



Bear Blast

December 11 - 15, 2023



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,

The school community will continue lighting the Advent candle, reading the Bible scriptures, and doing the daily Advent good deed. By doing this we are reminded about the meaning of Christ's coming in the past, in the future, and in our time. Our theme this week is Love. Love is willing the good of another or wanting what is good for them. As we light our second candle of Advent, we pray we will choose to love people even when it is difficult. We also remember to look to the Cross for strength.

This week continues to bring us joy and excitement as we wait for the birth of our Saviour! We will begin with our Advent Prayer Service Monday morning, celebrate December Birthdays, enjoy class Christmas parties, attend our Christmas Music Program, wear our PJ's to school, decorate our Jesse Tree, praying in the adoration chapel, and fill our House creches with straw earned from acts of service and compassion. We will end with spending time with God in Mass on Friday and reflecting the true meaning of Christmas as a school community.

"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in your faith, so that in the power of the Holy Spirit you may be rich in hope." – Romans 15:13

Blessings,
Mrs. Salemmo

Announcements and Upcoming Events

Nov. 30- Dec. 14 - Toys for Tots

December 11 - Advent Morning Prayer

December 11 - 12 – 8th Grade Midterms

December 13 – December Birthday NUT Card Day; Parish Penance Service 7 p.m.

December 14 – Movie and Pajama Day; Class Christmas Parties; Schoolwide Christmas Concert 6:30 p.m.

December 15 – End Second Quarter; Noon Dismissal for Everyone

Dec. 18 – Jan. 2 – No School; Christmas Break; School Office Closed

January 2 – Teacher Workday

January 3 – School resumes for students

January 9 – Report Cards Issued

January 15 – No School; MLK Day

January 17 – STEAM Bus for 4th Grade

Noon Dismissal Friday
After Care until 5:00 p.m.

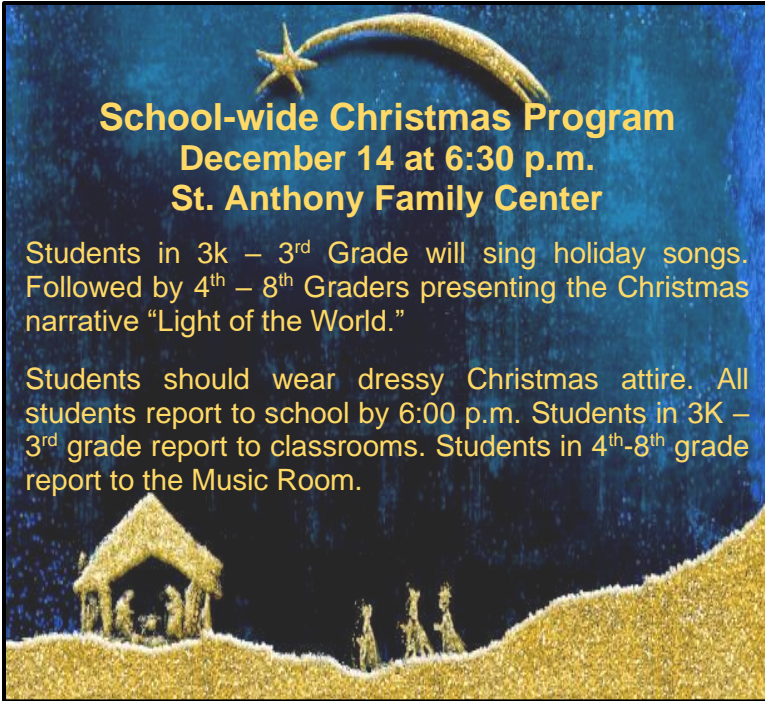
Normal rates apply
Students should bring
a bagged lunch



Wednesday is NUT (No Uniform Today) Card Day for students with a December birthday. Students may be out of uniform, but must adhere to the dress code.



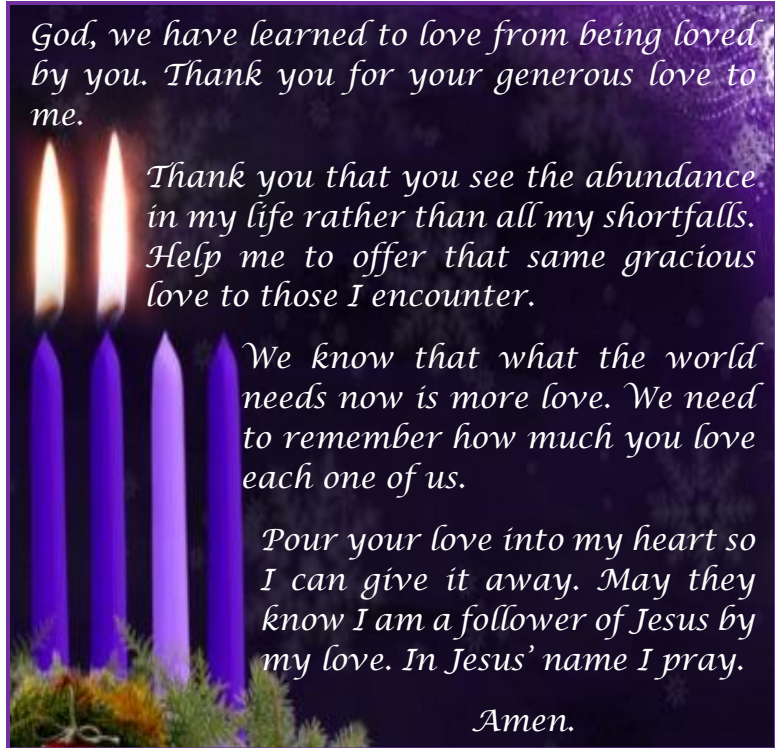
December 14, Class parties will be held Thursday after the Christmas Movie.



