



Bear Blast

January 22 - 26, 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,

I hope you all are staying warm in these cold temperatures!

Congratulations to our Battle of the Books teams! They competed well and are ready to start reading for next year! We are very proud of these students for finding the joy in reading and willingness to challenge their knowledge! Thank you, Mrs. Spivey, Mrs. King, Mrs. Bessant and Mrs. Thomas for leading the teams!

There are so many events coming our way this week and next! Thank you to everyone who helps to organize, cook, decorate, attend, purchase items, publicize, practice, trouble shoot, fund, and smile through the planning process of all these events! St. Anthony School and Parish is a community of very special people!

Beginning Sunday, January 28th, we will celebrate National Catholic Schools Week. We will kick off the week by celebrating 9:00 am Mass with students hosting Mass and the chorus leading us in song. At 11:00 am students will be hosting Mass as well with the Brass Ensemble playing. An Open House will follow from Noon – 2:30 p.m. We look forward to celebrating Catholic school education with all other Catholic schools across the nation. Since 1974, National Catholic Schools Week is the annual celebration of Catholic education in the United States. The theme for National Catholic Schools Week 2024 is "Catholic Schools: United in Faith and Community." Information about the activities is attached to this Bear Blast!

Tickets! Tickets! Tickets! It is time to buy your tickets to the **Honky-Tonk Hoedown Gala/Auction!** This event is our school's most important fundraiser of the year, and we are excited to have you be a part of it. We are going to have lots of fun raising money for our kids!

Blessings,
Mrs. Salemmo

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 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; Students in House of St. Paul wear House T-shirts
- 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
- February 6 – Middle School Interim Reports
- February 9 – First Reconciliation; Chorus sings
- February 13 – Class Valentine Parties; Blood Drive
- February 14 – Ash Wednesday

Noon Dismissal on Friday
After Care will be available
Regular charges apply
Students should bring a bagged lunch.



Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul January 25th

Students in the House of St. Paul are encouraged to wear their House T-shirts. There will be some special activities to celebrate this feast day.



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.



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See attached schedule.



On Monday, January 29, we will be participating in the Kidz in Lids program to raise money for children with cancer. Students may bring \$2 and wear a hat all day or \$5 and be out of uniform with a hat. We will also gladly accept donations.

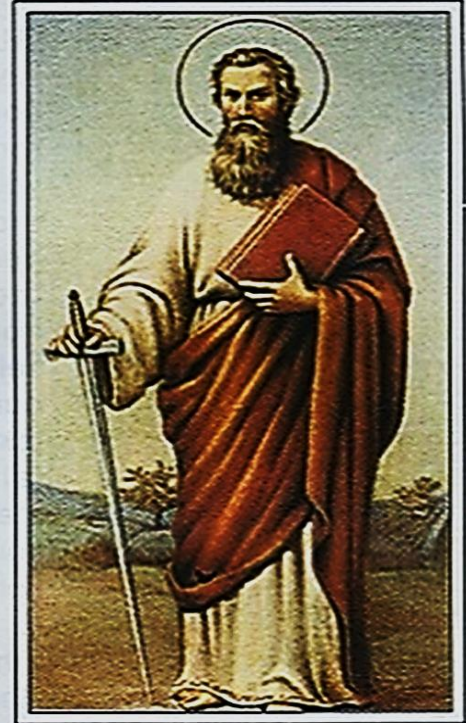


We are incredibly grateful to St. Anthony parent and SACS Advisory Board member Ana Iglesias and her daughter Liz for their commitment and dedication to the beautiful renovation of our school website. Ana's daughter Liz, a senior at the University of SC majoring in Biology with a minor in Media Arts, spent a large portion of her winter break helping Ana with the website launch, taking photos and video to enhance our online presence. Thank you to both Ana and Liz for the amazing work that they did and the time they spent helping us with this special project!

Check out our updated website St. Anthony School

SAINT PAUL, our father and our model, obtain for us the heart of an apostle, a heart big as the world; give us your ardent zeal for the glory of God.

