

Bear Blast

April 29 - May 3, 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,

May is Mary's Month! For centuries, the Catholic Church has emphasized the month of May as a time of honor and devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary. We will be crowning Mary on Friday, May 10, as well as saying the Rosary throughout the month and our school pilgrimage of the Virgin Mary Statue.

This weekend our candidates for First Communion spent time with Father John, Mrs. Foyle, Mrs. Sansbury, Mr. Verbe, and their parents preparing for the Sacrament of First Holy Communion. It was a wonderful afternoon of learning together, breaking bread, praying, making their First Communion banner, and going to confession. We are excited for them to receive this special sacrament on May 4th!

The Middle School students hit the dance floor Friday evening! A big thank you to (D.J.) Mr. Spivey for supplying the "beat"! Thank you, Mrs. Acaylar, Mrs. Huggins, Mrs. Goffio, and Mrs. McLellan for organizing, decorating, and chaperoning this event. Thank you, parents, for all the sweet treats! Our SACS students can move it!

Additionally, this past week our school community experimented with the STEAM Bus, volunteered for the FSD1 Special Olympics, celebrated April birthdays, participated in a walk-a-thon, played soccer, worked in the garden, checked on our growing chicks, tested, prayed, and learned! And now we start May! So much going on, so much to celebrate, so much joy! Please take the time to center down, take some time with our Blessed Mother Mary and be present during this busy Month.

*Blessings,
Mrs. Salemmo*

Dates to Remember

- May 2** – Spring Concert
- May 3** – Noon Dismissal
- May 4** - First Holy Communion
- May 6 - 10** – Teacher Appreciation Week
- May 6 - 24** – MAP Testing
- May 9** – 7th and 8th Confirmation Retreat to Mepkin Abbey; 1st – 3rd Field Trip to Strawberry Farm
- May 10** – Chorus sings at Mass; May Crowning; Band Banquet
- May 13-16** – 8th Grade Finals
- May 16** - May Birthday NUT Card Day
- May 20-23** – 8th Grade Trip to Washington D.C.
- May 24** – Noon Dismissal; Field Day
- May 27** – NO SCHOOL; Memorial Day; Run for the Heroes
- May 28** – Preschool/Kindergarten Award Ceremony
- May 29** – Noon Dismissal; Awards Day; Graduation
- May 30** - Noon Dismissal; Last Day of School

Noon Dismissal on Friday

After Care will be available

Normal Fees apply

Students should bring a bagged lunch.

hotlunch
orders

Don't forget to place orders for May school lunch.



We inadvertently left out **Jing Acaylar** as a member of the Planning Committee for the International Festival. Thank you for sharing your talents and time.

Welcome To Our School

We are so excited to welcome Noah Berkowitz (3K) and his family to our school community. We are so glad that you have joined us.

Testing Information

MAP Testing 5K - 8th grades
May 6 - 24

MAP TESTING Schedule Grades 5 - 8

May 6	12:35	Reading
May 7	8:15	Math
May 8	8:15	Language Arts
May 16	10:00	Science (8 th Grade only)

Schedule for 5K – 4th will be communicated by teachers.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

The **last day for hot, school lunch is May 17** Beginning May 20 students will need to bring a bagged lunch and drink from home. Just a reminder – students may not bring canned or bottled sodas for lunch.

Beginning the week of May 20, **After Care fees must be paid by check or cash at the time of service.**

After Care will end at 5:30 p.m. on Field Day, and May 29. There is NO After Care May 30.

May Virtue: Zeal

Zeal - being driven by an intense love for God

Zeal, a powerful force fueled by God's love, has the potential to transform our lives. It compels us to share this love through our words and actions, making our faith a beacon of light. When we embrace zeal, we embody the teachings of Jesus with ease and enthusiasm. Our ultimate goal is to emulate Jesus and spread His love to all. Our excitement about our faith can be shared daily in how we try to live as Jesus lives. We are determined to finish the school year strong as we pray for God's love to continue to work through us and change us, giving us the strength to be the people He created us to be.

Prayer for a Child's First Communion

Lord Jesus,

Bless the children coming forward to receive Holy Communion for the first time.

