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Dear Families,

I'd like to thank all of our parents for sending such well prepared students to school for our first week. We are off to a wonderful start and look forward to a tremendous school year. Please remember to keep your calendar handy. **There will be no school next Monday, September 7th.** Enjoy your Labor Day holiday weekend!

Parking Lot Policy – We can't stress enough the importance of keeping our parking lot safe and efficient as you drop off and pick up your students. If you are walking your children on to the campus or going to the school office, please, please, please park deep into the parking lot so those that are "quick drop offs" can park closer and watch their children walk in. This will avoid congestion in the parking lot during peak times. If you are stopping near the trash bin enclosure, please pull forward and do not let your children out until you reach the sidewalk adjacent to the classroom wing. Again, another reminder that parents **should not** be pulling into the Staff Parking Lot to drop off or pick up their children. This area is strictly designated for the Staff and Administration and will back up unnecessarily while stopping there. If everyone follows the Parking Lot Policy and is courteous, we will have a much more safe and efficient parking lot.

Online Tuesday Packet – As a reminder to our families, we will be sending home a Tuesday Packet envelope on the **first Tuesday of the month only**. Your tuition and AEP (After-school Enrichment Program) envelopes will be inside. Please return the envelope on Wednesday and you may include those payments as well as the Thursday and Friday Hot Lunch forms. This week there will also be the school picture form that will be sent home with your student(s). Please remember to go online each Tuesday evening to read the packet for the week.

Thursday & Friday Hot Lunches Begin – Our first Thursday and Friday hot lunches of the year will begin this week. Please remember that you will have to download the form from the school website (online Tuesday Packet). Your help is necessary in order for the Hot Lunch Program to run smoothly. The Thursday and Friday Hot Lunches are \$3.00 each and **must be paid separately**. They are due by 3:30 on Wednesdays, with separate checks, in separate envelopes and fill out the order form completely including child's first and last names, class and grade. A separate check is required because they are two separate fundraisers and go to different groups. If you do not separate the orders, it may not get to the right group doing the hot lunch on time. This may result in a call from your child without hot lunch for that day. Late orders will not be accepted.

School Mass – Our first school Mass will be this **Friday, September 4th**. Parents are always welcome to join us as we listen to the Word of God and celebrate our Catholic faith. There will be a special blessing for our teachers as we begin this new school year.

Emergency Info – If you haven't already turned in the **Emergency Medical Treatment Forms**, please do so no later than this **Friday, September 4th**. **If we do not have this form by Friday, your student will not be able to return to class until the form has been turned in.** It is extremely important for us to have this information on file. Please distinguish clearly the daytime and cell telephone numbers. **When you have a change of phone or address, please be sure to update the information with us.**

Medication – If your child has medication on file, please be sure to check it for expiration dates. Medication left over the summer may not be available for this school year. It is the parents' responsibility to make sure that your child has his/her medication. It is especially important that you fill out a "High Risk Medical Form" if your child falls into this category.

Uniform Exchange – The Uniform Exchange will be held this **Friday, September 4th**. 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 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.

7th Grade in the News!- Stop the press!...did you catch our 7th graders on TV and in the Fresno Bee? Mr. Houtsinger's and Mrs. McConnico's classes were featured in the press for their participation in the Red Cross CPR Training for youth. The program is being funded by the Kashian Foundation in an effort to train as many people as possible. Great job students! And a heartfelt thank you to the Kashian Foundation for sponsoring this great community service event.

Carnival – The St. Anthony of Padua Parish School Carnival will be held on **Sunday, September 27th**. 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! Please see all the fliers related to the carnival in this week's packet.

Picture Day - We will be taking our school pictures for the yearbook next **Tuesday, September 8th**. These are your pictures and you may wear free dress that your family decides upon. Please follow the guidelines in the Parent-Student Handbook on page 29. Nice jeans, denim skirts, and non-uniform shorts are acceptable, but please remember that they must meet our length requirement – not below the knee or higher than 4" above the knee. Please have your student bring the enclosed flier/envelope with a check made to **Premier Studios** next Tuesday. Also, pictures will be taken of **Student Government, Cheerleaders and Altar Servers**. **In addition, the 8th grade yearbook picture will be taken in front of the Church.**

Children's Choir – The Children's Choir is back! **Practice begins this Thursday, September 3rd for all returning choir members** in Room 22 from 3:00 – 4:00pm. New members (3rd - 8th graders) who are interested in singing **will begin rehearsing next Thursday, September 10th**. The students learn singing technique, note reading, musical terms, harmony, good church behavior, focus, and most of all, how to have fun singing together. There is no audition required. The Children's Choir sings at Friday school Masses each week and at 9:30am Sunday Masses once a month. We also sing at Weddings, Quinceañeras, First Communions, and sometimes at Choir Festivals. Questions? Call **Mr. Sarkisian at 439-0124, ext 302**.

Oktoberfest Reminder -For those of you who purchased tickets for the Oktoberfest Clip Board Party at the spring auction this past May, a reminder that the party is on Saturday, October 3rd and a formal invitation will be mailed to you soon. If you have any questions, please call Kelly Fourchy at 906-2393.

Fall Sports – The fall sport season has arrived. Please contact Coach Roblee krblee@sasfresno.com or 435-0700 ext, 242, if you have interest in coaching: volleyball-5th grade, volleyball-6th grade, Flag Football-6th grade, Flag Football-8th grade -earn parent hours thru coaching our students. Go Raiders!

Snack Shack is back! - The snack shack will be open on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays during morning recess. All snack prices range from \$.25 to \$1.50. Parents, are you in need of participation hours? This is a great way to earn some. Snack shack can always use volunteers and nutritious snack donations. Please try and help out with the snack shack that our students enjoy so much.

Swimming Anyone? – The Fig Garden Swim Team fall session begins next Tuesday, September 8th. 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 the Fig Garden Swim & Racquet Club. The fall session runs from September 8th - November 19th and meets after school. The price is \$175 for FGSR members/\$185 for non-members. For more information, contact Coach Caroline Lindholm-Reynaud at 222-4816.

Carpool needed – If anyone is interested in carpooling with a family in the Figarden Loop area, please call Mrs. Jacqueline Duran at 276-9133.

Thank you to everyone for getting this school year off to a great start. We had a very informative and enjoyable Back to School Night. If we all follow rules and are courteous we are sure to be a campus full of happy students and parents. The gift of your time to the students and the school is what keeps us going.

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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