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Dear Families,

As we enter the third week of Advent, our anticipation and hope builds at the coming of Lord Jesus in our hearts. May this Advent season find you centered on Christ's arrival and not on the commercialized society that surrounds us. May you feel calmed by the Lord's presence during this busy time of year.

Yearbook Orders – Please remember that yearbook orders are due no later than **Friday, December 18th**. The cost of a yearbook is \$30.00 if ordered by this date, if your order is placed after this date the cost will be \$40.00. All orders need to be placed through our school website. Any questions, please call **Mrs. Stone** in the school office.

M-T-W Hot Lunch Forms - The January M-T-W Hot Lunch order form is enclosed in this packet. Please return the forms by the deadline which is **Wednesday, Dec. 16th**. Also, remember to make your checks payable to "**Lunch Box**" (not to the school) and keep the stub for your records to know which hot lunches you have ordered. Thank you!

Thursday-Friday Monthly Hot Lunch Forms – The January **Th-F** Hot Lunch order form is enclosed in this packet. Please be sure to return it by the deadline which is next **Wednesday, December 16th**. Also, remember to make your checks payable to "SAS" and keep the stub for your records to know when you will have hot lunch.

Needed: Hot Lunch Helpers!- The Athletic Department is looking for assistance serving hot lunch this Friday, December 11th. Please contact **Coach Roblee** if you are able to help. You can email coach at krablee@sasfresno.com or you can give her a call at 435-0700 ext. 242. Thank you.

Direct Deposit/Automatic Debit – We have had many requests for automatic withdrawal from your account to pay tuition (similar to SJM). In this packet you will find the form to set that up if you are interested. The bank we use is Central Valley Community Bank. You have several options to organize the deposit and you can set-up the day(s) you want the funds to come out. We want to offer you the easiest and most convenient way to pay your tuition. What could be easier than not having to worry about paying your tuition each month especially during the summer months when we are all in vacation mode. Please call the office and talk to **Mrs. Reynolds** and let her know if you are interested in this program or if you have any questions.

Christmas Program Schedule – Don't forget to put these dates on your calendar!

Grades 2, 4, 6 & 8B	Tuesday, Dec. 15th @ 7:00pm
Grades 3, 5, 7, & 8S	Thursday, Dec. 17th @ 7:00pm
Grades K & 1	Friday, Dec. 18th @ 11:00am

All of these beautiful programs will be held in the New Gym. Please be aware that you are in bleachers and therefore, may want to bring a cushion. The doors will open at 6:30 pm. Although we are in the school gym, we would follow the same protocol as in church. Please respect the performers by not using loud voices or allowing little ones to run around in the gym. Thank you!

Christmas vacation officially begins at **12:30 on Friday, December 18th**. Please remember that there will not be any afterschool care on that day as the staff is off to their Christmas luncheon. School will resume on Tuesday, January 5, 2010. Remember there is no school Monday, January 4th. This day will be used for math and language arts curriculum development.

Christmas Vacation Office Hours – Just to remind you of the school's office hours during the Christmas vacation:

Tuesday, December 22nd	9:00 – 1:00 Last minute Scrip Shopping
Wednesday, December 30th	9:00 – 1:00 New Year's shopping! Buy Scrip!

Talent Show – It's hard to believe, but the St. Anthony's Talent Show is just around the corner. Please note that if you would like to participate in the show you must return the bright orange form including the lyrics for your music by **Friday, December 18th**. More forms are available in the school office. Please note that forms will not be accepted in January. . On the day we return to school, Tuesday, Dec. 5th all students participating in the Talent Show will perform their skits to ensure that all acts are appropriate for our school. Here is the schedule:

Tuesday	Jan. 5 th	K-1
Wednesday	Jan. 6 th	2 nd -3 rd
Thursday	Jan. 7 th	4 th -5 th
Friday	Jan. 8 th	6 th -8 th

If you are performing with someone in a different grade, choose either your day or your partners' day for your practice time. **Time for performing will be at 3:10pm in Room 7 each day after school. See flyer in today's packet.**

6th Annual Nativity Raffle – Mrs. Gennock's 2nd grade is back at it this Advent season with chances to win one of eleven beautiful Nativity Sets. They are on display in the school office and on the website. The raffle will run the first 2 weeks of Advent. **Tickets are \$1 each, \$10 buys you 12 chances and \$20 buys you 25 chances! All proceeds will be added to our recycle money to benefit the Holy Cross Women's Shelter.** There is an envelope in the office marked "Nativity". You can simply order tickets by sending in a check (made payable to SAS) or cash with your name and phone number or stop by the table outside the office during the first two weeks of advent. Please support this very worthy cause! The **drawing will take place on Monday, Dec. 14th** at our prayer service. Good luck.

