Bear Blast

October 19 - 23, 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,

October has given us many opportunities to pray, serve, and enjoy being together, with even more reasons to celebrate our Bears this week!

Our boys and girls cross country teams brought home two trophies on Saturday to finish the season! Special congratulations to the boys on their third-place finish and to Natalie Ferguson, who runs with our girls' team, for finishing first overall in the girls' race. Thank you to Coach Daniel Lorenzo and Coach Casey Pfefferkorn for your dedication and encouragement!

Our quiz bowl teams also did an outstanding job at state, with lower school reaching the semifinals! Thank you to Mrs. Knight and Mrs. Pfefferkorn for coaching lower school, Mr. Smith for coaching middle school, and Ms. Tilton for accompanying our teams.

On Monday, our eighth graders take the PSAT, an opportunity to demonstrate their academic strengths and potentially qualify for South Carolina Junior Scholars recognition. Please keep them in your prayers!

Thank you to the families who brought fall decorations, especially Aiker and Dariam Garcia and Jocelyn Timmons, for bringing a little joy to our school!

Join us for Trunk-or-Treat and a hayride on October 25! Save November 10 for our Veterans Day program and November 14 for our Oyster Roast. Watch Tuesday folders and school communications for details.

Blessings,

Mrs. Thomas

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sept. 28- Oct. 23 – Baby Bottle Coin Collection

October 1-30 – Rosary Challenge

October 19 – PSAT Test for 8th grade

Oct. 19– Nov. 20 - Food Collection

October 22 – Chalk for Life

October 27 – Report Cards Issued; October Birthday NUT Card Day

October 28 - St. Jude Feast Day

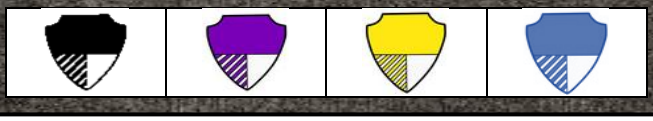
October 29 – Classroom Halloween Parties 2:15

October 29 – House Leader Meeting 3-4 p.m.; Parent Conferences 4:30-6:30

October 30 - No School; Conferences 8-Noon

Pro-Life Chalk Day, October 22

Students should wear their House T-shirt. Be sure to check out the messages and artwork the students will create to share the importance of respecting human life.



All Eighth-Grade students will participate in testing on Monday, October 19.

Be prepared: Get a good night's sleep, eat a good breakfast, arrive at school on time, and make sure your Chromebook is charged.

South Carolina Junior Scholars program identifies current eighth grade students with exceptional academic talent. Students are selected based on their performance on the PSAT.

A Friendly Hair Reminder
Please help us follow our handbook's health and safety guidelines by keeping hairstyles free of beads. We appreciate your help with this small detail and your continued support!

Backpack Clips and Keychains
Please help your child limit backpack clips and keychains, as the noise and frequent handling have become distractions. Thank you for helping keep our school day focused!

parent-teacher conferences

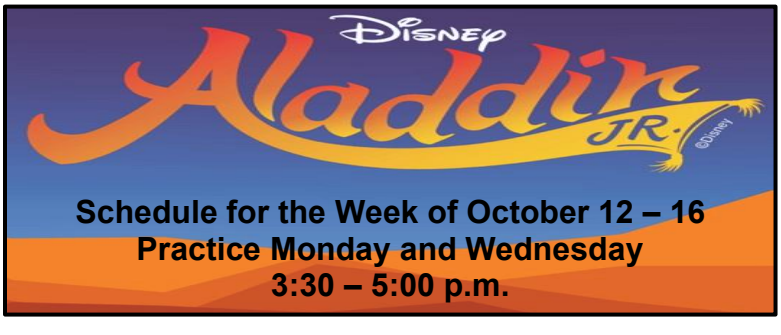
Thursday, October 29th 4:30 – 6:30 p.m.
Friday, October 30th 8:00 a.m. – Noon

Please watch for information about scheduling a conference.

Extended Care will be available during parent/teacher conferences Thursday and Friday. If you are in need of Extended Care, please sign-in your child/children with Mrs. Neel in the Family Center prior to your conference. Extended Care fees will apply.

battle of the BOOKS

Students interested in competing in the Middle School Battle of the Books will meet Tuesdays and Fridays 3:00 – 4:00 p.m.



