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Dear Parents,

**Candy gram Reminder** –The Little Saints are selling Valentine's Day Candy grams. All proceeds will benefit the LEUKEMIA and LYMPHOMA SOCIETY. We will make the donation in honor of our beloved **Mrs. Sheree Ray**. The candy grams will be delivered to your child's classroom on Thursday, Feb. 11<sup>th</sup>. An order form is in this week's packet on line. All orders must be in by this **Thursday, February 4<sup>th</sup>**.

**Little Saints Meeting** – Just a reminder that "Little Saints" are meeting in **Mrs. Gennock's** Room 10 on **Friday, February 5<sup>th</sup>** from 3:00-4:00pm to put the Candy grams together.

**Calendar Reminders** – Just as a reminder, here are couple of things that we wouldn't want you to forget!

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| <b>Thur., Feb. 4<sup>th</sup></b>   | Candy grams due                                       |
| <b>Wed., Feb. 10<sup>th</sup></b>   | First Reconciliation 7:00pm, Main Church              |
| <b>Thurs., Feb. 11<sup>th</sup></b> | PTO Meeting 12:00pm                                   |
| <b>Fri., Feb. 12<sup>th</sup></b>   | <b>NO SCHOOL – Lincoln's Birthday</b>                 |
| <b>Mon., Feb. 15<sup>th</sup></b>   | <b>NO SCHOOL – President's Day</b>                    |
| <b>Wed., Feb. 17<sup>th</sup></b>   | Ash Wednesday, Prayer Service 9:15am Community Center |
| <b>Thur., Fri. 18<sup>th</sup></b>  | First Communion Meeting, 6:30pm, Chapel               |
| <b>Tues., Feb. 23<sup>rd</sup></b>  | Spring Pictures                                       |
| <b>Fri., Feb. 26<sup>th</sup></b>   | End of Second Trimester                               |
| <b>Sat., Feb. 27<sup>th</sup></b>   | PSSS Test for Jr. High 8:00am @SJM                    |
| <b>Sun., Feb. 28<sup>th</sup></b>   | PTO Italian Dinner                                    |

**Student Government Dance** – In celebration of Mardi Gras we will be hosting a dance for the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders on **Monday, February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2010 from 6:30pm to 8:30pm**. The dance will be held in the Social Hall. **Admission is \$5.00** per student. **This dance is only for St. Anthony's students.** Donations of small waters and snacks are greatly appreciated. For further information please see the Jr. High Newsletter.

**Kindergarten Registration**- This is the final reminder that registration for siblings for Kindergarten for school year 2010-2011 was due January 29, 2010. If you haven't registered please call Mrs. Reynolds in the office as soon as possible.

**Haiti Relief Efforts**- The students of St. Anthony's recently rallied around the victims of the earthquake in Haiti and donated over \$4,200. The students also brought lots of personal hygiene items for the relief effort. One student even went around their neighborhood with their brother and shared artwork and collected donations. The children really understood the student learning expectation of being Faithfilled Catholics who respond compassionately to the needs of others. *We can't thank the 4<sup>th</sup> grade enough for leading this effort and for laying down the challenge for the other classes.*

**Car Wash for Haiti** - A special thank you is extended to **Kristi Johnston, Ashleigh Huffman, Danielle Charlson, Annie Stallings, Jack Stallings, Makenna Martinez, Haley Goyette, Jenna Scordino, Ashley Daher, Valerie Moore, Michaela Kemble, Madeline Campbell, Abigail Campbell, Kurtie Kellner, and Marissa Hotz** who took it upon themselves to organize a car wash this past Saturday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and raised \$419 for the victims of the Haiti earthquake. We also want to thank Mrs. Washburn, Mrs. Johnston, Josh Johnston, and Mrs. Zuber for helping our students raise these funds for a very worthwhile cause. Thank you for a job well done.

**Save the Date**- St. Anthony's annual night out at the Fresno Grizzlies will be coming up on **Friday, April 30<sup>th</sup>**. Come out and watch the choir sing the national anthem, baseball game and post-game firework show!

**Scrip News** – It's never too late to start buying scrip to save on this year's tuition. All purchases made prior to March 12<sup>th</sup> will go toward this school year and purchases after that date will start racking up for the next school year. Even if you don't want the credit you can purchase in another student's name. This also helps the school's Tuition Assistance Program. It's a win-win for everyone. Valentine's Day is just around the corner and we have plenty of scrip to "fit" your Valentine!

**Good Food-** Mrs. Renner and Mrs. Simonson's Kindergartners took a nutrition-based field trip to Trader Joe's Market. The children participated in a scavenger hunt, looking for all the healthy foods on the food pyramid. What a cool way to learn how to be healthy!

