



Bear Blast

February 8 - 12, 2021



Our Mission - St. Anthony Catholic School is committed to educating the whole child, by providing a learning environment that promotes academic excellence, spiritual growth, and moral development - building a solid foundation for today's youth to succeed in tomorrow's world.



Message from the Principal

Dear St. Anthony Families,

What a wonderful Catholic Schools Week! Thank you to all the parents, teachers, students, parishioners, and alumni for making our celebration so special. The candy cart for the teachers and staff was a fan favorite! Please check out our Facebook page with all our fun photos taken throughout the week.

We are a special school, and our mission is for children to grow in love inside our walls. We prayed to Jesus this week thanking Him for the gift of Catholic schools, where...

*"The message of Your life, death, and resurrection
is proclaimed,
Christian community is experienced,
Service to our brothers and sisters is modeled,
And worship of You is cultivated."*

We are not perfect, and we make mistakes. Words said that do not demonstrate dignity and respect for one another hurts. Words said to lift someone up or give support, can change someone's day. Parents are the primary educators who create a family atmosphere animated by love and respect for God and their neighbor. Please continue to be a partner and guide our children to "Live in Grace and Walk in Love".

We are a special school.

Blessings,

Mrs. Galemme



Parents picking up their child from After Care are reminded to please wear a mask.



Jan. 15 – Feb. 12 – MAP Testing

February 11 – 2:00 Dismissal; Faculty Meeting

February 12 – 2:15 Classroom Valentine Parties; Students **MUST be in Mass Uniform.**

February 17 – Ash Wednesday; Mass time TBD

February 19 – Noon Dismissal; students and staff

February 25 – February Birthday NUT Card Day

March 5 – NO SCHOOL; PD for Teachers



Thursday 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.

A Prayer for Families

Loving God, we give you thanks for the many blessings you have given us through our families: through our parents, our primary educators in the faith; through our siblings, who walk with us on our earthly journey; and through all who guard and guide us in your light and in your truth. We pray that you will continue to inspire our families, so that our devotion to you and our care for one another may be a visible sign of your unconditional love. We ask this through Christ, Our Lord. Amen



MAP TEST INFORMATION

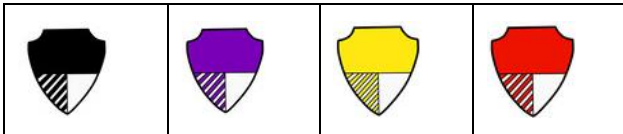
Students in 5K – 8th grades will resume and complete testing this week. Please help your child be successful by:

- 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.

Celebrating Families

Reminder: If you have not sent in your Celebrating Families picture there is still time!

Thank you to the families who have already sent theirs in!



The second Tuesday of each month is designated for House T-shirts. Students may wear jeans with their House shirt. **Our February House Day will be Tuesday, February 9.** We will not be having House Meetings this month.

THANK YOU!

Thank you to our St. Anthony Catholic School Alumni; **Caroline Smith, Mary Kooper** and **Marianne Santamaria** for speaking to the Parish about St. Anthony School and how it shaped their lives and prepared them for the future.



The Knights of Columbus are sponsoring a Blood Drive in the Gathering Area of the Church on Tuesday, **February 9, 1:00 – 6:00 p.m.** Please consider donating!

Congratulations!

Congratulations to the following students for earning a South Carolina Allstate Band callback and a Chair in the Region 5 Honor Band.

Godric Armstrong – Flute

Maria Evans – Clarinet

Ava Shockey - Timpani

Emma Thomas – Oboe

Oliver Thomas – Trombone



Grades 2-8 will be participating in the Knights of Columbus Free Throw Competition during PE this week. Please make sure that your child is dressed appropriately for gym class.

BASKETBALL

Schedule for February 8 - 12

Tuesday – 3:30 – 5:00 pm
Practice in the Family Center

Thursday – 3:30 – 5:00 pm
Practice in the Family Center



It's the first February ThankScriping Day and it's two days long! Mark your calendar for the big event, happening the 18th and 19th. It's a huge opportunity to multiply your organization's earnings with bonuses on many popular brands. Check the app on Wednesday, February 17 for a sneak peek of all bonuses.

Things to know:

- Bonuses apply to eGift cards and reloadable gift cards only.
- Families must have an online account to participate.

If you have any questions about the St. Anthony Scrip program, please contact Teri Kooper at tkooper@bellsouth.net

Auction Update

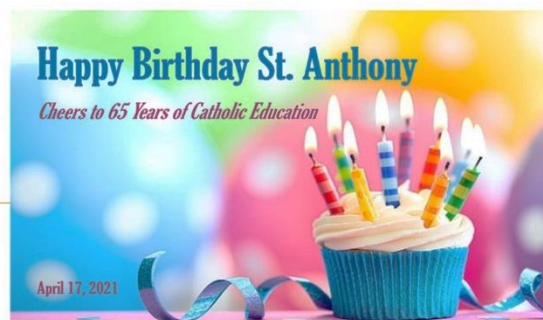
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Why Go Virtual?

The annual auction and gala is an event that our school and parish families look forward to every year. The auction committee made the difficult decision to host a virtual event this year to help keep our community safe. Since this event generates funds critical to St. Anthony's operating budget we would rather be overly cautious and have a properly planned and successful event. We hope that everyone finds a way to participate in this year's event to celebrate the 65th Birthday of Catholic Education in Florence!

Learn more and purchase tickets at:

<https://stanthony.schoolauction.net/auction2021/homepages/show>



Golden Tickets are new this year! Only 50 are available for purchase. The winner will be drawn live during our virtual event, April 17, 2021 and the item of their choice will be removed from the live auction.

We Need Your Help!

The success of the auction depends on our school community and there are many ways to help:

- Donate or help solicit items for the auction — please contact the school office for more information.
- Become a sponsor or help contact businesses who may be willing to sponsor our event — even though this year is virtual there are still costs to cover and all remaining proceeds will directly benefit St. Anthony.
- Purchase an event ticket—one \$20 ticket per bid number will help offset event costs.
- Be excited and participate — this year will be easier than ever to attend the auction. Invite your friends and family to join in on the fun and support our school.

Auction Day Events

Item Preview & Games

*Drop by the Family Center between
2:00PM and 6:00PM*

- ☞ View all items available for auction.
- ☞ Birthday themed snacks will be served.
- ☞ Participate in poor man's auction, wine pull, and guessing jar.
- ☞ Pick up your to-go order from Brooklyn South Deli.
- ☞ Get your questions answered about bidding and the virtual event.

Virtual Online Auction

*From the Comfort of Your Home
7:00PM and 8:30PM*

- ☞ All bids will be placed online.
- ☞ Silent Auction items will be available for bidding in groups. Bidding windows to be determined.
- ☞ Poor Man Auction and Golden Ticket winners will be drawn and announced.
- ☞ Live Auction items will be released for bidding one at a time with a shortened bidding window.
- ☞ Paddle Raise

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