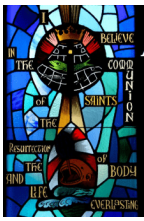
# Bear Blast

## October 26 - 30, 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 a lovely, joyful week at St. Anthony! Chalk for Life was a favorite, with our students gathering with their houses to create messages celebrating the God-given dignity of every human life. We also enjoyed a visit from our superintendent, Dr. Jason Slattery. It was nice for the children to see him and say hello.

Both soccer teams head into tournament play this week. Go Bears! Thank you to our coaches: Lorenzo Garcia, Felicia Sears, and Samuel Abarca for the 5K through third grade team, and Mason Pfefferkorn and Roselyn Ponce for the fourth through sixth grade team. We appreciate the time and dedication you have given our children throughout the season!

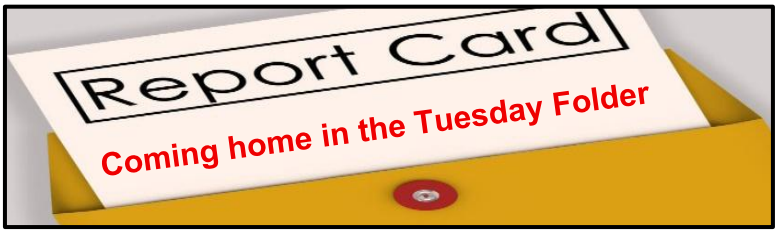
Parent-teacher conferences are Thursday and Friday. We look forward to sharing your children's progress, hearing from you, and discussing how we can continue to support them together.

Our Oyster Roast is November 14, and we hope to see you there! This is our biggest fundraiser of the year, and your participation makes a difference. Bring your friends and family for a good time while supporting our school. Tickets are on sale through our website, Facebook page, and the link or QR code in this Bear Blast. Please make plans to join us!

Looking forward to another good week!

*Blessings,*

*Mrs. Thomas*




## UPCOMING EVENTS

**October 1-30** – Rosary Challenge

**Oct. 19– Nov. 20** - Food Collection

**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

**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

## parent–teacher conferences

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

Please use this link for Conference Sign-up.

**Extended Care** will be available during parent/teacher conferences Thursday and Friday. Please take your child/children to the Family Center and sign-in with Mrs. Neel prior to your conference. Extended Care fees will apply.

**House leaders will meet on Thursday, October 29, 3:00 – 4:00 p.m.**

**Tuesday, October 27 is a NUT Card Day for students with an October birthday.** Students may be out of uniform but must adhere to the dress code.

Thursday, students and teachers may wear a Halloween shirt with uniform bottoms! No costumes please! Class parties will be at 2:15 p.m.

**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 9:15**

**Program at 9:45**

**Veterans and their spouses are invited.**

### 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.

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

### Rosary Challenge

**This is the last week we have to meet Mrs. Thomas' challenge!** We have completed one full Rosary and are working on the second one. At this time, we need **54 more** beads by October 30 to meet the challenge. Current Points: **St. Joan of Arc** 34, **St. John Bosco** 8, **St. Jude** 5, and **St. Paul** 20.

**Thank you to all who participated.** We raised $861.50 for Lighthouse Ministries Working Mothers Program. The amounts collected were:

**St. Joan of Arc** - $306.75
**St. John Bosco** - $113.20
**St. Jude** - $304.61
**St. Paul** - $136.94

## Wednesday, October 28th
## Feast of St. Jude

**All students in the House of St. Jude should wear their House T-shirt.**

### Prayer to St. Jude for Today

*St. Jude may your path of hope be mine in the days ahead. I promise in faith to share your hope with others, to forgive as I am forgiven by my Father in heaven, and to show caring and kindness at every opportunity. Guide me, St. Jude, so that I begin each new day with gratitude, truth, and hope in my heart. Challenge me, St. Jude, to end each day reflecting on my actions and motivations so that I grow in faith, love, and hope. Amen.*