**Sweatin' with a Good Book-** The students of St. Anthony's spent last Tuesday sweatin' with a good book during Catholic School's Week. Here are some fun facts from the day: the students in K1 read 34 books, 6<sup>th</sup> grade read 409 chapters, and in 1M, 7M, 4th and 5th grades a total of 13, 620 pages were read. Great work guys!

**Spelling Bee Results-** Congratulation to all of our Spelling Bee participants: **Kelly Gocke** (tied for 1<sup>st</sup> place in 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade), **Juliette Frediere** (tied for 1<sup>st</sup> place in 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade), **Jayden Johnston, Kimi Galang Villegas, Rory O'Keefe** (tied for 1<sup>st</sup> place in 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade), **Evie Der Manouel** (tied for 1<sup>st</sup> place in 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade), **Esmeralda Altero, Claire Singer, Adam Kazarian** (1<sup>st</sup> place in the alternate 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Spelling Bee), **Julia Gonzales** (3<sup>rd</sup> place in the alternate 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Spelling Bee), **Liam Cornell, Christian Fung, Austin Yniguez, Ryan Golden, Tia Montes** (2<sup>nd</sup> place in 5<sup>th</sup> Grade), **Megan Abundo, Michael Truong**, and **Tiffany Lee** (1<sup>st</sup> place in 6<sup>th</sup> Grade.) **Tiffany Lee** will be moving on to the Fresno County Spell-Off. A special thanks to our parent volunteers and to our coach **Ms. Shearer!** Without you, we could not have held this competition.

**Good Sports-** Our Kindergartners honored St. Sebastian the Saint of athlete's and good sportsmanship on Wednesday January 20th, his Feast Day. The children wore their favorite sports uniforms and brought all the equipment that goes with it. They each shared with their classmates their sport, how to use the equipment and how to play fairly. Great job!

**Running Panthers Info** – Signs up for Basketball Camp, grades 4-8 will be held on Feb. 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> in the Main gym at San Joaquin Memorial HS. See flier on line for further information. If you have any questions, please contact **David Martinez** at **(559) 240-9594** or **Peter Orlando** at **(559) 905-4500**.

**Electives** - Our 6<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grade Elective Program is alive and well thanks to a hard working group of teachers and our dedicated parents. I'd especially like to thank our parent volunteers for sharing their expertise this past trimester. **Mrs. Prescott** for teaching a very active aerobics class **Mrs. Lopez** for teaching a very informative 6<sup>th</sup> grade computer class, and **Mrs. Zapata-Whelan** and **Mrs. Ramirez** for teaching our Spanish II classes. We appreciate their generous gift of time. We would like to invite other parents to volunteer each Tuesday and Thursday afternoon from 1:45 to 2:40. We are looking for teachers to teach art, gardening, Latin, chess, and any other class that would offer an enriching experience for our students. Please see the "Elective Form" enclosed.

**PSSS Test-** College Board, the maker of the SAT and PSAT, now offers a preliminary testing program which provides college-bound middles school students with early college admissions test-taking practice. SJM Counselors would like to assist our partner school families in preparing students for a college-preparatory course of studies by offering the PSSS at San Joaquin Memorial High School in February. The PSSS will provide the students, their parents, their school and their high school with curriculum planning tools and critical information about individual academic skills. *Registration forms are in today's packet.*  
**Questions?** Please contact Mrs. Lisa Cameron at [lcameron@sjmhs.org](mailto:lcameron@sjmhs.org) or (559) 268-9251 ext. 142.

**Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.** - In honor of Dr. Martin Luther King the children of St. Anthony's celebrated in various ways. The 4<sup>th</sup> grade created a wall of peace prayers. Some of them were very personal, asking for peace with specific family members, and others wanted peace for the world. The wall of prayers is displayed in their classroom. Our Kindergarten classes read books on Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and were visited by our talented First graders who performed Readers Theater for the students. The students retold Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s "I have a Dream" speech and spoke of the Rosa Parks story. It was great to see!

**Bullard Soccer Club-** Bullard F.C. is hosting tryouts for U10, U11, U12, U13 and U14 boys and girls teams beginning February 27<sup>th</sup>. For more information please visit [www.bullardsoccer.org](http://www.bullardsoccer.org) or call 903-3103. Fliers are available in the school office.

**Tylenol Needed** – The office is currently in need of Tylenol (chewable and pill form). It's amazing how quickly it goes when we have students with headaches, bumps and bruises! If you would like to donate a box or two we would greatly appreciate your generosity! Thank you.....

Always in Christ,



Tim McConico  
Principal

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| <p><b>School Office Hours:</b><br/><b>Monday, Tuesday, Thursday</b><br/><b>8:00 to 4:00</b><br/><b>Wednesday &amp; Friday</b><br/><b>8:00 to 3:30</b><br/><b>Minimum Days 8:00 to 2:00</b></p> |
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