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February 16, 2010

Dear Families,

Ash Wednesday Parking and Service- Please make plans to drop-off students tomorrow, Ash Wednesday as there will not be any parking spots available due to the 8:00 Ash Wednesday Mass. The students will attend their Ash Wednesday Service with Msgr. Rob in the Community Center at 9:15 am.

First Communion Meeting – There is a **mandatory** First Holy Communion meeting for 2nd grade parents. The meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 18th at 6:30pm in the Chapel.

Photo Reminder – Just a reminder about spring photos will be coming up on Tuesday, February 23rd. No money is needed on picture day. You can view the package and then decide on what you would like to purchase. There will NOT be any retakes and/or make-up photos scheduled. There is a reminder flier in today's packet.

Thursday/Friday Hot Lunch- Enclosed in the packet is the monthly hot lunch order form for March. If you would like to purchase March's Thursday/Friday hot lunch, return the completed form and money by Friday, February 19th. **All checks should be made out to SAS.** There will still be the option to purchase hot lunch individually each week.

Catholic Moms – Former parent and recent published author Lisa Hendeby will be giving a presentation in our Event Center on **Sunday, February 21st at 3:30pm and on Tuesday, February 23rd at 6:30pm.** She is the founder and editor of www.CatholicMoms.com. This is a great opportunity to learn more about "living our faith" in today's world.

Odyssey of the Mind- Our OM teams represented SAS in Hanford over the weekend. Both teams did a great job and qualified for the State Championships on March 27th in Brentwood. The students displayed their problem solving skills at today's Prayer Service and received a lot of compliments from the staff and students. The teams are: "Return to Gift of Flight" coached by **Mrs. Cornell** and **Mrs. Rosa** with **Liam Cornell, Jennifer Kim, Braeden Bailey, Sophia Bennett** and **Alex Fusselman** and the "Nature Trail'R" coached by **Mr. Abercrombie** and **Mr. Martinez** with **Harrison Ewell, Carson Chapman, Tia Montes, Molly Oakes, Melanie Abercrombie, Phillip McDougal** and **Gabby Teodoro.**

Feb. 19th Hot Lunch News – This lunch is to benefit the Elective Program. We will be serving cheese pizza as this is a Friday during lent. Please see the flier in this week's packet for needed donations (plates, napkins, Costco size carrots, juice bars and also CASH would be big help). Call **Kathi Woodward at 284-1452** with any questions, donations, and any one interested in helping out. This is a huge opportunity for our students in the 6th, 7th, and 8th grade to experience different classroom activities outside the normal curriculum. Please help our volunteer moms and Mr. Carey continue to bring such wonderful opportunities to our students.

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

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

Homework Club/Academic Study Hall- The homework club and Academic Study Hall are dismissed at 4:00 pm. Please pick-up your students promptly. All students not picked up will be checked into the Afterschool Enrichment Program (AEP).

SJM Football Camp Reminder- The Weight & Agility Camp for 6th-8th graders is gearing up. See the flier in this week's on-line packet. The camp is from 6:00pm – 7:00pm on February 22, 24, March 1,3,8,10,17,22,24,31, April 12,14,19,21,26, and 28th, for a total of 17 sessions. The cost is \$150.00 (includes camp t-shirt).

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Child Safety - We know it is difficult to tote around small children when dropping off and picking up older siblings at school but we discourage you to leave younger children in the car alone. This poses a risk for you and your family if the car should be stolen. Please ask for help from other parents if you have a sleeping child that you don’t want to get out of a car seat to bring in. We strive to keep the best in mind for our families.

REGISTRATION FOR 2010-2011 – Just a reminder that the registration form for next school year will be coming up soon. The cost is \$200.00 per family. **This fee is NON – REFUNDABLE.** Please be advised that your tuition must be current in order to register your children for next school year. Remember that tuition is a 12 month program which runs from June 1st thru May 1st. For further information on school polices concerning tuition and other fees, please see pages 25-26 in the handbook.

Scrip News - The Scrip Form has a new look.....download one and see for yourself! Everything is in alphabetical order in the 2% and 3% fields. Also, we still have some **California Pizza Kitchen** (CPK) \$20 cards that we are selling at a 10% discount and still giving you 3% tuition credit!!! (They do have an expiration date of 3-26-10). Wow....what a deal! Take advantage of them while supplies last. Also, check out the new vendors: John’s Incredible Pizza, Pismo’s, Yosemite Ranch, The Holy Child Bookstore, and many more. There is still time to earn tuition credit for this year’s tuition through March 12th. Purchases made after that date will start earning credit for the 2010-2011 school year. There is still time to earn tuition credit for this year’s tuition through March 12th. Keep purchasing scrip and using your S.H.A.R.E.S. cards and watch your credit grow!

Save the Date- St. Anthony’s annual night out at the Fresno Grizzlies will be held on **Friday, April 30th**. Come out and watch our choir sing the National Anthem, the baseball game and post-game fireworks show

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. **Questions?** Please contact Mrs. Lisa Cameron at lcameron@sjmhs.org or (559) 268-9251 ext. 142.

Italian Dinner– Mark your calendar **for Sunday, Feb. 28th** for the annual Italian Dinner. The pre-sale price for two adult tickets is \$25. The delicious meal will include Barbequed Chicken, Italian Sausage, Penne Pasta, Salad, Bread, Beverage and Dessert and will be served from 10:00am to 8:00 pm. Volunteers are needed to help with this delicious fund raiser. Please call **Mrs. Nikki Stamoulis-DiCicco at 434-7137, Mrs. Colleen Santeufemia at 447-8492 or Mrs. Judy Santeufemia at 237-4334** if you would like to help.

Don’t Cook on Fridays! – Let the ICF Branch #308 do the cooking for you on Fridays during lent. This Friday will be the first of the series of "meatless" Lenten Dinners that they will be hosting from 5:00 to 7:00pm in the Social Hall. The cost is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children under 8. All meals include bread & butter, salad or coleslaw, dessert, wine, water and coffee. If you have any questions, please call Antoinette @ 431-9536. Here is the meatless menu lineup:

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| † February 19 th - Clam Chowder in Bread Bowls | † February 26 th Eggplant Lasagna |
| † March 5 th – Fish and Chips | † March 12 th Clam Chowder |
| † March 19 th – Eggplant Lasagna | † March 26 th – Linguini and Clams |

Please support this wonderful group who are a continuous support to our school and church.

Thank you very much

Always in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'T. McConnico', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Tim McConnico
Principal

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