



# Bear Blast

February 5 - 9, 2024



*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,

Congratulations everyone, we did it! The Honky-Tonk Auction/Gala was an enormous success! A huge thank you goes out to our Auction Chair, Marie Glinski. This talented woman with her organizational skills, ability to get things done, spread sheets, floor plans, social media posts, beautiful vision and her tireless energy created an amazingly successful event. I know I can speak for her in saying she had wonderful help. Sponsors, donations, parents, students, faculty, parishioners, and teamwork made this a success.

A big thank you to Jing Acaylar for creating a hoedown atmosphere with her festive décor from the check in area to the dessert bar. Jing can really transform a room!

We all enjoyed the wonderful hospitality of the Florence Country Club. The food was delicious, great items to bid on, fun games, and lots and lots of dancing!!!! A big thank you goes to D.J. Spivey for keeping us on the dance floor and Mary Kooper for entertaining us with her beautiful voice. A shout out to Felicia Sears for her amazing desserts!

It was a night to remember! Thank you all for loving our school.

**Blessings,**

*Mrs. Salemmo*

*"The mission of Catholic schools is to develop a sense of truth, of what is good and beautiful."* Pope Francis

## Mark your calendar!

- February 5 – 2:00 Dismissal
- February 5 - 23 - MAP Testing
- February 9 – First Reconciliation
- February 13 – Class Valentine Parties; Blood Drive
- February 13 – Middle School Interim Reports
- February 14 – Ash Wednesday; School Mass
- February 15 – House Meeting
- February 16 – Noon Dismissal; No School Mass
- February 19 – NO SCHOOL – Presidents' Day
- February 23 – Chorus sings at Mass
- February 29 – February Birthday NUT Card Day
- March 1 – NO SCHOOL; Diocesan PD
- March 11 - 2:00 Dismissal
- March 13 – End of 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter

**Monday 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.

## Testing Information

Students in 5K - 8<sup>th</sup> grades will be MAP testing  
February 5 - 23



**Sacrament of Reconciliation**

Mrs. Sansbury has done a wonderful job preparing our students for the sacraments. Please join us in prayer for the students receiving their First Reconciliation this Friday, February 9.

**A Prayer for our Reconciliation Candidates**

*Loving God help us to teach our children that you love us totally and unconditionally. Help us to encourage our children to grow in love and to learn how to say sorry, knowing that you always forgive. Give us the courage to pray with our children and to share our faith with them as we journey together. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen*

**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*



We want to thank our amazing PTO. On Friday, which was "Celebrating Our Staff," teachers enjoyed a delicious lunch. It was a nice treat and we truly felt special.



**Spirit Wear Store is Open!**

Order Deadline: February 21, 2024

Online Ordering: [Spirit Wear Store](#)

We will continue to have spirit Mondays as well as other days throughout the year to show our school pride. The House shirt, which is mandatory for House meeting days, is also available to order for your convenience!

Please contact Ashley Stokes with any questions at [astokes@saintanthonycatholic.com](mailto:astokes@saintanthonycatholic.com).



Please remember to order February lunch online.



As a school we collected a large box of hats, scarves, coats, blankets and warm socks. The house points earned were:

St. Joan of Arc	32
St. John Bosco	32
St. Jude	24
St. Paul	38



**Tuesday 3:30 – 5:00 p.m.**

Scenes 11 – 15

**Wednesday 3:30 – 5:00 p.m.**

Newsies and Katherine ONLY  
working on choreography



Our school raised over **\$400** for children with cancer! Way to go Bears!

## February Virtue: Honesty

**Honesty** – being trustworthy and true to our faith

Our virtue this month is Honesty. Honesty is more than just telling the truth. To be honest and trustworthy is also to live the truth. When we live honestly, our values are easy for all to see. We say words to help and heal rather than those that inflict pain or embarrassment.

As we talk about the virtue of honesty this month, we continue to challenge our students to be honest in their words and deeds. To live this virtue of honesty as Jesus did means to use our truth-telling in kind and life-giving ways. We work hard to take responsibility when our words and actions hurt others--even if they were not done intentionally. We live this virtue when our words match our actions, and our lives reflect God's love for us.



This month, we see examples of honesty in the face of persecution in the lives of Saints Jacinta Marto (1910-1920) and Francisco Marto (1908-1919) of Fatima. The Marto children were brother and sister. Their job, along with their cousin Lucia dos Santos was to care for the sheep.

On May 13, 1917, they were tending sheep with their cousin, Lucia Santos, when they received the first of six visions of Mary. Francisco was 9 years old, and Jacinta was 7, at the time of the apparition. The Blessed Virgin Mary asked them to pray the Rosary, to return to the Cova every 13<sup>th</sup> of the month until October and to accept any sufferings God sent in reparation for sin and for the conversion of sinners.

The people where they lived tried to say the children were lying about seeing the Blessed Mother, and they even put the children in jail. Despite being afraid and alone, the children did not give up because they were telling the truth. They prayed the rosary in prison, and all the other prisoners soon prayed with them. The children refused to deny what they had seen, and after they were released from jail, they had other visions of the Blessed Mother asking them to pray the rosary for world peace and for sinners.



Thank YOU

A special thanks to **Marie Glinski** for coordinating all the tasks involved in planning the Honky-Tonk Hoedown and to **Jing Acaylar** for setting the stage with all the decorations. We also want to thank all the numerous volunteers who donated their time and talent to ensure the success of our Auction/Gala.

Everyone had a fun evening with delicious food and amazing fellowship!

## Region and All State Band Results



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All State Band: Eli Seif – 1<sup>st</sup> Alternate Timpani and Maddie Tilton – 6<sup>th</sup> Horn.

Region Band: Anthony Elya – 5<sup>th</sup> Trumpet Alternate, Gia Hieshetter – 5<sup>th</sup> Flute Alternate, Evangeline Jackson – 4<sup>th</sup> Clarinet, Eli Seif – 1<sup>st</sup> Timpani, and Oliver Thomas – 3<sup>rd</sup> Trombone. Congratulations to these students and to all the students who auditioned. We are so proud of you.



## Schedule for the Week of February 5 - 9

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

Tuesday	4:00 – 5:00 p.m.	St. Anthony at All Saints**
Thursday	4:00 – 5:00 p.m.	St. Anthony at Maranatha

\*\* There will be a **\$5 cover charge** at the game at All Saints.

### Middle School Team

There are no games this week.

[Link to Basketball Schedule](#)