Bear Blast

November 2 - 6, 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 such a fun time at our Halloween parties on Thursday! Thank you to all the moms and dads who helped with the celebrations and brought a little extra joy to our children.

Thank you to everyone who came to parent-teacher conferences. I hope you left feeling encouraged about your child's progress and the next steps we can take together.

A heartfelt thank-you to the Cabrera family and our PTO, especially PTO coordinator Marie Glinski, for providing a delicious dinner for our teachers and staff Thursday evening. Having a meal ready during a busy evening of conferences meant so much. Thank you for taking such good care of us!

The Oyster Roast is almost here! Please get your tickets and invite your friends and family to come along. We would love to see a full room of people coming together for St. Anthony. It will be a fun evening, and your support makes a difference for our children. Don't wait; get your tickets today!

We are also preparing for our Veterans Day program. If you are a veteran or know one, please join us and invite your veteran friends and family. We would be honored to have you with us.

Please send in pictures of the veterans in your family so we can recognize them, even if they cannot attend. If you have an old cotton American flag that is ready to be retired, we would be grateful to receive it for our flag retirement ceremony.

Thank you for the ways you care and spread a little joy at our school.

Blessings,

Mrs. Thomas

UPCOMING EVENTS

Oct. 19– Nov. 20 - Food Collection

November 2 – Saints Projects; 2:00 Dismissal; Faculty Meeting

November 5 - House Meeting

November 7-13 – Vocation Awareness Week

November 10 –Veterans' Day Program

Nov. 10 – Dec. 16 - Toys for Tots

November 14 – Oyster Roast , Silent Auction, Paddle Raise

November 16 - Prayers of Thanksgiving

Nov. 16–30 - #iGiveCatholic Advanced Giving

November 17 - November Birthday NUT Card Day; Middle School Interim Reports Issued

November 19 – Family Thanksgiving Celebration

November 23–27 - Thanksgiving Break; No School

November 29 – First Sunday of Advent

November 30 – Advent Prayer Service

Monday is a 2:00 Dismissal. If this is a challenge for your schedule, After Care will be provided free of charge until 3:30. After 3:30, normal fees will apply.

PLEASE NOTE

Student will need to wear **Mass Uniforms on Monday** this week. November 2nd is the Feast of All Souls. Students will attend Mass and the 4th graders will present their Saints Projects.

We will have **House Meetings on Thursday, November 5**! The uniform for Thursday is the house T-shirt. Students may wear jeans with their house shirt.

Preparing for Our Veterans' Day Program

If you have any family members who are veterans, please send in pictures for our program. Please make sure the child's name is on the back and give to their homeroom teacher by **November 6.** The pictures will be returned after the program.

If you have any USA flags that need to be retired, especially cotton flags, please send them to the school. We would like to include a Flag Retirement Ceremony as part of our Veterans' Day Program.

Please extend this invitation to family and friends. We would love for them to join us.

We Salute Our Veterans

November 10

St. Anthony Family Center

Donuts and Coffee at 9:00

Program at 9:30

Veterans and their spouses are invited.

Thanksgiving Lunch

Thursday, November 19

Join us as we give thanks for God's blessings and enjoy a Thanksgiving feast together.

Lunch times

3K, 4K, 5K, 1st, 2nd, 3rd Grade 10:50 – 11:30

4th, 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th Grades 12:00 – 12:30

Cost: $5.00 per person

Please remember to **RSVP**

By Monday, November 16.

Your November lunch menu is open for ordering today!

Rosary Challenge

Due to the school schedule the challenge has been extended until Wednesday, November 4! At this time, we need **23 more** beads to meet the challenge. Current Points: **St. Joan of Arc** 49, **St. John Bosco** 8, **St. Jude** 10, and **St. Paul** 30.

Food Drive – House Competition

Points to date: **St. Joan of Arc** – 31; **St. John Bosco** – 8; **St. Jude** – 64 and **St. Paul** – 84.

Weekly Special – This week only

Cranberry Sauce earns 3 points

Canned/Bottled Gravy earns 3 points

Yams/Sweet Potatoes earns 3 points

Pumpkin **Pie Mix** earns 4 points

Join us for

Prayers of Thanksgiving

Monday, November 16

2:15 p.m. in the Parking Lot

There will be a 4-6th grade Coed team and a Middle School Coed Team (Grades 6-8th). If your child signed up to play, you will receive a permission slip and Liability form in their Tuesday Folder. Please complete the forms and return ASAP!