School-wide Christmas Program
December 14 at 6:30 p.m.
St. Anthony Family Center

Students in 3k – 3rd Grade will sing holiday songs. Followed by 4th – 8th Graders presenting the Christmas narrative “Light of the World.”

Students should wear dressy Christmas attire. All students report to school by 6:00 p.m. Students in 3K – 3rd grade report to classrooms. Students in 4th-8th grade report to the Music Room.



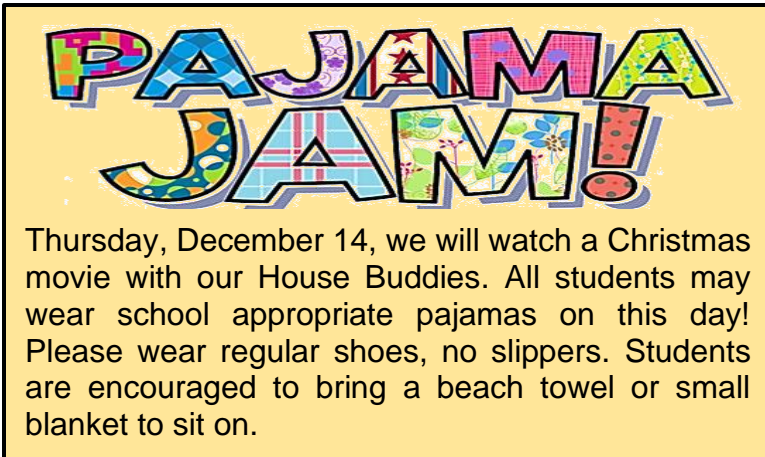
God, we have learned to love from being loved by you. Thank you for your generous love to me.

Thank you that you see the abundance in my life rather than all my shortfalls. Help me to offer that same gracious love to those I encounter.

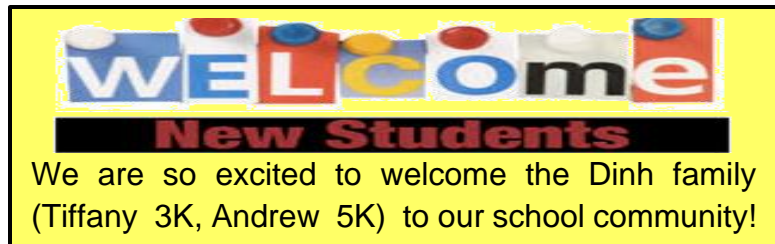
We know that what the world needs now is more love. We need to remember how much you love each one of us.

Pour your love into my heart so I can give it away. May they know I am a follower of Jesus by my love. In Jesus' name I pray.

Amen.



Thursday, December 14, we will watch a Christmas movie with our House Buddies. All students may wear school appropriate pajamas on this day! Please wear regular shoes, no slippers. Students are encouraged to bring a beach towel or small blanket to sit on.



We are so excited to welcome the Dinh family (Tiffany 3K, Andrew 5K) to our school community!

CONGRATULATIONS!



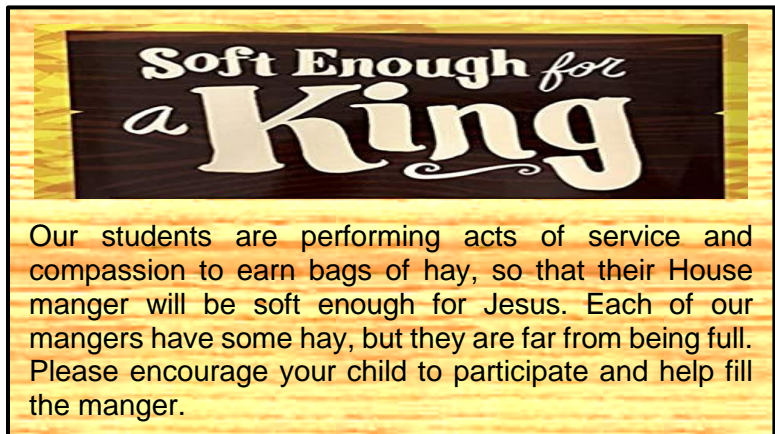
SC EASTERN DISTRICT JUNIOR HONOR BAND

Eli Seif - 1st Chair Timpani
 Oliver Thomas - 1st Chair Trombone
 Maddie Tilton - 1st Chair French Horn
 Anthony Elya - 3rd Chair Trumpet
 Alex Finianos - 3rd Chair Alto Sax
 Joseph Tilton - 3rd Chair Euphonium
 Gia Hieshetter - 5th Chair Flute
 Evangeline Jackson - 7th Chair Clarinet
 Sebastian Narvaez - 3rd Alternate Alto Sax

