

Bear Blast

January 15 - 19, 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,

So much is happening in our school this month! We are excited and proud of our teachers and students always striving to do their best whether it is on the court, in the classroom, at home, in our community!

We are thrilled to announce the launch of our brand-new website! As part of our ongoing commitment to providing an exceptional educational experience, we've revamped our online presence to better serve our school community. We encourage you to visit www.saintanthony catholic.com to explore the new features and discover the wealth of information now available at your fingertips.

As we move into the 3rd and 4th quarter, please remember to support, and to encourage your child to complete their homework. Homework plays a crucial role in reinforcing classroom learning and fostering key skills that are essential for academic success. Homework also gives parents an opportunity to actively engage in their child's education. Teachers understand "life" comes up and things happen. If your child is facing challenges with homework, don't hesitate to communicate with their teachers.

More about the Honky Tonk Hoedown Gala/Auction and Catholic Schools Week will be coming home in the Tuesday folder, posted on Facebook, emailed in Constant Contact and announced in the Bear Blast. We aim to keep you informed, keep you engaged, and keep you coming! Do not hesitate to reach out if you have any questions!

I hope you are enjoying the three-day weekend! I reminded the students to remember Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and all his beautiful work as they enjoy a day off from school.


*Blessings,
Mrs. Salemmo*

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- January 15 – NO SCHOOL – MLK Holiday
- January 16 – Lower School Battle of the Books (virtual)
- January 17 – Middle School Battle of the Books (virtual)
- January 18 – January Birthday NUT Card Day
- January 20 – Auditions for Region Band
- January 23 – SCISA Spelling Bee, Manning
- January 24 – STEAM Bus for 4th Grade;
- January 25 – St. Paul Feast Day
- January 26 – Noon Dismissal; Chorus sings at Mass; Father Daughter Dance
- January 28 – Tailgating Kick-Off Party
- Jan. 28 – Feb. 3 - Catholic Schools Week
- February 3 – Honky-Tonk Hoedown Auction Gala
- February 5 – 2:00 Dismissal
- February 5 - 23 - MAP Testing

January 15 – NO SCHOOL Martin Luther King Jr. Day


While he was not a Catholic himself, we celebrate the life and work of Martin Luther King Jr. because his goals are completely aligned with the themes of Catholic Social Teaching: the life and dignity of all people; the call to community participation and inclusion of all Americans, regardless of their skin color, in our democracy; the duty to advocate for those who are downtrodden, putting the needs of the poor and vulnerable first; and solidarity in our one human family, regardless of racial, ethnic, economic, and ideological differences. The National Holiday is observed annually on the third Monday of January. Reverend King's actual birthday is January 15.



Tuesday, January 16
SCHOOL SPIRITWEAR!

Students are encouraged to show their school spirit and wear their Spirit Wear shirts on Tuesday.

Note: Students participating in Lower School Battle of the Books will need to wear their Mass uniform.



TRUCKLOAD OF WARMTH®

House Competition ends January 26th

We are participating in **Truckload of Warmth**. Students will earn points for their house by contributing any of the following items.


- New socks
- New or gently used: jackets, sweaters, hats, scarves, gloves and blankets

Items will be distributed at the Parking Lot Mission on January 27th.

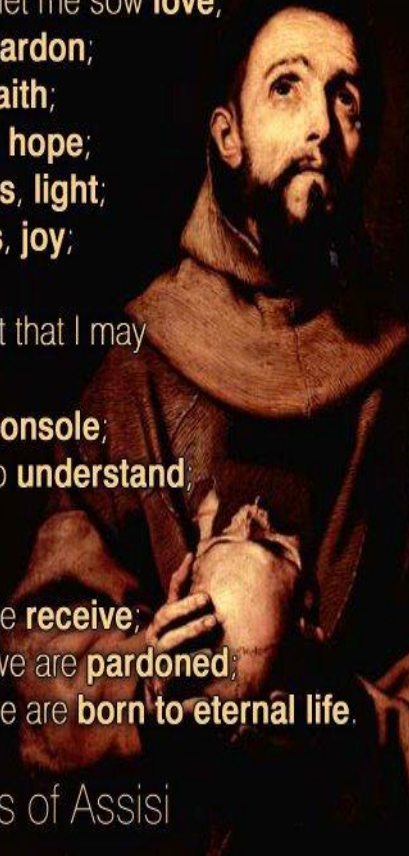


Newsies on a Mission

“Seize the Day” by donating your old/used newspapers as props for the upcoming school musical, Newsies Jr. You may drop them off in the school or church office. Thank you for your support.



The SCISA **Lower School** Regional Competition (virtual competition) is on Tuesday. Members of the team are: **Leigh Bessant, Samuel Castillo, Bryson Hall, Hunter Jaco, Morgan Jaco, and Yara Seif.** We thank these students for all their hard work. Good Luck!



