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Dear Families,

Parents are always welcome to join us for our school Masses which we attend on Friday's at 8:45. This Friday will be the "Welcome Mass" as our 8th grade class formally welcomes our 1st graders. This is always a wonderful way for the "little ones" to follow the respectful and reverent behavior of the older students. Parents, as the primary educators of your children, are asked to remind of the importance of being welcoming, be it on the playground, classroom or after school. If we all show this kind of behavior on a daily basis, then it becomes a way of life which we may pass on to everyone we meet.

Parking Lot Policy Clarification – This will avoid congestion in the parking lot during peak times. Drop off in the staff parking lot **is** permitted during the morning. When picking up your child in the afternoon near the trash bin enclosure, please pull forward. If your child is not ready to be picked up drivers cannot wait or park in the fire lane (please pull around into a parking stall).

If everyone follows the Parking Lot Policy and is courteous, we will have a much more safe and efficient parking lot.

Announcing Our Student Government – Our candidates did a beautiful job campaigning and giving their speeches last week. The following students were elected to represent our entire student body this year:

- **Commissioner General – Jimmy Benschmidt**
- **Assistant Commissioner General – Gina DeYoung**
- **Commissioner of Religious Affairs – Lauren Caprioglio**
- **Commissioner of Finance – Ryan Leyba**
- **Commissioner of Elections – Taylor Holland**
- **Commissioner of Publicity – Bianca Bonadelle**
- **Commissioner of Student Affairs – Gabby Marchese**
- **Commissioner of Student Control – Annie Stallings**
- **Commissioner of Girls Athletics – Erin Coyle**
- **Commissioner of Boys Athletics – Matthew Giannetta**
- **Commissioner of Safety, Buildings, and Grounds – Mikaela Harris**
- **Commissioner of Spirit – Kevin O'Rourke**

I commend all of our candidates for their effort and thank them for their tremendous school spirit.

Minimum Day- There will be a minimum day (12:30 dismissal) this coming **Monday, September 14th** as the teachers will be working on math curriculum.

Drop Off School Lunches- Parents when bringing lunches to school please bring lunches to the school office or the table outside of the school office. Office staff will notify the student that their lunch is in the office. Please do not take lunches to the classroom directly as this is a distraction to the students and teachers.

Electronic Recycling – Have you noticed the signs for the Electronic Recycling going on this week? This is a perfect way to clean out your closets, garages, homes and office of all your old electronics for FREE and Benefit the School. For all TV's, Computers, Monitors, Laptops, Printers, Cell Phones, Print Cartridges etc. received, Electronic Recyclers International will donate money to the school. All items received will be recycled!! Please pass this information on to all your family and friends, as the more we collect the more money the school will receive!!!

PTO Meeting – The first PTO meeting of the year will be held this **Thursday, September 10th** in Room 21 at noon. Join us for lunch at 11:45 before the meeting. The meeting will be 1 hour and you will earn a PPH just for coming to the meeting. This is a great opportunity to meet the new board members, the Principal and to see what's coming up for this year. Also, there will be a wrap-up of last years' fundraising. Hope to see you there!

Save the Date – Please put **Friday, October 23rd** on your calendar as this is the annual St. Anthony's Golf Tournament. Don't miss this "fun" fundraising event to benefit our technology department. If you are interested in helping, please contact **Steve Orlando at 269-0445**.

MTW Hot Lunch – The October hot lunch order form is available today. Please download it and return by **Wednesday, September 16th**. Also, if you ordered for September 14th (which is a minimum day) you will receive credit in October. Please refer to the List of Credits online to check the amount of your credit also found in the online Tuesday packet.

Carnival – You must know by now that our first big fundraiser of the year is just around the corner! The Parish School Carnival will be held on **Sunday, September 27th**. Our carnival is famous for its fun activities, rides and for providing delicious food. This is a wonderful time to get together as a Parish community and to spend the day with your family and friends. Please plan on joining us. If you are looking for a Carnival job that earns Parent Participation Hours, please speak to our chairperson **Mrs. Deb Martin at 473-8607**. Help is always needed with setting up and cleaning up. It is always a wonderful thing to see our school and church community come together for this great event that benefits our school.

Raffle Tickets – Have you purchased your raffle tickets yet? Well, be sure to send them in with your student so they may be entered into the weekly drawings for ticket sales. It is fun for the kids to win prizes and it all goes to a great cause!

Berrock Pre-sale – They're back! Once again the Berrock Shop will be taking orders for their famous berrocks. Please see the order form in this packet.

Office Policies and Hours – Please note our school office hours (which are always on the bottom of this letter) are as follows: Monday, Tuesday and Thursday 8:00 to 4:00, Wednesday and Friday 8:00 to 3:30 and minimum days 8:00 to 2:00. Also, just as a reminder, the Conference Room is only available for Administrative use.

Swag Anyone? - Athletic Spirit-wear "Swag" orders are being accepted. Check out the Athletic link on the website for pictures and pricing or pick up an order form in the front office. Go Raiders!

Afterschool Enrichment Program (formerly called Campus Care) – As we begin the new school year **Ms. Sherman** would like to remind 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 17th** 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.

Catholic Charities - Catholic Charities teams up with the Big Fresno Fair to help raise funds to benefit the Westside of Fresno County. Come and see Michael W. Smith in concert October 13th at the Fresno fair. Concert and carnival tickets can be purchased in advance through Catholic Charities at 237-0851 or email at stepup@ccdof.org. Please see fliers in the online Tuesday packet.

Alumni News – Our former student and TV spokesperson, Ashley Langford, has recently taken the Public Relations position for the new learning center in Fresno called "Learning Rx" which is a center that works on cognitive skills but is not a tutoring center. This center works for your brain as a personal trainer works for your body! We wish her much success in this new endeavor!

Always in Christ,



Tim McConnico
Principal

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