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Dear Families,

**Welcome to our 2009-2010 school year!** It was very exciting to watch our students arrive at school yesterday. The staff couldn't wait to see our students back on campus. We began our school year with a prayer service. A special thanks to **Mrs. Polacek and Mr. Neumeier** for coordinating the opening service, including the **Student Government officers** who led us in prayer and **Mr. Sarkisian** for leading the beautiful music. Also, I extend a special thank you to **Monsignor Rob** for joining us as we welcomed all of our students and families. Finally, thank you to our parents for your efforts in sending our students so well prepared to school. It is wonderful to work with a group that arrives the first day of school enthusiastic and ready to work.

**Tuesday Packet Information** – The Tuesday Packet is "Going Green". Beginning today the Tuesday letter and all of its important information will be available on our website at [www.sasfresno.com](http://www.sasfresno.com). This information is a "lifeline" to knowing what is happening at school. Please take the time to read it and return any necessary information (ie, hot lunch orders, etc.) with your student on Wednesday morning. The teachers collect and take it to the office. Please note that tuition envelopes will be coming home next **Tuesday, September 1<sup>st</sup>**.

**Emergency Info** – If you haven't already turned in the **Emergency Medical Treatment Forms**, please do so by this **Friday, August 28<sup>th</sup>**. Please distinguish clearly the daytime and cell telephone numbers for both parents. It is very important that we are able to contact you in case of an emergency. Other forms that need to be turned in are the **Handbook Contract Page** (this states that you have read the online Parent Student Handbook), **Diocese Code of Conduct (Safe Environment)**, **Mandatory Student/Parent Information (School Directory Form)**, **PE Guidelines**, **Athletic Parent Code of Conduct and Athletic Consent Waiver** forms for 2009-2010. Thank you!

**Milk Payment Deadline** – Please don't forget that their deadline for collecting milk money is next **Monday, August 31<sup>st</sup>**.

**Back to School Night** - Back to School Night is for parents only and will be held this **Thursday, August 27<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 to 7:30 in your student(s) classroom**. The purpose of the evening is for teachers to provide their annual goals and expectations for the school year and answer any questions you may have.

**Uniform Exchange** – Please note that the Uniform Exchange scheduled for next Monday, August 31<sup>st</sup> has been cancelled. The next Uniform Exchange date will be Friday, September 4<sup>th</sup>. Please see the online flier regarding this information.

**Afterschool Enrichment Program (formerly called Campus Care)** – As we begin the new school year **Ms. Sherman** would like to remind the Kindergarten parents that if you are calling the Afterschool Enrichment Program after the school office closes at 4:00 pm, she may be reached at **930-0083**.

**Safe Environment Program** – Please be aware that our Safe Environment Program includes mandatory training for all volunteer parents including after school volunteer coaches, parent volunteer drivers for any school activity (fieldtrips or after school sports) and regular classroom volunteers. Please see page 21 of our handbook for more information. **Central Valley Livescan** will be on campus **September 17<sup>th</sup> from 1:30 to 4:00** to fingerprint as many new family members and any who haven't been fingerprinted. The total cost is \$47 and checks may be made payable to Central Valley Livescan. There is a sign up sheet on the school office bulletin board.

**Elective Message** - We'd like to call to the attention of all 6<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grade parents that we have an excellent Elective Program. The Elective forms went home yesterday and were returned today. We encourage parents to enter a discussion with their children about the opportunity to select classes that will enrich their learning. We offer a wonderful selection of interesting classes. We recommend that parents and students select their classes carefully. Please discuss which classes you want your child to take this year and

also which classes they should take before they graduate from 8<sup>th</sup> grade. You may want your child to experience art, drama, or music. Mr. Sarkisian teaches a music class where students learn to play a musical instrument. We strongly recommend this class. It will enrich student learning and music appreciation. Please only consider Study Hall as a class if your child is very busy and could use the extra time to complete assignments. All students must take a foreign language before graduating. It may be best to wait until the 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> grade year. Good luck!

**Savemart/FoodMaxx SHARES Cards** – Here is an easy opportunity to save money on your tuition. By using your SHARES card when you shop at Savemart or FoodMaxx, you will earn 2% of your eligible purchases in tuition credit. All you have to do is swipe the card. The cards are available in the school office. Please remember that by using the **SCRIP Program** you can earn tuition credit for buying the things you already buy daily. We have a great variety of stores and restaurants to choose from such as **Piazza del Pane, Me 'N Ed's, Tahoe Joe's, Starbucks, Jamba Juice, Cold Stone, Chipotle, Macy's, Kohl's, Nordstrom** and many, many more. If you are new to this program, please call the office or download a SCRIP Order Form off of the website.

**Carnival** – The St. Anthony of Padua Parish School Carnival will be held on **Sunday, September 27<sup>th</sup>**. If you are interested in helping at the carnival and earning Parent Participation Hours, please speak to our chairperson **Mrs. Deb Martin at 473-8607**. The day is a fun family event with plenty of food, games and fun activities. We look forward to seeing you there!

**Children's Art Studio** – Art classes are available for the Children's Art Studio and the registration forms are in the school office. You may pick one up or call Suzanne at 226-4791.

**Congratulations** - **Richard Boone** (7<sup>th</sup>) and **Seth Wilkinson** (6<sup>th</sup>) received their 1<sup>st</sup> degree Black Belts (1<sup>st</sup> poom) in Taekwondo on Sunday, August 16<sup>th</sup> from the Martial Arts of Fresno. Former student **Adam Wilkinson** ('07) received his 2<sup>nd</sup> Black Belt degree as well. All three have worked very hard for their accomplishments. Congratulations to all of you!

**Disney's High School Musical** – He's at it again! **Alex Figueroa** (6<sup>th</sup>) will be performing in this CMT production musical this week on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, **August 27<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> at 7:30** each night. You may call the Memorial Auditorium Box Office (442-3140) for ticket information. Good luck Alex!

Always in Christ,



Tim McConnico  
Principal

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