**Practice Monday and Wednesday**
**3:30 – 5:00 p.m.**

## 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

**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!

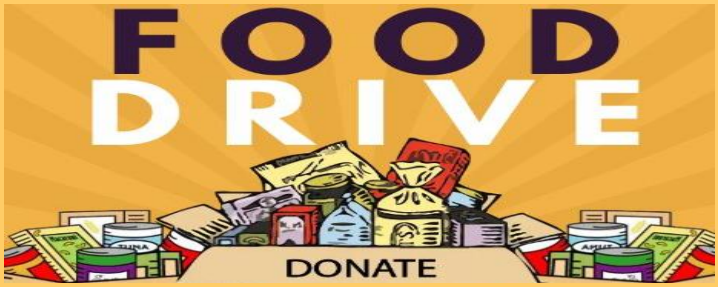
**Backpack Clips and Keychains**
Please help your child limit backpack clips and keychains, as the noise and frequent handling have become distractions. Thank you for helping keep our school day focused!

## October Virtue: Reverence
### St. Tarcisius
### Martyr of the Eucharist

**WHO IS HE?**
- A young Christian in third-century Rome.
- Remembered as an acolyte.
- Gave his life to protect the Eucharist.

**WHAT WE CAN LEARN**
- Treat the Eucharist with reverence.
- Be courageous in living our faith.
- Serve others even when it is difficult.
- Stay faithful to Christ.

**LIFE AND MISSION**
- Christians faced persecution in Rome.
- Tarcisius carried the Eucharist to imprisoned Christians.
- Protected the Eucharist at the cost of his life.




## House Competition

We have started our Food Drive! We are collecting food for the Food Pantry and Thanksgiving boxes. Information was sent in the Tuesday Folder.

**Specials This Week**: Cranberry Sauce - 2, Canned Gravy – 2, Mashed Potatoes – 2, Sweet Potatoes – 3.

**All Saints' Day** is a holy day of obligation celebrated on November 1. It is dedicated to all those who have made it into heaven. Anyone who makes it into heaven is a saint, even if the Church does not yet recognize their sanctification.

Dear God, thank you for the example of the Saints. I desire to join in their company, worshiping you forever in Heaven. Please help me follow their footsteps, and yours, Jesus Christ. Please help me to conform myself to Your image, seeking Your will in all things, as the Saints did. Please help me to devote myself, and all that I do, to Your glory, and to the service of my neighbors. **Amen.**

**All Souls' Day** is celebrated on November 2. The Church prays for all those in purgatory.

Father and Protector of all You have created, we raise our hearts to You today for those who have passed out of this mortal life. For all the faithful who have died we pray, but in particular for those dear to us. In Your loving mercy, be pleased to receive them in Your heavenly company, and forgive the failings and faults they may have done from human frailty. May the merits and prayers of our Virgin Mother, Mary, and those of all the Angels and Saints, speak for us and assist them now. This we ask in Christ's name. **Amen**

## Just a reminder

As it gets chillier, non-uniform sweatshirts and hoodies may be worn outside during recess and before and after school. 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.

## SOCCER CHALLENGE

Knights of Columbus Soccer Shootout will be held during PE classes this week, October 26 - 29, for grades 2 - 8. Students must wear appropriate shoes (tennis shoes) to participate in the event.

Students ages 9-14 yrs. old who have the highest scores will have the opportunity to attend the State Soccer Shootout on Saturday, November 14th at St John Neumann in Columbia.

## 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.

Due to the 30-minute travel time both **teams will be dismissed at 2 p.m. on Monday, October 26th**. Parents of soccer players should pick up their children in the front parking lot. Please pull up to the school entrance. Your child/children will be brought out to you, so please remain in your car so the early dismissal will go smoothly.

## THANK YOU!

A heartfelt thank you to all of our soccer coaches for the time, hard work, and dedication you have given throughout this fall season! **Lorenzo Garcia, Felicia Sears**, and **Samuel Abarca** for the 5K through third grade team, and **Mason Pfefferkorn** and **Roselyn Ponce** for the fourth through sixth grade team.

We are truly grateful for your willingness to give of yourselves, encourage our players, and share your love of the game. Thank you for all you do for our athletes and our soccer program. You are greatly appreciated!

## BASKETBALL

Basketball information will be going home soon. Forms will ONLY be sent home with students that sign up and are interested in playing. We have a 4-6th Grade Team and a Middle School Team, but we do not have any coaches. If anyone is interested in coaching either team, please contact Mrs. G.