Book Alert – This is just a reminder that all library books are due next week on **Thursday, December 17th**. If there are any fines involved, please take care of them and any lost books before vacation begins. The library appreciates your help in this matter.

Scrip – Don't be caught standing in line at the busy stores when you can purchase your Christmas gift cards here at school! We now offer even more stores and restaurants! Look for **Amazon.com, iTunes, Michael's, Bella Pasta Restaurant, Kay Jewelers, Dream Dinners and Subway** in addition to the many other stores and restaurants (**Macy's, Gottschalks, Cheesecake Factory, California Pizza Kitchen, Bella Pasta, Campagnia, Pangea, Piazza del Pane, Starbucks, Carmel Kids, Patrick James, Me 'N Ed's, Flemings, Outback, Ruth Chris Steakhouse, Williams-Sonoma, Pottery Barn, Talbots, Borders, Barnes and Nobl, Lowe's, Home Depot**, and various travel gift cards.....) on the SCRIP ORDER FORM. Please consider saving yourself time and money (tuition credit!) by using our Scrip Program and help the Tuition Assistance Program at the same time. Please try and place your orders as early as possible so that we may accommodate all of your needs. We have so much to choose from, so why fight traffic and stand in line! Keep your holiday spirit going by purchasing scrip from school and making your life easier. Current Scrip Order Forms are available in the school office and on the school's website.

Soccer- St. Anthony's hosted the FGYSL championships over the weekend, with Gunners winning the championship in the top-ranked U-12 boys division. The players on the championship team coached by Rene Lopez and Rich De Mera are: **Grant Baker, Matthew Carlos, Ryan Christensen, Tanner De Mera, William Dowling, Harrison Ewell, Nicholas Harris, Alexander Lopez, Liam Martin, Miles Orme, Dario Perrachi, Luke Pimentel, Franko Roque, Luciano Santeufemia, Blake Schmiederer, North Tusso, Seth Wilkinson...**Congratulations boys!

Cross Country Runners- Congratulation to all our St. Anthony's runners this past week at the City Cross Country qualifier. We have 10 runners that will represent our school at the City Championships this week. They are: **Sarah Carlos, Ellie Dalena, Nick Leech, Peter Farrow, Keegan Tingey, Wayne Rutledge, Logan Tingey, Miles Orme, Scott Farrow and Jason Manfredo.** Great job boys and good luck!!!!

Basketball Spirit Packs- All girls basketball Spirit Pack orders are due in Room 4 Wednesday, December 9th. Extra order forms are available in Room 4 and the Athletic Office. Thank you.

International Students- There are several students from South Korea who are interested in attending school at SAS or SJM (currently there are 10 students at SJM). The Hana Education Center is in need of host families for these students. Host families receive \$1000/month for each student. Please

see the attached flier in today's packet. If you have any questions please feel free to contact Stephanie Bennett at 439-9109. Thank you.

Nutcracker Ballet- The Central California Ballet is getting ready to kick-off their annual Nutcracker Ballet. Please come out and support our very own **Anna Lippert** and alumna **Carolyn Lippert** plus abundant local talent on December 19th and 20th. Please see the attached flier for more information.

Christmas Pageant 2003 – We have good news for everyone at St. Anthony's. The Christmas Pageant from 2003 was so great that KNXT is going to re-broadcast it again. Actually three times! The times are Wed. Dec 16 @ 8:30pm, Thursday Dec 17 @ 11:30 am and Sunday Dec 20 @ 6:00pm. Then the Christmas Pageant from 2006 (Miracle on Main Street) will be aired on Wed. Dec. 23 @8:30pm, Thursday, Dec. 24th @11:30am and on Sunday Dec. 27th @ 6:00pm. If you are interested in getting a DVD copy of one of these great performances please contact Mary Mosier at the church at 439-0124.

Catholic Schools Week T-Shirts- we are starting to distribute Catholic School Week T-shirts. Please remember that the shirts cannot be worn until January 25th, the day Catholic Schools Week starts. We are still receiving shirts daily; some are back-ordered, but will arrive before Catholic Schools Week begins. Thank you for your order and patience as we deliver the shirts.

Always in Christ,



Tim McConnico
Principal



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