



Bear Blast

May 31 – June 4, 2021



Remember -
our fallen heroes.
They are the reason
that we are free.

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,

This is your last Bear Blast for the 2020-2021 school year! Thank you for making this year such a wonderful year! We did have our challenges. We did have adjustments to make. We did have new policies and procedures to figure out. We did have to wear masks and socially distance ourselves. We did have virtual learning (not much) but most of all we did have fun, learned a lot, made new friends, laughed, prayed, and worked together.

A big thank you goes out to our teachers in our school community. I know how hard they worked to continue to give your children the best education with lots of support, creativity, and love. A round of applause goes out to them for doing a great job in such a crazy time!

Congratulations to our amazing students who continued to learn, work hard, be a friend and grow during this Covid year. They are awesome!

I hope everyone has a wonderful summer with lots of relaxation, family time and play! Be safe, stop and take time for God and enjoy! See you next year!

Blessings,

Mrs. Galemme

Students are expected to wear uniforms every day this week and Mass uniform on Thursday.

UPCOMING EVENTS

May 31 – No School; Run for the Heroes

June 1 – 4K and 5K Program. 4K/5K students will be dismissed after the program. This is the last day of school for 4K and 5K.

June 2 – 10:00 Awards Program. Students should wear their daily uniform. This day is a **Noon Dismissal**. 6:00 p.m. Eighth Grade Graduation.

June 3 – Students should wear Mass uniform. After Mass students will return to the classroom for Report Cards. **Dismissal will begin at 10 a.m.**

Students should bring a bag lunch on Tuesday.

Christ, Teacher and Lord, bless all in this school as we seek to end our year with the grace You so generously provide.

We give thanks for the students and the faculty, the administrators, and all who have contributed to this year of nurturing and growth.

We affirm all the positive moments: of insight, of the excitement of learning, of creativity, of laughter, of accomplishment, of a sense of community.

We recognize the times of struggle, of difficult work, of misunderstanding, even of failure... We give these to You for transformation, so, they can become seeds that will find fertile soil.

As we leave for the summer, may we take with us the knowledge that You will keep us all in Your embrace so, we may rest and be restored. Guide us as we continue in the ongoing discovery of Your Love. Amen



Awards Program 1st – 8th Grades
June 2nd, 10:00 a.m.
in the Church

We realize that this is an exciting time for students and families, but please be mindful that space is limited due to Covid protocols. **Masks are required.**

Summer Office Hours

Monday - Thursday

9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Starting June 4



**Don't forget
to return your
library books!**

Eighth Grade Graduation

June 2, 2021

6:00 p.m.

Mass in the Church
Reception to follow



**Summer
Solutions.**

Minutes a Day-Mastery for a Lifetime!

Please be sure you have reviewed the letter, sent in the Tuesday Folder, about the Summer Simple Solutions books. The letter must be signed and returned to ensure that students receive the books.

Thank You
to our Amazing Volunteers



We had an amazing Field Day thanks to the many individuals that volunteered to help. We want to extend thanks to the high school students, college students and parents who gave their time to help set up, supervise stations and help clean-up. We also want to thank all those who donated water and coolers to help keep everyone hydrated.



WE OUR VOLUNTEERS

We have been able to meet the challenges of this year and provide many positive opportunities for our students. We want to acknowledge the many volunteers who have contributed to our school this year: room moms, Advisory Council members, lunch helpers, the PTO, Fish Fry workers, Auction volunteers, Run for the Heroes Volunteers and all the families who kept us supplied with water. Our sense of community is strong!



UNIFORM POLICY

As you purchase clothing for next school year, please remember that changes were made to the uniform policy at the end of last school year. We agreed that the current year would be a year of transition. However, beginning with the 2021-2022 school year **ALL students** will be expected to adhere to the uniform policy. The only change being made in the current policy is a navy sweatshirt with the logo in addition to the Quarter Zip. **Mass Uniforms in the school plaid should be purchased from RC Uniforms.** While other companies appear to have the plaid, there is variability in the pattern. Daily Uniforms can be purchased through French Toast School Box. Both sources usually run sales during the summer and this information will be forwarded to you in an email.



The yearbook for this year won't be as large and all-encompassing as previous years, but we wanted to give you a book full of memories from this crazy school year. It will be a soft-cover book (8.5 x 11) with 30 pages. We need to collect the money before the order is processed. **The cost is \$20.**

See Tuesday Folder for the order form. Please send a check or cash along with the completed form to the school office. **The deadline for ordering the books is Friday, June 4.**



**Get Your GOLDEN TICKET
& Track Mary All Over the World!**

**Fun-filled days ahead at
CATHOLIC KIDZ CAMP!**

Dates: June 21-25

Times: 9am to 12:30 pm

Location: St. Anthony Family Center

We are planning for a great camp and want you to participate!
There are many ways to help.

See the "Queen of Heaven" Giving Tree on the GATHERING AREA bulletin board.

Registration forms are posted in the gathering area and are in the church office. Call the church office for more information.

REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

Alumni SPOTLIGHT

Both of the **Richey brothers** attended St. Anthony School. Following is an update of their individual paths.

Keith graduated from St. Anthony Catholic School in 2005. Following his time at St. Anthony, he attended West Florence High School, and then Clemson University. Keith graduated from Clemson in 2013 and 2015 with bachelor's and master's degrees in Architecture. He is now a registered professional architect. Keith resides in Lexington, SC, and works for the architecture and engineering firm Goodwyn Mills Cawood in Columbia. Keith has served as the designer for many notable projects around the state for clients including Clemson, USC, Coastal Carolina University, and the Catholic Diocese of Charleston. Keith designed the recently completed Parish Life Building at St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church in Simpsonville, one of the largest Catholic Churches in the state. Keith also served as the lead designer and is the Architect of Record of the Samuel J. Cadden Chapel at Clemson University, to be completed this summer. Keith is also a licensed residential contractor, and spends his free time doing renovation projects to his houses

Eric graduated from Clemson University in 2015 with a bachelor's degree in Computer Science. After graduation, he joined Boeing as a software developer in Charleston, SC. He worked at Boeing for 3 years developing software supporting the quality and manufacturing of the airplanes. He then joined a consulting firm, Booz Allen Hamilton, in 2019 as a software engineer developing programs for the US government. This May, Eric received his master's degree in Computer Science from Georgia Tech. Eric studied for his master's degree remotely while working full time. Finally free of school, he and his wife, Mary Margaret, a nurse in the recovery room at Roper Saint Francis, are enjoying all Charleston has to offer.

CHALLENGER SOCCER

Camp Date: July 19 - 23

Sign up for our International Soccer Camp and enjoy a fun-packed week of skill-building drills, games, skill challenges, daily coached scrimmages and even extra practices to work on at home! To receive your free jersey, complete your camp registration by **Saturday, June 19.**

[**CLICK HERE TO REGISTER FOR CAMP!!!!**](#)