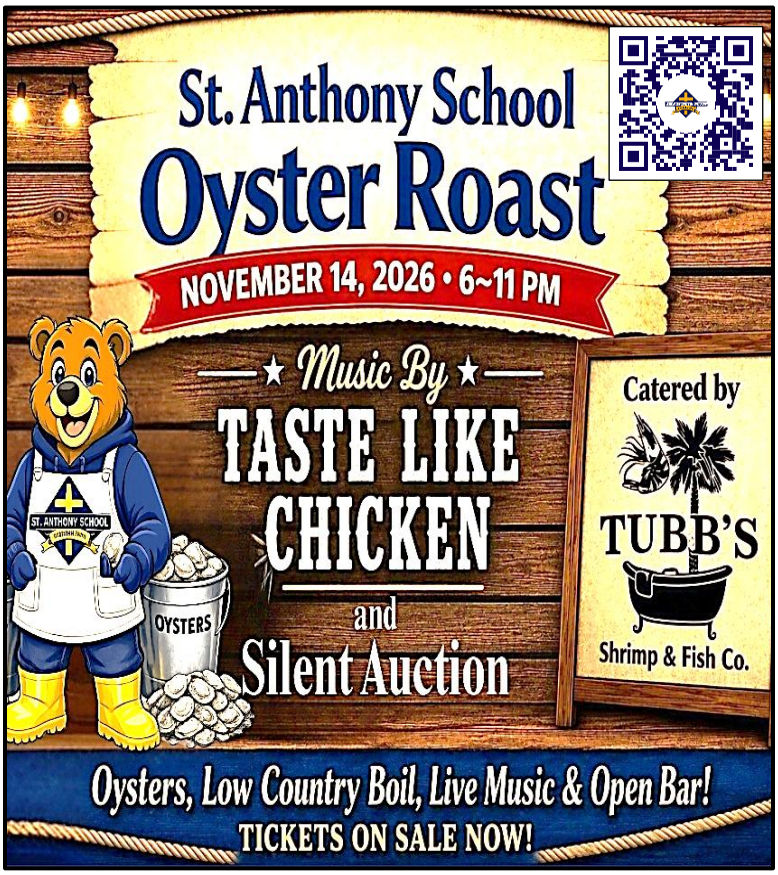
We are still looking for someone to coach the 4-6th Grade Team. If you are interested please contact Mrs. G. Thank you to Warren Harvey and Mason Pfefferkorn for volunteering to coach our Middle School Team.

CONGRATULATIONS WELL DONE!

Our Bears: **Gabriel Burbage, Tyler Burkemper, Jake Carbonell, Joseph Goffio, Emmanuel Ponce, Wells Vincent** and **Aidan Woodall**, competed in Columbia in the SCISA High School Varsity State Cross Country Championships! The boys finished 3rd in the state with **Joseph Goffio placing 10th overall in boys!**
Natalie Ferguson represented St. Anthony in the girls race and finished 3rd overall! Go Bears!!!

Battle of the BOOKS

Middle School Battle of the Books
Tuesdays and Fridays
3:00 – 4:00 p.m.



Disney Aladdin JR.

Practice Wednesday
3:30 – 5:00 p.m.

Current ESTF Recipients

For 2027-2028 Scholarships

November 1, 2026. The returning applicant window opens. Families can apply at this time for any returning ESTF student and add any of their siblings. They will receive the application link via email and a popup in ClassWallet.

Families without a tax return should still submit their application and all other required documents right away, without waiting for their tax return to be completed. File taxes as soon as possible in January and **upload the completed 2026 Form 1040 before February 16.**

PLEASE NOTE

Every ESTF applicant must submit a federal Form 1040 tax return to verify household income.

Here are the documents you need for your ESTF applications (one of each type is required):

Proof of SC Residency: A valid South Carolina driver's license, a recent utility bill, a voter registration card, or a current mortgage statement.

Proof of Guardianship: A birth certificate, foster/adoption paperwork, or a federal tax return listing the child as a dependent.

Proof of Income: Your most recent federal tax returns (Form 1040). Note: If you are a returning priority family who has not yet filed your 2025 or 2026 taxes, your spot will only be held until February 16, 2027. You must submit your Form 1040 before that date to protect your priority status.

Age Verification Document: A birth certificate, passport, student driver's license or state ID, or adoption decree/paperwork.