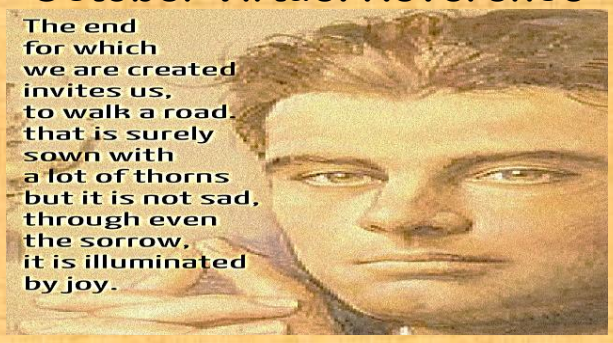
Schedule for the Week of October 12 – 16
Practice Monday and Wednesday
3:30 – 5:00 p.m.

Rosary Challenge

Mrs. Thomas challenged the school to build 2 complete Rosaries in the Library. Each time your family prays a Rosary for life, complete and return **one** of the beads. We are building Rosaries with the beads in the Library. Each bead turned in earns one House Point. Current Points: **St. Joan of Arc** 10, **St. John Bosco** 3, **St. Jude** 3, and **St Paul** 5.

This is the last week for our Baby Bottle Coin Collection!
The amounts collected to date are:
St. Joan of Arc - $227.22
St. John Bosco - $54.23
St. Jude - $157.52
St. Paul - $87.14

October Virtue: Reverence

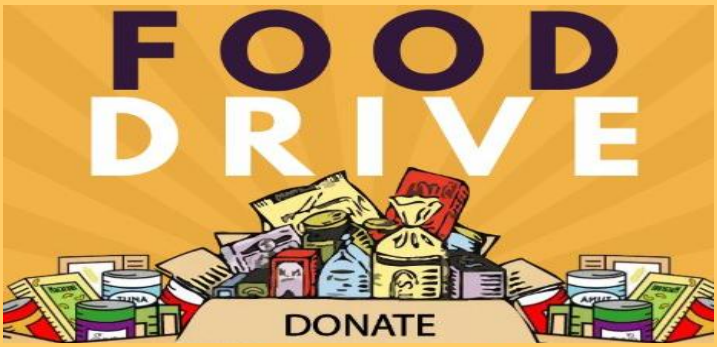


Pier Giorgio Frassati is a saint for the modern world, and especially for the young people of our time. Born in 1901 in Turin, Italy, Pier Giorgio was a model of virtue, a "man of the beatitudes," as Pope John Paul II called him at the saint's beatification ceremony in 1990. He was described by friends as "an explosion of joy."

Pier Giorgio placed Christ first in all that he did. For Pier Giorgio, Christ was the answer. He shared his faith with ease and openness. He engaged himself in many different good works. He relished laughter and good humor.

Pier put his faith into action. Most notably he lived his faith through his constant, humble, mostly hidden service to the poorest of Turin. He lived simply and gave away food, money, or anything that anyone asked of him. After contracting polio, Pier Giorgio died on July 4, 1925.

Pier Giorgio's mortal remains were found incorrupt in 1981 and were transferred from the family tomb in the cemetery of Pollone to the Cathedral of Turin. His feast day is July 4.



House Competition

We are officially starting our Food Drive! We are collecting food for the Food Pantry and Thanksgiving boxes. Check the Tuesday Folder for more information.

Congratulations to our Quiz Bowl Teams

Lower School Team Members - Audrey Henriquez, Kyla Khuong, Luciano Medina Sierra, Jason Nguyen, Mo Tran and Ben Tran.

Middle School Team Members - Tyler Burkemper, Bryson Hall, Hunter Jaco, Christopher Juarez Sierra, Benjamin McLellan and Joseph Tilton.

Just a reminder

Non-uniform sweatshirts and hoodies may be worn outside. However, only approved items are allowed to be worn in the classrooms during the school day. **Please make sure your child's name is on all items.** We want to be able to return items to the correct owner.

Volunteers

The HEART Of The COMMUNITY

If you would like to volunteer at the school, please be aware that the Diocese of Charleston requires all adults who work with or encounter our students to take a training course (Safe Haven) and submit to a background check. Registration is accomplished online. After the training, you are asked to bring your certificate to the office so that we may keep a copy on file. Link for training: Volunteer Training

Almighty God, giver of all that is good, we thank You for the precious gift of human life:

For life in the womb,
coming from your creative power,
For the life of children,
making us glad with their freshness and promise,
For the life of young people,
hoping for a better world,
For the life of people who are disabled,
teaching us that every life has value,
For the life of the elderly,
witnessing to the ageless values of patience and wisdom.

