

# Bear Blast

October 11 - 15, 2021



**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,

I would like to take the time to address the letter sent from the Diocese of Charleston to our school community regarding masks. The intention of the mask mandate was never meant to be a yearlong requirement. It was based on the numbers regarding the rise in Covid cases around our area with the main goal as to the health and well-being of our school communities. Keeping the students and staff safely in school is and always will be the number one goal! St. Anthony School has done an amazing job, as a community, working together, staying positive, doing the extra, to keep everyone healthy and I thank you!

I have reached out to medical experts regarding Covid cases in the Florence area and asked for their recommendation regarding starting the mask exit for our school. Their recommendation is to wait another 2 weeks or so before we start the process. They will continue to monitor the Florence area regarding Covid and support me as to how to proceed. I am grateful for their expertise and guidance.

Regardless as to when we begin the process, St. Anthony School will continue taking temperatures upon arrival, wash hands and use hand sanitizers frequently, social distance, clean desks, and learning areas regularly, monitor sick children and mask up if social distancing is not feasible.

As always, thank you for entrusting your children to us. Your families are the blessings that make our St. Anthony School so special.

**Blessings,**

*Mrs. Galemme*

## UPCOMING EVENTS



**Sept. 28 – Oct. 15** – Baby Bottle Coin Collection

**October 1 – 31** – Rosary Challenge

**October 12** – House Meeting

**October 15** – 2:15 Pray the Rosary in different languages

**Oct. 18 – Nov. 5** – Food Drive

**October 19** – End First Quarter; Confirmation

**October 21** – Birthday NUT Card Day

**October 22** – Chorus at Mass; Noon Dismissal; Teacher Workday

**October 26** – Chalk for Life; Report Cards issued

**October 27** – Middle School Quiz Bowl

**October 28** – Class Halloween Parties 2:15; Lower School Quiz Bowl; Parent Conferences 4:30 – 6:30

**October 29** – No School; Conferences 8:00 - Noon

## Praying the Rosary October 15

**Please join us in praying the Rosary in the Mary Garden at 2:15. Each decade will be prayed in a different language**

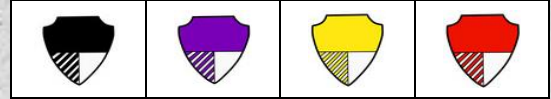
We will use procedures similar to those used for the Blessing of the Animals.

- Parents who are attending may check out their students from the office by 2:00 for the end of the day.
- Those students will be packed up because they will not be coming back into the building.
- Students who have not been signed out will need to return to the classroom to follow normal dismissal procedures.



### Rosary Challenge

Please join our Rosary Challenge. The month of October is designated as Respect Life month. Each time your family prays a Rosary for life, complete and return one of the beads. We are building Rosaries with the beads in the Library. Each bead turned in earns one House Point.



We will have **House Meetings on Tuesday, October 12!** The uniform for Tuesday is the house T-shirt. Students may wear jeans with their house



This is the last week for students to bring loose change (or bills) to help fill the bottles. All money collected will go to Lighthouse Ministries program to help prevent child abuse and neglect. At this time, the amount collected by each house is: St. Crispin \$218.50, St. John Bosco \$231, St. Jude \$759 and St. Paul \$241.50.



Thank you to those of you who responded to host a booth at the International Festival this year. The International Festival is one way we showcase the diversity of our school. It is set up as a world tour filled with fun, live music, dancing, and delicious food. So far, the following countries will be represented: Botswana, Brazil, Cuba, Haiti, Italy, India, Lebanon, Mexico, Philippines, Thailand, USA, and Venezuela.

Please consider sharing your interest or knowledge of a country. Some of the things you will need to decorate your booth are things you probably already have, like pictures, traditional attire, artifacts, maps etc. Passports and stamps for your country will be provided. This event is truly an experience the children enjoy and will always remember.

We are considering having the festivities outdoors, so, we're looking to borrow tents, and portable lights. Your help in those areas will be greatly appreciated. We are also looking at various times to meet in order to accommodate most schedules. Details will come, but don't wait if you have any questions, concerns, or can help in any way. Please contact: Elle Thomas at [ethomas@saintanthonycatholic.com](mailto:ethomas@saintanthonycatholic.com) or 314-397-2120(cell) or Claudia Hernandez at [chernandez@saintanthonycatholic.com](mailto:chernandez@saintanthonycatholic.com) or 330-883-2736(cell).