Lord, make me an instrument of your **peace**,
 Where there is **hatred**, let me sow **love**;
 where there is **injury**, **pardon**;
 where there is **doubt**, **faith**;
 where there is **despair**, **hope**;
 where there is **darkness**, **light**;
 where there is **sadness**, **joy**;

O Divine Master, grant that I may
 not so much seek
 to be **consoled** as to **console**;
 to be **understood** as to **understand**;
 to be **loved** as to **love**.


For it is in **giving** that we **receive**;
 it is in **pardoning** that we are **pardoned**;
 and it is in **dying** that we are **born to eternal life**.

Prayer of St Francis of Assisi



Congratulations

On Saturday, 8 members of the St. Anthony band program participated in the Eastern District Honor Band Clinic. Students representing St. Anthony were: **Anthony Elya, Alex Finianos, Gia Hieshetter, Evangeline Jackson, Eli Seif, Oliver Thomas, Joseph Tilton, and Maddie Tilton.** Please join us in congratulating these talented musicians.



The SCISA **Middle School** Regional Competition (virtual competition) is on Wednesday. Members of the team are: **Bianka Acaylar, Anthony Elya, Alex Finianos, Josie Mazick, Sebastian Narvaez, Eli Seif, Zoey Sulmonte, Oliver Thomas, and Maddie Tilton.** We thank these students for all their hard work. Good Luck!



NEWS SITES JR.

Rehearsal Schedule

Week of January 15 – 19

Tuesday	3:30 – 5:00 p.m.	Scenes 6, 7, 8
Thursday	3:30 – 5:00 p.m.	Scenes 9, 10, 11



Schedule for the Week of January 15 - 19

4th – 6th Team

Wednesday	3:30 – 5:00 p.m.	Practice
Thursday	Game scheduled with Montessori is canceled.	

Middle School Team

Tuesday	5:00 – 6:00 p.m.	Home Game vs. Pee Dee Academy
Wednesday	6:00 – 7:00 p.m.	Practice

Attention Parents!!! If you have not already done so, please pay your child's \$45 registration fee before January 16th.

[Link to Basketball Schedule](#)

KEEPING OUR PROMISE TO PROTECT

Child and Youth Protection



On an annual basis, the Diocese of Charleston will offer age-appropriate prevention education on sexual abuse of minors. This prevention training is provided to all students at Catholic schools within the Diocese of Charleston. Please use the following links to review information about the program.

[Teaching Boundaries and Safety Reference Guide™](#) - a 2-page summary of the program

[Empowering God's Children](#) – Diocesan website with downloadable files for the entire program

Students will be receiving instruction during their PE Classes January 18 or January 22. The make-up date is January 23. Parents have the option to “opt out”. More information will be sent in the Tuesday Folder.



St. Anthony Spelling Bee participants: **Hunter Jaco, Benjamin McLellan, Sebastian Narvaez, Eli Seif, Maddie Tilton, and Maggie Weaver.** Good Luck to our students as they prepare for the SCISA Spelling Bee on January 23rd at Weldon Auditorium in Manning.

Parents – Please look for information in the Tuesday Folder. Completed forms should be returned by Friday, January 19.

Attention Parents



Thank you to all of the parents that attended our Parent/Athlete meeting prior to the season beginning. You will be receiving your hard copy of the Code of Conduct in your child's Tuesday Folder. It will also be on our new Website.

If you did not attend the meeting, please see your child's Tuesday folder for the Code of Conduct. You and your athlete will need to read and sign this contract and return the last page only in your child's Tuesday folder.

Middle School team members will need to purchase navy or black compression shorts to wear under the new shorts. They are extremely thin, and your child will definitely need this to complete the uniform.

The 4-6th grade team will need white compression shorts and a white undershirt to wear under their jersey.

If you have any questions about anything, please contact Mrs. G at dguerriero@saintanthonycatholic.com.

January Virtue: Gratitude

Gratitude – seeing everything as a gift from God and being thankful

The Catechism of the Catholic Church says, “Every joy and suffering, every event and need can become the matter of Thanksgiving which, sharing in that of Christ, should fill one’s whole life” (#2648).

It can be easy to race through a day without giving thought to how grateful we should be, even for the splendor of a sunset or the fidelity of a close friend. Yet we are called not only to be grateful for these things, but even for the difficulties in life, which God allows for the greater good of our salvation. Everything God has made, everything that happens, is a gift.

