



# Bear Blast

Jan. 29 - Feb. 2, 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,

Wow! All I can say is Wow! What a way to kick-off Catholic Schools Week! In Catholic Schools, we are learners, servants, and leaders. These shared qualities are what make Catholic schools work and succeed and that is exactly what our students emulated this weekend! Thank you to all the students who lead the songs, proclaimed the word, sang in the choir, played in the brass ensemble, brought up the gifts, put special notes on the parishioner's cars, celebrated Mass, gave tours to our guests, and presented about our school. Everyone did a beautiful job! Thank you, parents who helped host our Open House. A special thank you to Mrs. Gerth, Mr. C and Mrs. Thomas for preparing the students.

The tailgate party was a blast! Thank you to Marie Glinski and the auction committee, Men's Club, Women's Guild, football fans, school families and parishioners for coming together to kick off Catholic Schools Week! It was a great afternoon filled with friends, football and food!

This is a very busy fun filled week. Every day we will be celebrating a different theme. Please follow the Catholic Schools Week schedule attached. Tomorrow we are celebrating Communities. To do this St. Anthony School will be raising money for Children's Cancer Partners by participating in Kidz in Lids. We have the power to make a difference in our community by working together. All funds go to Children's Cancer Partners of the Carolinas!

Don't forget to buy your tickets for the Honky-Tonk Hoedown Gala/Auction and keep checking the St. Anthony Facebook page to see all the fun events happening in our school this week! We will have lots to share!

**Blessings,**

*Mrs. Salemmo*

## Mark your calendar!

**Jan. 28 – Feb. 3** - Catholic Schools Week

**January 29** – Kidz in Lids (\$2 or \$5)

**January 30** – Honky-Tonk Dress-up (\$5)

**January 31** - Patriotic attire day

**February 1** - Dress for Success

**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

**February 15** – House Meeting

# THANK YOU!

Thank you to all the students who shared their gifts at the Masses this weekend. The Brass Ensemble, Chorus, Cantors, Lectors, Gift Bearers and Speakers all represented our school well. A special thanks to Mr. C, Mrs. Gerth and Mrs. Thomas who prepared the students for their roles.

Thank you also to those who contributed to the success of our Open House: Student Ambassadors, PTO, and the Men's Club. We could not have done it without you.

Last, but not least, thank you to all the parents who support their children and our school. We are truly blessed to have your continuous support.

*"Christ is not an afterthought or an add-on to Catholic educational philosophy; He is the center and the fulcrum of the entire enterprise."*


Teaching on Catholic Schools



**CELEBRATE CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK 2024**  
 January 28 - February 3  
 #CSW2024  
 See attached schedule.


Catholic Schools  
 United in Faith and Community

*“A good school provides a rounded education for the whole person. And a good Catholic school, over and above this, should help all its students to become saints.”*  
*Pope Benedict XVI*




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.

Students may wear Spiritwear on Monday. Just as a reminder, according to the dress code Spiritwear tops are worn with uniform bottoms.

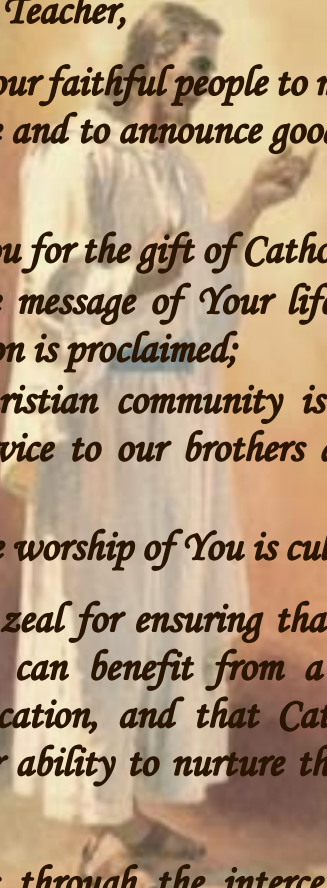


On Tuesday, January 30, students can **pay \$5** to be out of uniform and participate in Honky-Tonk Dress Up Day. Get out your western wear, boots and hats.



## Schoolwide Hoedown

Tuesday, January 30  
 All students participate  
 (Whether in uniform or in western wear.)



*O Christ, our Teacher,  
 You invite Your faithful people to make disciples in Your name and to announce good news to the poor.*


*We thank You for the gift of Catholic schools,  
 † where the message of Your life, death, and resurrection is proclaimed;  
 † where Christian community is experienced; where service to our brothers and sisters is modeled;  
 † and where worship of You is cultivated.*

*Increase our zeal for ensuring that all children and families can benefit from a high-quality Catholic education, and that Catholic schools grow in their ability to nurture the soul of our nation.*

*We ask this through the intercession of Our Lady, Mother of Catholic Schools. Amen*



Congratulations! We are so proud of the students who represented St. Anthony at the SCISA Spelling Bee: **Hunter Jaco, Benjamin McLellan, Sebastian Narvaez, Eli Seif, Maddie Tilton, and Maggie Weaver**. Thank you to all the parents who supported the students as they prepared and at the competition.



Schedule Jan. 29 – Feb. 2

**Tuesday 3:30 – 5:00 p.m.**  
 Prologue and Scenes 1 - 5

**Thursday 3:30 – 5:00 p.m.**  
 Scenes 6, 7, 8, and 10



**Order Lunch**

Please remember to order February lunch online.

**Thank you!!**

Thank you to all those who helped make out **Tailgate Kickoff Party** such a success. It was a fun event enjoyed by all. Thank you to all those who attended to help us kickoff Catholic Schools Week. It is the commitment and involvement of the entire St. Anthony Community (School and Parish) that makes our school so special.

Don't forget to come to the Honky-Tonk Hoedown Auction and Gala on Saturday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>. It will be another great time to enjoy fellowship while supporting our school.

## BASKETBALL



### Schedule for the Week of Jan. 29 - Feb. 2

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

Monday	4:00 – 5:00 p.m.	Home Game vs. Maranatha
Tuesday	4:00 – 5:00 p.m.	Home Game vs. King's Academy
Thursday	4:00 – 5:00 p.m.	Home Game vs. Thomas Hart Academy

#### Middle School Team

Wednesday	6:00 – 7:00	St. Anthony at Pee Dee Academy
Wednesday	5:00 – 6:00 p.m.	Home Game vs. Thomas Hart Academy

Address for Pee Dee Academy: 2903 US-76, Mullins, S. C.

[Link to Basketball Schedule](#)

*Save the Date*

# Honky-Tonk Hoedown Auction & Gala




[Link to Auction Page](#)

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



*"Catholic schools carry out a great mission, to serve God by building knowledge and character... By teaching the word of God, you prepare your students to follow a path of virtue."*

George W. Bush



**A Gift to the Nation**

Based on the average public school per pupil cost of \$14,330, Catholic schools provide \$24.3 billion in savings each year for the nation.



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](#)



# CELEBRATE CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK 2024

January 28 - February 3

#CSW2024

## Schedule of Activities for St. Anthony Catholic School

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

\*Each morning will begin with a decade of the Rosary recited in a different language.