### Meet Miss Buie



Abby Buie, a graduate from Francis Marion, is our 5K assistant. Her gentle guidance and support for our students has enriched our school community. Ms. Buie also tutors students and helps in aftercare.

Ms. Buie shared, "I love teaching because I get to know the kids and get to see them grow physically, mentally, and emotionally. I also love hearing the funny things they say."

### Attractions® Dining and Value Guide

This year, St. Anthony Catholic School has chosen to offer our supporters the Attractions® Dining and Value Guide. All money raised will directly benefit every student at our school.

Please return any unsold coupon books to the office in your child's envelope by October 27. If the unsold book is not returned, you will be invoiced \$20.00 per book. Thank you!

### Covid Updates for St. Anthony School

Student cases	0	Please remember to send your child/children with masks!
Faculty cases	0	
Students quarantined	0	
Faculty quarantined	0	

### Respect for Life Prayer

God of life and love, you created us in your image and sent your Son to bring us life.

Instill in us a respect for all life,  
from conception to natural death.

Empower us to work for justice for the poor.

Nourish us that we may bring food to the hungry.  
Inspire us to cherish the fragile life of the unborn.  
Strengthen us to bring comfort to the chronically ill.

Teach us to treat the aging with dignity and respect.

Bring us one day into the glory of everlasting life.

We ask through Christ our Lord. **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 a navy cardigan, the navy sweater vest with logo, the navy ¼ zip with logo and the new option full zip microfleece jacket with logo 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 unclaimed coats, sweaters, lunch boxes and water bottles to the correct owner.

## Lunch Orders

Online lunch ordering for October will **close October 8**. Please complete your order online. This helps us with planning and ordering.

While we will not let any child go without lunch, **unless you have contacted the school office 24 hours in advance, we cannot guarantee that your child will receive the hot lunch choice for the day.**

## VOLLEYBALL

There will be a 2-day VB Clinic on October 25<sup>th</sup> and November 1<sup>st</sup> from 4:00 – 5:00 p.m. at Thomas Hart Academy. This clinic is offered to 5<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grade students. The Athletic Director, Selena Davis, along with her VB coaches will run the clinic. The cost for the 2 days is \$15/student. If you are interested, please contact Mrs. G at [dquerriero@saintanthonycatholic.com](mailto:dquerriero@saintanthonycatholic.com).



*The Women's Guild of St. Anthony  
invites all women to attend our  
October Brunch Meeting*

Saturday, October 16<sup>th</sup>, at 10:30 am in Classroom A. Come enjoy some delicious bites and see what we've got going on this year. Membership Drive is open! For more information, please contact Robin Tange at [retange@gmail.com](mailto:retange@gmail.com) or 843-260-4735.

## We NEED you. Can you HELP?

The Saint Anthony School Gala and Auction will be February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2022. This is an important event for our school and students as the proceeds support the ongoing growth and education provided by St. Anthony Catholic School since 1956.

This year our theme will be Mardi Gras Carnival. We need many volunteers and auction donations from our parents, parishioners, and community. If you are interested in helping in any capacity (time, talent, treasure), please contact Marie Glinski at 803-422-6664 or [saintanthonygala@gmail.com](mailto:saintanthonygala@gmail.com).



## SOCCER

### Schedule for the Week of October 11 - 15

#### 4K/5K Team\*

Wednesday	3:30 – 4:30 p.m.	Practice
Thursday	5:30 – 6:30 p.m.	Home Game vs. Montessori

#### 1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> Team\*\*

Tuesday	4:00 – 5:00 p.m.	Home Game vs. All Saints
Wednesday	4:00 – 5:00 p.m.	St. Anthony at Thomas Hart Academy

**\*\*Parents** - For our game at Thomas Hart you will need to pick your child up at **3 pm** in front of the school. Please form a line beginning at the front sidewalk with the driver's side of the car facing the school. As soon as prayer is over, 1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> grade soccer players and their siblings will be dismissed. The 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> grade team will dismiss as usual unless there is a sibling on the younger team.

#### 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> Team

Tuesday	5:00 – 6:00 p.m.	Home Game vs. All Saints
Wednesday	5:00 – 6:00 p.m.	St. Anthony at Thomas Hart Academy