our school.

Thank you to everyone who attended our PTO meeting last Thursday. We appreciate your involvement and look forward to working together throughout the year.

Soccer and cross-country are underway, and we are excited to see our Bears in action. Quiz Bowl will also begin soon, with more information and practice details to come.

Big News: Save the Date!

This year, we are taking a break from our traditional auction and trying something new. Please save the date for our first Oyster Roast on Saturday, November 14. The evening will include a live band and an open bar. More details will be coming soon, but for now, mark your calendars!

Thank you, as always, for trusting your children to us. We are grateful for the many ways you continue to share your gifts with our school.

Blessings,
Mrs. Thomas

Dates to Remember

August 31 – 2:00 Dismissal; Faculty Meeting

September 7 - Labor Day; No School

Sept. 9-30 – Fall MAP Testing

September 10 – MS Interim Reports due

September 14 - Middle School SCISA Fall Conference (State House)

September 15 – Middle School Interim Reports Issued; House Leaders Meeting 3-4 p.m.

September 16 – House Sorting Ceremony

September 17 - First House Meeting

September 18 – Noon Dismissal; Teacher PD;

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.



Altar Server Training • September 12 • 10:00

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.

✓ UNIFORM POLICY

Please review the information in the agenda regarding the Uniform Policy. These first weeks have been a grace period as everyone is adjusting to the new school year. Beginning September 8, the uniform will be enforced for all students.

The updated link for uniforms is [St. Anthony Uniforms](#).

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?

SEPTEMBER SAINT: St. Augustine



Saint Augustine was born in northern Africa in 354. His mother, St. Monica, prayed for him for many years as he searched for truth and purpose in his life. She did not give up on him, even when his choices took him far from the faith in which she had raised him. With great patience and perseverance, she continued to pray, trust God, and hope that Augustine would one day find his way back to Him.

At Mass last Friday, Father John shared three things for our students to remember about St. Augustine: his search for knowledge and for God, his conversion and willingness to change, and his great love for God. Augustine was baptized by St. Ambrose in Milan in 387. He later became a priest, the Bishop of Hippo, and one of the greatest teachers of the Church.

St. Augustine's life shows us that growing in faith takes time. St. Monica's example also reminds us of the importance of praying faithfully for those we love and trusting in God's timing. We can ask questions, keep learning, and remain open to the ways God is working in our lives. As St. Augustine wrote, "You have made us for yourself, O Lord, and our heart is restless until it rests in you."



Students are reminded that every Monday is designated for Spirit wear. The Spirit Day dress for boys and girls is uniform bottoms and spirit wear tops



Spirit Wear Store will be opening soon!

Watch for an email with the link.

Loving God, Thank you for our St. Anthony School Family. We pray that our school community will be a bit like heaven where everyone feels accepted, loved, cared for and safe. Help us to leave behind the mistakes of yesterday and give us a fresh start every day. Show us how to forgive and not fight. Give us faith and strength to do our best in everything. Like an acorn grows into an oak tree, may we flourish and grow into the people you want us to be so that we can make the world a better place. Amen

WE OUR VOLUNTEERS

St. Anthony Catholic School must be in compliance with the Diocese of Charleston's requirements for volunteers. All volunteers are required to complete the Protecting God's Children background screening process. To complete the Protecting God's Children online training and background check, please register with VIRTUS Online. Please register by going to:

https://www.virtusonline.org/virtus/reg_2.cfm?theme=0&org=37845



We are so excited to welcome the following families into our school community.

The Avila Family (Natalia 3K)
 The Scott Family (Nova 3K)
 The Black Family (Korri 4K)
 The Bull Family (Bre'Leyah 4K)
 The Ewers Family (Matthew 4K)
 The Ham Family (Taylor 4K)
 The Herrera Rodriguez Family (Victoria 4K, Sebastian 3rd)
 The Mancera-Garcia Family (Marietta 4K)
 The Pecho Family (Ethan 4K)
 The Sanchez-Soto Family (Gayle 4K)
 The Wallace Family (Delani 4K)
 The Wilder Family (Giovanni 4K)
 The Zeruto Family (Robert 4K)
 The Mikell Family (Rose 5K)
 The Abarca Family (Elena 1st, Joseph 2nd)
 The Timmons Family (Jocelynn 3rd)
 The Nguyen Family (Kalena 2nd, Kayla 4th)
 The Robles Guardado Family (Jessica 5th, Cecilia 8th)

"The most valuable thing you can make is a mistake - you can't learn anything from being perfect." Adam Osborne

WELCOME

WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE HERE

We are so excited to welcome these additional family members into our school community.

Henry Mobley 3K
 Santiago Young 3K
 Daniel Cabrera 4K
 Dariam Garcia 4K
 Lian Hernandez 4K
 Sham Rishmawi 2nd
 Gabriel Burbage 6th



The Fall Soccer season will begin on Tuesday, September 8th. (See the link for practice and game schedule) Our 1st-3rd and 4th-6th grade teams are secured and ready to go. If you have not yet paid your registration fee, please make your payment in the school office.

Our 1st-3rd grade team will be coached by Felicia Sears, Lorenzo Garcia, and Samuel Arbaca. Mason Pfefferkorn and Roselyn Ponce will be coaching the 4-6th grade team. Thank you to all of these coaches for volunteering to work with these students. As soon as the new jerseys arrive, I will hand them out in PE class. The school provides the jersey, but you will need to supply the rest of the uniform. Please make sure that your child has navy soccer shorts, navy soccer socks, cleats, and shin guards for games.

This year our 4K/5K soccer team will play in the Spring, and we are hoping to have a 1st-3rd grade basketball team then, too. If anyone is interested in coaching either of these teams, please contact Mrs. G. at dguerriero@saintanthonycatholic.com.

[Fall Soccer Schedule](#)



Schedule for the Week of August 31

Wednesday	Lamar Meet at Lamar HS	5:30 p.m.
PRACTICES		
Tuesday/Thursday	5:30 – 6:45 p.m.	
Saturday	9:00 – 11:00 a.m.	