



Bear Blast

January 11 - 15, 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,

Happy New Year! I want to begin by saying thank you for all your support, prayers, and guidance as we continue to navigate through this pandemic. As I was reminded so graciously by a parent in our school community, God has us in the palm of His hands, always. Trust in the Lord!

The drainage construction and the renovation of the St. Anthony Church and School playground continues to move forward. The weather has not been a friend to the progress however, so we will have to work around construction, dirt, and big machines. The students will be playing in the back parking lot area for the time being. We can't wait till the project is finished!

Happy 65th Anniversary St. Anthony Catholic School! As we rolled into 2021, this marked the 65th Birthday of our School. During the course of the year, we will be having events to celebrate. More information to come.

Since the decision has been made to resume in school learning, we all need to remain vigilant in following the safety guidelines and recommendations for our school. Please continue to communicate to me regarding, concerns, questions, or COVID-19 exposures.

Can't wait to see everyone tomorrow!

Blessings,

Mrs. Galembo

Upcoming Events

January 12 – House Day; wear your House T-shirt

Jan. 15 – Feb. 12 – MAP Testing

January 18 – MLK Day; NO SCHOOL

January 26 – State Spelling Bee

January 29 – Noon Dismissal; Staff Development

Jan. 31 – Feb. 6 – Catholic Schools Week

February 2 – Reports Cards issued

February 11 – 2:00 Dismissal; Faculty Meeting

February 19 – Noon Dismissal; students and staff

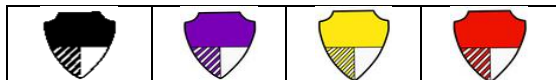
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HAPPY NEW YEAR

A Prayer for the New Year

God, thank you for a new year. May everyone in our family be willing to begin anew with a clean slate. We know that you are always ready to forgive us. Help us to be willing to forgive ourselves and to forgive one another.

As we begin a new year, remind us of our truest values and our deepest desires. Help us to live in the goodness that comes from doing what you want us to do. Help us to put aside anxiety about the future and the past, so that we might live in peace with you now, one day at a time.



The second Tuesday of each month is designated for House T-shirts. Students may wear jeans with their House shirt. **Our January House Day will be Tuesday, January 12.** We will not be having House Meetings this month.

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orders

Don't forget to go online to place orders for school lunch for January.



We filled four boxes with donated toys! Participation this year was much better, with many families going above and beyond. We would like to give a **special recognition to Shaw Grimsley who brought in 125 toys.**

The final numbers for our House Competition were St. Crispin – 164; St. John Bosco – 182; St. Jude – 170; and St. Paul – 253.



Father Charles D. Wood began serving St. Anthony from Charleston in 1899. He established St. Anthony Mission House in 1900 and was assigned as pastor in 1901. The mission house included a school and convent for the Mission Sisters of South Carolina. The school's stated goal was "to reach children and to educate them for the reception of the sacraments."

The parish moved to a new brick church on the corner of Irby and West Palmetto streets in 1917. **A successful school finally began in 1956**, when 81 children entered a new, traditional school building with three classrooms. It was staffed by the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur and a lay kindergarten teacher. The building was expanded in 1960, another sister joined the faculty in 1961, and three additional lay teachers were hired in 1966.

In 1970, the parish church was destroyed in a fire. The decision was made to relocate the entire parish campus from downtown Florence to Hoffmeyer Road to provide room for growth. The school continued to operate downtown until the new building was completed in time for the 1973 academic year. Educational concepts were changing, and the new building was state of the art for its time, with one large open classroom. The philosophy of the open classroom centered on collaboration among teachers and students.



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Testing Information

Students in 5K - 8th grades

will be MAP testing

January 15 - February 12.



spelling bee

The State Spelling Bee will be January 26.



Battle of the Books is being rescheduled. The competition will be virtual, and the new date will be announced later.



SPORTS NEWS

All games and practices are being rescheduled until after January 29.

matching gifts



The following employers will match any donation made to St. Anthony School: Otis Elevators, United Technology and Boeing. Don't see your employer - Please check and see if they will match gifts.



Thank you to everyone who purchased scrip! During the 2020 holiday season (from Thanksgiving to December 31), we sold gift cards totaling \$15,686 with \$885 earned for school tuition credits and assistance. Our sales numbers are a little lower than last years, but still impressive considering all the changes from the COVID pandemic. **Thanks to all the parishioners who support our school!**

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