



Bear Blast

September 21 - 25, 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,

This Wednesday, September 23, we celebrate the feast day of St. Padre Pio. He is known for the simple but powerful words, "Pray, hope, and don't worry." As we begin another week together, may these words remind us to trust in God, remain hopeful, and recognize the many blessings in our school community.

Have you seen it? Our new digital sign is here! You will soon begin to see announcements and highlights from our school and parish community. Thank you all for your patience and generosity.

Middle school students will complete their MAP testing this week, and elementary students will complete their makeup testing. Please encourage your child to get a good night's sleep and eat a good breakfast.

Aladdin auditions will be held Monday, September 21, and Wednesday, September 23, from 3:30 to 5:30 PM. We cannot wait to see what Ms. Lewis has up her sleeve this year and to see our students use their talents to spread joy!

Please keep our Confirmation candidates in your prayers as they receive this Sacrament on Saturday, September 26.

Finally, we continue to work through a few difficulties with the RenWeb platform. Middle School Interim reports will be included in this week's Tuesday Folder.

May we continue to find moments of joy in the week ahead.

Blessings,
Mrs. Thomas

Upcoming Events

Sept. 9-30 – Fall MAP Testing

September 26 – Confirmation Mass 2:00 p.m.

September 29 - Aug/Sept. Birthday NUT Card Day

October 1 – Blessing of the Animals

October 1-30 – Rosary Challenge

October 2 – No School; Diocesan PD

October 5 - House Leader Meeting 3:00

October 8 - House Meeting

October 10 – School hosts 5 pm Mass followed by Spaghetti Dinner

October 11 – CYO's Faith, Food, and Fiddle Fest 2:00 - 6:00 p.m.

October 12 - 2:00 Dismissal; Faculty Meeting

October 15 – Regional/State Quiz Bowls

October 16 – End First Quarter; Chorus sings at Mass

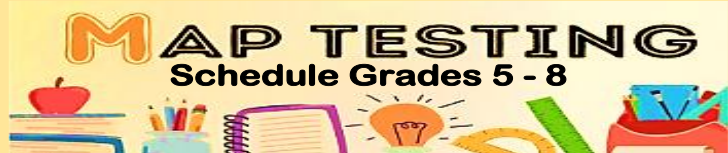


Students in 5K – 8th grades will begin testing this week. Please help your child be successful by:

- ensuring your child gets a good night sleep
- encouraging your child to eat a good breakfast
- making sure your child arrives at school on time

Uniform Store

For questions about our daily uniform pieces and vests, including fitting, sizing, materials, exchanges, or returns, please call the school office. We will direct you to the appropriate person at the uniform store. This does not apply to plaid uniform items.



Middle School Students will be testing **8:30 – 10:00 a.m.** on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

Tuesday – Reading

Wednesday – Math

Thursday – Language Arts

SERVE
THE LORD
WITH GLADNESS



October 10th is an opportunity for students to share their gifts with our Parish Community. At the 5 PM Mass, students will serve as lectors, altar servers, gift bearers and ushers. Please let Mrs. Thomas know if you are able to serve.



3:30 to 5:30 PM

Monday, September 21

Wednesday, September 23

September Virtue - Faith September Saint – St. Martha

Martha was one of Jesus' closest friends, and she loved to welcome Him into her home. At first, Martha thought she had to be busy cleaning and cooking all the time. But Jesus gently reminded her that the most important thing is to stop, sit down, and listen to Him. Martha took this to heart and grew a very deep, quiet faith.

Martha's faith was truly tested when her brother, Lazarus, became very sick and died. Even though she was heartbroken and crying, the moment she heard Jesus was coming, she ran out to meet Him. Instead of being angry that Jesus arrived late, she looked at Him and made a beautiful promise of faith, saying: "Yes, Lord. I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God." Because of Martha's incredible trust, Jesus rewarded her faith by performing a massive miracle—He brought her brother Lazarus back to life!

Congratulations

Congratulations to **Caroline Casey** who completed the training for Altar Servers. Thank you for your willingness to serve.



The Feast of

ST. PADRE PIO

September 23

Francisco Forgione was born in Italy. From his early childhood, it was evident that Francisco had a deep piety. When he was five years old, he solemnly consecrated himself to Jesus. From his tender age, Francisco had a peculiar ability. He could see guardian angels, spoke with Jesus and the Virgin Mary. This was not something taught to him but occurred so naturally that he assumed other people could see them too.

At the age of 15, Francisco entered the novitiate of the Capuchin friars. He took the name of "Pio" in honor of Pope Pius I, whose relic he often saw at his local chapel. Then on August 10, 1910, the much-anticipated day finally arrived. The twenty-three-year-old Fra Pio was ordained a priest.

On September 20, 1918, Padre Pio received the stigmata while praying in a church. The wounds were on his hands, feet and side, corresponding to the wounds suffered by Jesus during his crucifixion. The wounds remained visible on his body for the rest of his life. At his death at the age of 81, all his wounds healed without scars, just as he had foretold they would 50 years prior.

Countless persons received his saintly counsel and spiritual guidance. Padre Pio is mostly known for his deep wisdom about prayer and peace; his stigmata; miraculous reports of his bilocation; being physically attacked by the devil; and mastering the spiritual life. He famously advised, "Pray, hope and don't worry."

For Padre Pio, faith was life: he willed everything and did everything in the light of faith. He was devoted to prayer. He passed the day and a large part of the night in conversation with God. He would say: "In books we seek God, in prayer we find him. Prayer is the key which opens God's heart." Faith led him always to accept God's mysterious will.



Lower School Practice
Tuesday to Thursday
3:05 until 4:00 p.m.



Schedule for the Week of September 21 - 25

1st – 3rd Team**

Monday	4:30 – 5:30 p.m.	St. Anthony <u>at</u> Maranatha
Wednesday	5:00 – 6:30 p.m.	Practice
Thursday	4:30 – 5:30 p.m.	St. Anthony <u>at</u> The King's Academy
Thursday	5:00 – 6:30 p.m.	Practice

4th – 6th Team**

Monday	5:30 – 6:30 p.m.	St. Anthony <u>at</u> Maranatha
Wednesday	5:00 – 6:30 p.m.	Practice
Thursday	5:30 – 6:30 p.m.	St. Anthony <u>at</u> The King's Academy
Friday	5:00 – 6:30 p.m.	Practice

Link for schedules: [Fall Soccer Schedule](#)
(Please check your text messages and What's App for reminders.)



Schedule for the Week of September 21 - 25

Tuesday	5:30 – 6:45 p.m.	Practice
Wednesday	5:00 p.m.	South Florence Meet at Florence Soccer Complex
Thursday	5:30 – 6:45 p.m.	Practice
Saturday	8:30	Pee Dee Classic at Florence Soccer Complex

(Please check the group text daily for any updates.)

St. Anthony School Italian Dinner

Includes: Meat or Meatless Ziti, Salad, Garlic Bread, Drink



October 10
in the Family
Center
after the 5 PM
Mass

Cost
Adults \$10
Under 12 \$5

****Adult beverages and desserts available for an additional \$2 donation.**



Volunteers are needed to make the Italian Dinner a success. If you would like to help, please contact Marie Glinski at 803-422-6664

**Fall Flower
Fundraiser**
9" Jumbo Size Mums
\$12.50

Available in:
Yellow, White, Orange, Purple, or Burgundy
Orders due October 1

Payment by cash or check (made payable to St. Anthony Catholic School)

Plants delivered the week of October 5

Order forms available in the school office.