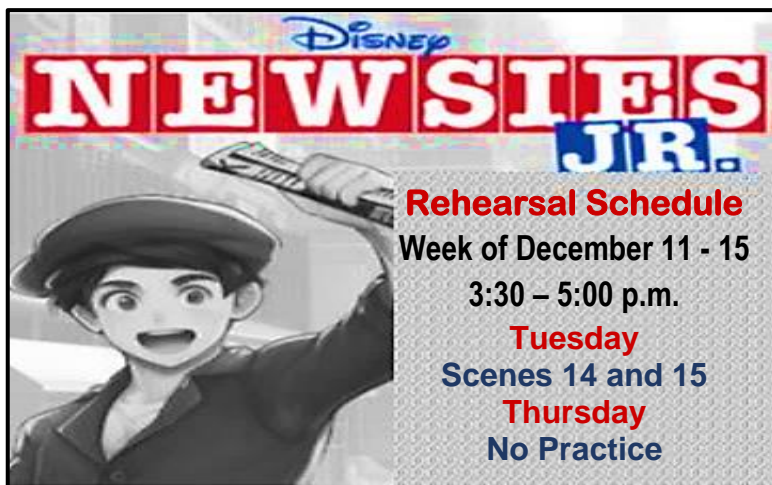


House Competition

We are collecting new unopened toys to be donated to Toys for Tots. We are asking each family to contribute a minimum of 1 toy. Points will be awarded based on the percentage of families in the House who participate. Students will earn 1 point for each additional toy donated.



Our students are performing acts of service and compassion to earn bags of hay, so that their House manger will be soft enough for Jesus. Each of our mangers have some hay, but they are far from being full. Please encourage your child to participate and help fill the manger.



Disney NEWSIES JR.

Rehearsal Schedule
 Week of December 11 - 15
 3:30 – 5:00 p.m.

Tuesday
 Scenes 14 and 15

Thursday
 No Practice

BASKETBALL

Schedule for the Week of December 11 - 15

4th – 6th Team

Monday	3:30 – 5:00 p.m.	Practice
Wednesday	3:30 – 5:00 p.m.	Practice

Over the Christmas break, please check your emails and text for possible practices. Thank you!

Middle School Team

NO PRACTICE THE WEEK OF DEC. 11-15TH!!!		
Schedule for December 18 - 22		
Monday	2:00 – 3:00 p.m.	Practice
Tuesday	2:00 – 3:00 p.m.	Practice

***If you have not paid your registration fee, please do so by December 15th. Thank you!

December Virtue: Generosity

"Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will reap generously. Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." 2 Corinthians 9:6-8

Let us remember,
 that love lives through
 sacrifice and is
 nourished by giving.
 Without sacrifice,
 there is no love.



St. Maximilian Kolbe was a Franciscan priest from Poland devoted to the Blessed Mother. He edited and published a large Catholic newspaper which spread love and devotion to Christ and His Blessed Mother. After the Nazi occupation of Poland, Father Maximilian was imprisoned at Auschwitz death camp in 1941. There he offered his life for another prisoner and was condemned to slow death in a starvation bunker. Despite forced starvation Fr. Maximilian continued to minister to the prisoners that were with him and never lost his faith in Christ.

He was canonized as a martyr by Pope John Paul II (who himself lived through the German occupation of Poland) in 1981. Pope John Paul II decided that Kolbe should be recognized as a martyr because the systematic hatred of the Nazi regime was inherently an act of hatred against religious faith, meaning Kolbe's death equated to martyrdom. At his canonization, in 1982 Pope John Paul II said: "Maximilian did not die but gave his life ... for his brother."



In case you don't know, we have a year-round fundraising program for St. Anthony School called SCRIP. We sell gift cards that are purchased at a discounted rate and the profit benefits our school. There is no cost to the buyer and the gift cards are just the same as you would receive in a store, but we do the work for you. Come to the office to shop from the large inventory of gift cards we have in stock. We accept cash or check for payment.

I accidentally ordered 10 - \$50 Subway cards this week. If you plan to go to Subway, it sure would help if you would purchase a \$50 Subway card. They have a 4.5% rebate percentage, and they don't expire. Thanks in advance for your help! For more information, contact Teri Kooper at tkooper@bellsouth.net.

SCRIP Holiday Order Schedule

Monday, December 11 – LAST ORDER
 Friday, December 15 – NOON DISMISSAL; Christmas Break begins