Many our life be consumed after your example, in the midst of work and of fatigue, even through sufferings and trials



of all kinds. Help us to respond with joy and generosity to the call of God, to make him known and loved.

Obtain for us your burning love for Jesus Christ who has made of you another Christ. May the Lord live in us as he lived in you, for the glory of the Trinity and the salvation of the world. Amen.



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



We would like to welcome Bernie Grush and his family to our St. Anthony Catholic School Community. Bernie is joining the 4K class.



Rehearsal Schedule

Week of January 22 - 26


Tuesday	3:30 – 5:00 p.m.	All Newsies
Wednesday	3:30 – 5:00 p.m.	Full Cast Off Book
Thursday	No Rehearsals	



We are St Anthony Catholic School
Join us for Open House
Sunday, January 28th
Noon – 2:30 p.m.


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.



On Sunday, January 28, 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



Schedule for the Week of January 22 - 26

4th – 6th Team


Monday	3:30 – 5:00 p.m.	Practice
Thursday**	4:00 – 5:00 p.m.	St. Anthony at Thomas Hart Academy

Middle School Team

Thursday	5:00 – 6:00 p.m.	St. Anthony at Thomas Hart Academy
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****Attention Parents!!!** For the away game at Thomas Hart Academy, the 4-6th grade team will dismiss promptly at 3 pm from the front school parking lot. **Do not park your car!** Please form a line beginning at the school sidewalk and we will bring your child out to your car. If a sibling will need to be dismissed, too, please let us know. Thank you!

If your child needs a ride to the away game, please make arrangements ahead of time and let the school know who your child will be riding with to the game.



Schoolwide Hoedown

Tuesday, January 30
All students participate



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.

Save the Date



Honky-Tonk Hoedown Auction & Gala

[Link to Auction Page](#)

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




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.

Persons in Family	200% of the 2023 Federal Poverty Guidelines		
	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/>



FATHER
Daughter
DANCE

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

Kickoff
TAILGATE



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

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



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Schedule of Activities for St. Anthony Catholic School

Date	Theme	Activities
Sat./Sun. January 27/28	Celebrating Our Parish	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✠ Students host and speak at all masses ✠ Chorus at 9 a.m. Mass; Brass Ensemble at 11 a.m. Mass ✠ Thank you notes placed on cars during Mass. ✠ Coffee and Donuts in Media Center; School Tours Noon – 2:30 ✠ Tailgate Kickoff
Monday January 29	Celebrating Our Community	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✠ Kidz and Lids (pay to wear caps or NUT only with cap) ✠ Speakers – TBA ✠ Our Community Trivia – questions announced throughout the day. ✠ Donuts for students ✠ Guessing Jar
Tuesday January 30	Celebrating Our Students	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✠ Honky-Tonk Dress-up Day (students pay to wear western dress) ✠ Student Trivia – questions announced throughout the day. ✠ Root beer floats for students. ✠ Schoolwide Hoedown – schedule to follow ✠ NO HOMEWORK ✠ Guessing Jar
Wednesday January 31	Celebrating Our Nation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✠ Patriotic Attire Day - wear red, white and blue with uniform bottoms ✠ Students receive bandanas ✠ Speakers - TBA ✠ “Our students are the bomb!” – bomb pops at lunch. ✠ Our Nation Trivia – questions announced throughout the day. ✠ Guessing Jar
Thursday February 1	Celebrating Vocations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✠ Dress for Success Day ✠ Religion Trivia – questions announced throughout the day. ✠ Cake for all ✠ Topic for Religion Class – vocations ✠ Letters to seminarians during ELA ✠ End the day with the Vocation Prayer ✠ Guessing Jar
Friday February 1	Celebrating Our Faculty and Staff	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✠ Mass Uniform ✠ Celebrate Mass ✠ Special Treat for Teachers ✠ Guessing Jar for teachers ✠ Make sandwiches for Parking Lot Mission ✠ Schoolwide Bingo
Sat./Sun. February 3/4	Celebrating Our Families	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✠ Students share “hugs and kisses” with family ✠ Speakers at all Masses