May this day be an initial step into a life-long love of the Eucharist.

Giving them a hunger for this sacred food so that they turn to you for comfort, guidance and wisdom as they grow into full discipleship.

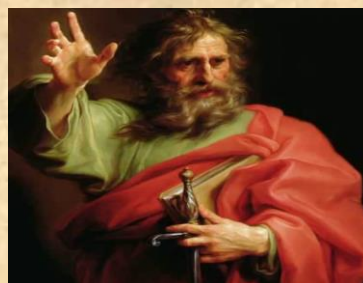
Thank you for their innocence and goodness.

May their hands, extended in anticipation of your Body and Blood, inspire all of us to cherish this sacred sacrament. Amen



Spring Concert May 2, 6:30

Chorus students should arrive by 5:45 p.m. dressed in concert attire. Identified third graders (email sent) should arrive by 6:00.



“Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously.”

Our saint this month, St. Paul, offers profound examples of zeal. Once a Christian persecutor, St. Paul underwent a remarkable transformation when he met Jesus on the way to Damascus. He then became a great leader of the early Church. His letters, read at Mass, serve as a beacon of inspiration, guiding us to make virtuous choices and show love and kindness, even in the most challenging times. St. Paul's journey of change, his fervent desire to learn about Jesus, and his unwavering support for other disciples vividly demonstrate the transformative power of God's love.

As we end our school year, a time of transition and reflection, we are reminded that God's love can change us, just as it did for Saint Paul. God has plans for each of us. When we turn to God, we come away with much more than we seek. His love gives us the energy and enthusiasm to follow Jesus regardless of circumstances.

Saint Paul, help us to love Jesus with as much zeal as you did!



Middle School Co-Ed Soccer

Schedule Week of April 29 - May 3

Monday	5:30-6:30 p.m.**	Home Game vs Dillon Christian
Tuesday	4:30 – 5:30 p.m.	St. Anthony at Pee Dee Academy

**Please note time change

[Link to the Updated Soccer Schedule](#)

WALK-A-THON



We had so much fun at our Walk-a-thon. Please check out our Facebook page for pictures. **Pledge sheets and money are due May 1.**



American Heart Association.
KIDS HEART CHALLENGE | **AMERICAN HEART CHALLENGE™**

As of Friday, April 26th, we have raised \$3053.40 and exceeded our school goal of \$3000. We still need **20 more students to REGISTER** to receive an extra \$500 US Games gift certificate for the PE Department Thank you for your support! All donations are due by May 8, 2024. Download the Kids Heart Challenge App or visit heart.org/KHC to register today.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Field Day will be Friday, May 24th from 8:30 a.m. to 12 noon. This fun filled day would not be possible without your help. If you are able to help, please fill out the Parent Volunteer Form (coming home in the Tuesday Folder) and return it to the school office ASAP.

PERMISSION FORMS

Bill's Bounce House will be bringing several inflatables to share at this event. In order for your child/children to participate you will need to complete the Festivals and Carnivals Parent Consent Form and Liability Waiver that will be coming home in Tuesday Folder, too. Please complete this form, front and back, and return it ASAP.

Can you help with Run for the Heroes?

We need help to make the Run for the Heroes Race a success. Opportunities for volunteering include: Racecourse Spotter/Guide, Parking Attendant, Sunday Setup at 1:00 PM, Race Day Setup at 6:00 AM, Race Day Cleanup immediately following breakfast, and Wherever Needed.

For more details email:
runfortheheroes5K10K@gmail.com



SOCCER SUMMER CAMPS '24

POWERED BY SPIRE



July 15 - 19
Ages 3 to 14
REGISTER NOW



Register at [St. Anthony Challenger Soccer Camp](#)



St. Anthony Catholic School is proud to host the 14th Annual St. Anthony Run for the Heroes 5k, 10k and Honor Walk on Monday, May 29, 2023. This year we will have a Fun Run for children 9 and Under and a little friendly competition between our Houses so do not forget to select your house's team name during registration.

Check the following Links for more information:
[Information](#), [Registration](#), and [Sponsorship](#).

Register by April 30 to DOUBLE YOUR HOUSE POINTS!