Like Blessed Mary, may we always say "YES" to Your gift. May we defend it and promote it from conception to its natural end. And bring us at last, O Father, to the fullness of eternal life in Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen

Preparing for Our Veterans' Day Program

If you have any family members who are veterans, living or deceased, please send in pictures for our program. Please make sure the child's name is on the back. The pictures will be returned after the program.

SOCCER TOURNAMENT

The PDIAA Soccer Tournament will be held Monday, October 26, and Tuesday, October 27, at Thomas Hart Academy.

There will be a $6 gate fee per person per day. Students 10 and under are free. A concession stand will be available on site. The 1st -3rd grade team will play their first game at 3 p.m. on Monday, and the 4th -6th grade team's first game will begin at 4:30 p.m. An early dismissal time will be determined and confirmed soon.

SOCCER

Schedule for the Week of October 19 - 23

1st – 3rd Team**

Tuesday	**4:30 – 5:30 p.m.**	St. Anthony **at** Thomas Hart
Wednesday	**5:00 – 6:30 p.m.**	Practice
Friday	**5:00 – 6:30 p.m.**	Practice

4th – 6th Team**

Tuesday	**5:30 – 6:30 p.m.**	St. Anthony **at** Thomas Hart
Wednesday	**5:00 – 6:30 p.m.**	Practice
Friday	**5:00 – 6:30 p.m.**	Practice

(The games scheduled on Oct. 22nd with LOL have been cancelled.

TRUNK OR TREAT

October 25th , 4-6 PM

St. Anthony Back Parking Lot

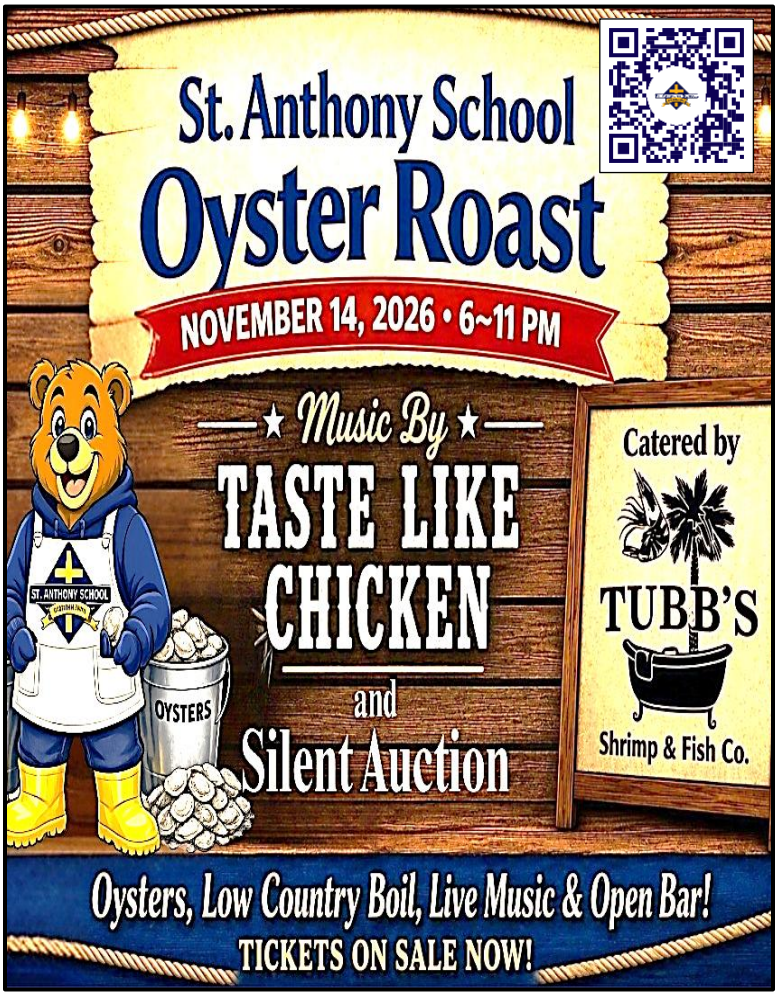
Free hotdogs

Hayrides

$2 S'mores

Car/Vehicle Contest:

To sign up your vehicle call the Church Office at 843-662-5674

Congratulations to our Cross Country Team on a great season! Your dedication and hard work were evident.

A special thanks to **Coach Lorenzo** and **Coach Pfefferkorn** for a fantastic XC season! Your hard work, dedication, and encouragement made such a positive impact on the team. We truly appreciate everything you did for the runners and are grateful for the time and effort you put into making this such a great season. Great job, coaches!