Education Scholarship Trust Fund (ESTF)

**Applications open Jan. 15, 2024,
for the 2024-2025 school year!**

This new ESTF program allows qualifying South Carolina parents to apply for an annual scholarship worth \$6,000 per child. These scholarships may be used to create a customized, flexible education for students — **including tuition for Catholic Schools.**

Eligibility requirements for the scholarship are as follows:

1. Your child must be a South Carolina resident
2. Have attended a South Carolina public school during the previous school year, OR have not yet attained the age of five on or before September 1 of the previous school year but have attained the age of five on or before September 1 of the current school year, OR have received a scholarship the previous school year;

AND

3. Your household income cannot exceed 200% of the federal poverty guidelines.

	200% of the 2023 Federal Poverty Guidelines		
Persons in Family	Yearly Income	Monthly Income	Weekly Income
1	\$29,160	\$2,430	\$561
2	\$39,440	\$3,287	\$758
3	\$49,720	\$4,443	\$956
4	\$60,000	\$5,000	\$1,154
5	\$70,280	\$5,857	\$1,351
6	\$80,560	\$6,713	\$1,549
7	\$90,840	\$7,570	\$1,747
8	\$101,120	\$8,427	\$1,945
More than 8	Add \$10,280 for each additional person	Add \$857 for each additional person	Add \$198 for each additional person

Key Dates for Year 1:

- Application Period: January 15 – 15 March 2024
- Scholarships are awarded to students that meet the qualifications on a first-come, first-served basis!
- After the application has been reviewed to verify eligibility, you will receive another email notifying you of the eligibility decision. Please allow up to 14 days for your application to be reviewed.
- Scholarship Funds Available: July 2024

For more information or to access the application forms <https://charlestondiocese.org/%20schools/trust/>



**The Paralyzed Saint
who started a
Religious Order**

St. Julie Billiart was born in 1751 in a small village in northern France. Her family was poor, and she grew up in a humble home with her parents and five siblings. Despite her family’s financial struggles, Julie received an excellent education. As a child, Julie was known for her piety and her kindness towards others. One day while she sat next to her father by the window, someone tried to shoot him. Fortunately, he wasn’t killed but the incident paralyzed Julie for the next 22 years. Despite her paralysis, she spent much of her time praying and helping those in need, particularly the poor and the sick.

St. Julie Billiart is best known for founding the Congregation of the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur, a religious order dedicated to education and social work. St. Julie believed that education was essential to the development of the whole person and that it should be accessible to everyone. The sisters’ work extended beyond the classroom, and they were also involved in a range of social and charitable activities. Their work had a considerable impact on the communities they served.

St. Julie’s legacy lives on today, and her order continues to operate in countries around the world, providing education and social services to those in need. **Our school was founded by the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur.**

St. Julie had a strong devotion to God and was dedicated to serving others. Her life was marked by many trials and hardships, including illness, poverty, and persecution. Despite these challenges, she remained steadfast in her faith and continued to serve others until her death. It is for these reasons that she is considered a patron saint of those facing difficult situations.

She was canonized by the Catholic Church in 1969, and her feast day is celebrated on April 8th.

Prayer: “God, you gave Saint Julie Billiart a deep love for you and a strong desire to make you known. She bore many trials with patience and trusted always in your providence. Grant us the same grace and, by her intercession, increase our love for you and our confidence in your loving care. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.”



Schoolwide Hoedown

Tuesday, January 30
All students participate

Honkey-Tonk Dress Up Day

On Tuesday, January 30, students can pay \$5 to be out of uniform and participate in Honky-Tonk Dress Up Day. Get out your western wear, boots and hats.



The St. Anthony School Honky-Tonk Hoedown will host a Tailgate Party January 28th to kickoff Catholic Schools Week and build up to the Auction/Gala. The Men's Club will be cooking, but we need school families to volunteer to assist with activities.

On Sunday, we need at least 5 volunteers 10:00–11:00 to begin setting up. We will need at least 8 volunteers beginning at 2:30. For clean up, we need as many people as possible. This does NOT need to fall on the Men's Club. They do SO much for our school!

If you need additional information, please contact Marie Glinski at saintanthonygala@gmail.com



January 26, 2024

6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

Admission: One non-perishable food item

Light refreshments will be served.
Dressy Casual (No jeans, please)

Catholic Schools Week



St. Anthony Family Center
January 28, 3 - 6 PM

Save the Date

Honky-Tonk Hoedown Auction & Gala



[Link to Auction Page](#)

February 3, 2024, 6:00 PM
Florence Country Club



Who

- St. Anthony School Families
- St. Anthony Alumni
- St. Anthony Parishioners
- St. Ann Parishioners



Cost

- Adults \$10
- Students \$8

Food and non-alcoholic beverages included. Other beverages and desserts available for additional cost.

Join us in celebrating the kickoff of Catholic Schools Week and for the AFC Championship Kickoff at 3 PM