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Dear Families,

PTO Italian Dinner – *Mamma Mia now that's Italian!* Mark your calendar **for this Sunday, February 28th** for the annual Italian Dinner. See fliers with lots of information in today's packet. 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 fundraiser. The food is always fantastic and it is also available for takeout. Tickets are \$12.50 for adults and \$5.00 for kids (5-12). Tickets will also be available at the door at the cost of \$15 and \$6. Enjoy a day and night off from cooking and have some great Italian food! *Buon Appetito!* 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.

Little SAINTS- Little Saints is proud to announce that the Italian Dinner Committee is letting them share the spotlight. A beautiful garden statue of the Blessed Mother will be raffled off throughout the day on Sunday during the Italian Dinner...chances are only **\$1.00** each. All proceeds will benefit Catholic Charities. If you would like to purchase chances in advance, please send in your remittance in an envelope marked "The Blessed Mother." Be sure to include your name and phone number on the envelope.

Health/Safe Environment- As part of the Diocese of Fresno Health and Safe Environment curriculum we are currently focusing on the importance of making good choices and emphasizing the importance of not accepting candy or other items from strangers. Please take the time at home to reinforce this with your children as we try to build a healthy and safe foundation with our children.

Reporting Absences- As we try to keep our records updated please make sure that you send a written excuse to the teacher. The note should be handed to the teacher the first day the student returns to class.

Trailer needed- Our OM teams headed to the OM State Championships are in need of an enclosed trailer. We are looking for an enclosed trailer to haul the OM materials to the State Tournament. The solution just cannot be transported in a truck. If someone has a trailer who would be willing to loan it for this purpose it would be much appreciated to help keep costs down. It would be made available to both teams. The minimum dimensions would be 8' long and door opening of about 5' high. Something longer than 8' would certainly be fine. *If you are interested in helping the OM teams please contact the school office at 435-0700.* Thank you!

Parent Participation Hours Policy – Please remember that the Parent Participation Hour commitment is 30 hours per school year. All hours must be posted in the PPH Binder (in the school office) by April 30th. For hours that will be completed for events after that date (i.e., Spring Auction, etc.) please post them in the binder with the dates that they will be completed prior to April 30th. Upcoming opportunities include Morning with Mom, Italian Dinner, Third Trimester Elective Teachers, coaching opportunities, etc. Please see the Parent-Student Handbook (Appendix A-1) for complete details. Hours cannot carry over from one school year to another.

Snow White- Three St. Anthony's students are performing in the Stagedoor Production of "*Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs*." They are **Emily Bergman (5H), Katie Bergman (2S)** and **Kate Landon (K1)**. The shows will take place on Saturday, February 27th and Sunday, February 28th at the Fresno Memorial Auditorium. Both shows start at 1:00 pm.....Good Luck Girls!

PSSS Test- Due to parent requests, SJM will now offer the test on Saturday, February 27th and Sunday, February 28th. The new registration form reflecting the additional day for testing is located in the packet today. **Questions?** Please contact Mrs. Lisa Cameron at lcameron@sjmhs.org or (559) 268-9251 ext. 142.

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.

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 (and includes a camp T-shirt).

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

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).

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:

† February 26th Eggplant Lasagna

† March 19th – Eggplant Lasagna

† March 12th Clam Chowder

† March 26th – Linguini and Clams

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

Reading Day- The school's annual reading day will be held next Wednesday March 3rd from 3-4:30pm. A Reservation form for the Reading Day is included in this week's packet. If you would like your child (ren) to participate, please fill out the form and return to school by the 25th of February.

License Plate Frames- License plate frames are available in the school office. The cost of the frame is \$15. Join the SAS family and proudly display your own frame with the words Faith, Compassion and Values.

PAL Basketball Championships- This past week our varsity basketball teams completed in the annual PAL Basketball Championships. Our school was represented with good sportsmanship and camaraderie. The girl's teams were: 7th Grade Gold coached by **Mr. O'Canto**, 7th Grade White coached by **Mr. Houtsinger** and the 8th Grade team coached by **Mr. Coyle** and **Mr. Houtsinger** (4th place). Our boys teams were: 7th grade Gold coached by **Mr. Wilson** and **Mr. De Fendis** (4th place), 7th Grade White coached by **Mr. Der Manuel** and **Mr. Beecher** and the 8th Grade boys who brought home the Championship were coached by **Mr. Martinez** and **Mr. Cappelluti**. The All-Tournament team included: **Erin Coyle, Madeline Campbell, Valerie Moore, Taylor Holland, Mikayla Harris, Ryan Beecher, Phillip Rontell, Willie Cappelluti, Tyler Jones, Ryan Beecher, and Brennen Martinez (Tournament MVP)**. The 8th grade Championship team members are: **Brennen Martinez, Tyler Jones, Joseph Moreno, Willie Cappelluti, Tristan Ferdinandi, Drew Harrison, Ryan Leyba, Douglas Manhire, Kevin O'Rourke, Conner Roznovsky, and Conner Shayestah**. Congratulations to all of our teams and coaches!

Camp Fair- Find out what's available for your child this summer. There will be a camp fair hosted at Peoples Church Gymnasium on March 25th. Please see flier in today's packet.

Swimming Anyone? – The Fig Garden Swim Team spring session begins this **Monday, March 1st**. If your child would like to have fun, improve their swimming skills and participate in local competitions (though competing is not mandatory), then check out the Fig Garden Swim Team at Fig Garden Swim & Racquet Club. Triathlon training is also available and included in the price. The spring session runs from 3/1 – 5/13 and meets after school. The price is \$175 for FGSRM members/\$185 for non-members. For more information, contact Coach Caroline Lindholm-Reynaud at 222-4816.

Safe Environment- If you need to take the Safe Environment course, the School and Parish are in the process of setting a date in March for training. If a new online resource becomes available we will notify everyone through the Tuesday Packet.

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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