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Dear Families,

The St. Anthony of Padua Parish School carnival will be held this **Sunday, September 27th from 10:30 to 6:30 pm.** Get ready for the "Big Day" by purchasing your Carnival Scrip now! Order forms are in the school office and must be turned in no later than tomorrow, **Wednesday, September 23rd** if you want to take advantage of the discounted rate of \$10.00 per sheet. The Carnival Scrip will be \$12.00 per sheet the day of the Carnival. 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 Carnival 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.

Hot Lunch Orders – In order to get an accurate count and to expedite the lunch counting process it would be extremely helpful if you mark your envelopes clearly with which lunch you are enclosing (I.e., **Thursday, Friday, MTW or monthly Thursday/Friday**). Your child may not be on the list if the order isn't marked clearly and it ends up in the wrong spot. Let's please work together so that things run smoothly and you don't end up getting a call from your student!

Tuition contracts – If you find your tuition contract in your Tuesday packet please be sure to **return this tomorrow.** There are many families who have not returned their contracts and this may result in a call from our registrar to update your family's file.

Music – We would like to thank Mr. Sarkisian again for working with all of our students during the course of the year. Mr. Sarkisian told us how well behaved all K – 8 students were during their music class and what an enjoyment it has been to work with them over the last month! We are proud of our students!

Pinwheels for Peace – I hope you had a chance to see the Pinwheels placed in the grass in front of the Church last Friday. I would like to thank **Mrs. Polacek** for coordinating this "peacemaker" activity. Let's all remember to keep praying for peace everywhere.

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.

Student Government Fall Class Representatives – Last week elections were held for the Fall Class Reps. Congratulations to all of the candidates for running such a great campaign. Congratulations to the following newly elected 2008 Fall Class Representatives:

**8B Tristan Ferdinandi
Connor Lilles**

**7H Darby Fisher
Nathan Biltz
Frank Dalena**

**7M Timothy O'Rourke
Joey Schiff**

**6G Dalton Garver
Grant Lilles**

**6S Tiffany Lee
Zach Prins**

**5A Max Coyle
Mia Gambero**

**5H Harrison Ewell
Carson Chapman**

**4P Dean Raymond
Ellie Dalena
James Estillore**

**4S Ally Martin
Liam Cornel**

Congratulations to all!!

Book Fair – Keep the dates of **October 5th -8th** in mind for visiting our annual Book Fair to be held in Room 24. Volunteers are needed to work shifts and all proceeds are used to purchase books for the classrooms and resource supplies. The volunteer shifts are: **8:00 – 9:00 on Tuesday – Thursday and 12:30 – 4:00 on Monday – Thursday.** If you would like to work a shift to earn some Parent Participation hours, please give **Mrs. Polacek** a call at **435-0700.**

Reminder – The Media Center and the Library will remain open after school for student use until 4:00 pm. Please, please, please....remember that food and drinks are not allowed in the Library or Media Center. Please keep these areas clean and neat!

OUCH! – Unfortunately, bumps and scrapes happen and the office is in need of Band-aids (especially the bigger knee patch size). If you would like to donate a box or two to the office, those nice boo-boo fixers in the office would certainly appreciate them!

Our Lady of Fatima Mass – The Mass celebrating Our Lady of Fatima will be held **Saturday, October 10th at the 5:15 Mass at St. Anthony’s Church**. They are currently looking for 3 children who may be interested in representing the 3 shepherd children visionaries: a boy around the age of 7 to 9 (Francisco) and two girls, one around the age of 5 to 7 (Jacinta) and one around the age of 8 to 11 (Lucia). They will be dressed in folklore clothing and will process into the church and in the procession at the end of Mass. If you are interested or would like more information, please call **Mrs. Dina Shwiyhat at 438-2828**.

Congratulations Alumni! – Wow! It never ceases to amaze us how well our students do after they move on from St. Anthony’s. The San Joaquin Memorial High School class councils for the 2009-2010 school year have been selected. Freshmen President: **Franchesca Ingle**; Vice President: **McKay Mohun**; Secretary: **Patrick O’Rourke**; Treasurer: **Kiana Puahi**, Representatives: **Michael Cimo, Chad Cardell, and Carlo Mazzoni**. Sophomore President: **Natalia Ferdinandi**, Vice President: **Loic Ferdinandi**, Secretary: **Hanna Kirkorian**, Treasurer: **Ben Singer**; Junior Vice President: **Rachel Hall**, Treasurer: **Connor Chooljian**, Representatives: **Andie Arellano, PJ Cameron, Kevin Gilio, Zac Laval**. Senior President: **Michelle Frea**, Secretary: **Kyle Punzalan**, Treasurer: **Paige Nilmeier**; and Representative: **Mike Coyle**. Congratulation to all of our former students and their parents!

Notre Dame Alumni Club – It is never too early to start thinking about college so you may be interested in coming to a presentation on October 6th when the Notre Dame Alumni Club will present Mathematics Professor Alex Hahn for his presentation of Math and Myth: From Notre Dame Football to The Da Vinci Code. John Ostlund, Owner, of K-JEWEL and KYNO radio has graciously opened up his art gallery area at the station to host the event. The K-JEWEL studio is at 1415 Fulton Street, just north of Tuolomne in Downtown Fresno. This will truly be a great opportunity to enjoy each other’s company and an intriguing discussion about some of the connections between these two seemingly unrelated topics. We will have light refreshments, and as always, there is no charge for the event. For further details, please contact Michael Rood at 318-6189.

ITBS Testing - The Iowa Standardized Skills Test will be administered next week. Our diocese sets the test date in the fall which allows this test information to be used by school administrators as well as classroom teachers to customize the curriculum for the school year. Research has demonstrated that students who come to a test prepared, do better on the test. Parents can help their children prepare for the test successfully by following some of these helpful hints:

The night before testing

- Consider talking about the test to reassure and encourage your child. If parents convey a message that testing is valuable, their children will value tests.
- Consider playing an educational game like Scrabble or Twenty Questions to help children get into the testing spirit.
- Plan ahead – avoid late nights or interruptions with appointments.
- Come prepared with necessary tools: #2 pencils, etc.

The morning of the test

- Have your child get up early enough to be on time.
- Have your child eat a good breakfast and pack a good lunch.
- Be positive – let your child know that tests can be difficult.

After the test

- Reward your child for trying hard on the test.
- Never compare test results with a sibling.
- Talk with your child about what was learned from the test.

Please avoid scheduling appointments during this week if at all possible.

This **Friday, September 25th** will be the commissioning of the newly elected Student Government Commissioners at our school Mass. Parents are always welcome to attend!

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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