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Dear Families,

Yesterday St. Anthony's School had a special visitor. Sister Jean, the Assistant Superintendent of Schools for the Diocese of Fresno, was on campus to go through all of the classrooms and visit with the students. Sister Jean was impressed with all of the excellent academic and extra-curricular opportunities that St. Anthony's students have available to them and most importantly she commented on the strong Catholic identity of our school. It might have been her extra cheering for the students that helped them tie the Faculty in the annual Staff-Student volleyball game!

Last Thursday both 4th grade classes created a "Human Rosary" in the social hall to celebrate the feast of Our Lady of the Rosary. Each student was a 'part' of the rosary that led us in their prayer they represented on the rosary. They recited the rosary together and celebrated the Luminous Mysteries that are recited on Thursdays. This was a very powerful start to their morning and a great way to hear the call from Our Lady to pray the rosary as well as a wonderful way to live out our Schoolwide Learning Expectations.

**Parking Lot SAFETY!** – There can never be too many reminders of how important it is that everyone adheres to the parking lot rules by using the SAFE ZONES properly. Please do not allow your children to cut through the parking stalls on their way to the campus – use the SAFE ZONES that are specifically set for students to cross through the parking lot in a safe manner! Children can be unpredictable at times and it is very hard for drivers to see smaller children that are not using the proper crossing areas. Please, please, please STOP at the stop signs that are in the parking lot even if there aren't people crossing. The speed limit in the parking lot is 5 MPH. Please communicate these guidelines to anyone who drives to school or visits the parking lot. This also applies to those attending morning Mass. Let's all work together to have a "safe and stress-free" parking lot!

**Tuition Statements-** Please check the Tuesday Packet for Tuition Statements. Families with payments pending will find a statement enclosed.

**Pumpkin Patch-** The Pumpkin Patch is back. Mrs. Boujikian will be on campus **tomorrow** selling pumpkins to benefit SAS and SJM. The Pumpkin Patch will be held afterschool Wednesday from 2:30- 4:30 pm in the courtyard .....come get your pumpkins to carve!

**Thursday/Friday Hot Lunch-** Enclosed in the packet is the monthly hot lunch order form for November. A completed sample is in the packet for you to follow. If you wish to purchase November's Thursday/Friday hot lunch, return the completed form and money by Monday, October 26<sup>th</sup>. **All checks should be made out to SAS.** There will still be the option to purchase hot lunch individually each week.

**Filipino Catholic League-** The Filipino Catholic League held a wonderful fundraiser this past weekend for the victims of two typhoons that swept through the Philippines recently. Proceeds from the event are going towards providing medicine, materials and aide that has been so to arrive to the victims since the storms. If you were unable to make the event, the organization is still accepting tax-deductible donations until November 20<sup>th</sup>. The donations can be sent to:

Filipino Catholic League  
5770 N. Maroa Ave  
Fresno, CA 93704  
RE: Flood Victims

**Golf Tournament -** Our **St. Anthony's School Golf Classic** will tee off this **Friday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>, at Brighton Crest Country Club.** We still need your foursomes! You still have a chance to sign up for this tournament. Please **call Mr. Steve Orlando at 269-0445**, if you have any questions. Raffle prizes are also still needed. Consider the Scrip Program if you are going to donate a raffle prize (good for you, good for them!). This is a great way for "Dads and Moms" to help raise

funds for our technology and athletic departments. As we all know, change is a way of life for technology and we need to keep up with those changes. Please help us to “keep up” with technology and athletics by supporting this very worthwhile cause by filling the golf course with 100 players or more. Call your friends and join us. If we have at least 25 golf-lovers “step up to the tee” by gathering a foursome, we will meet our goal of 100 players. See you there!

**M-T-W Hot Lunch** – Look for the November menu in this packet. All orders will be due next **Wednesday, October 28<sup>th</sup>**. Please make checks payable to LUNCH BOX not St. Anthony's...PLEASE!

**Macy's Community Shopping Days** – Start your Christmas shopping early by taking advantage of the upcoming Macy's Community Shopping Days. The cost is \$10 for each ticket and that money goes directly to the school. You will receive \$3 tuition credit for each ticket you purchase in addition to the \$10 coupon that comes with your ticket. The dates are **Saturday, October 24<sup>th</sup>** at the new River Park location and **Saturday, November 14<sup>th</sup>** at the Fashion Fair location. (Pre-sale is also a nice way to shop so please take advantage by pre-shopping beginning November 4<sup>th</sup> (Fashion Fair location only). See the fliers in this packet for details. These are two separate events (a separate ticket needed for each event) and are great opportunities to do some early Christmas shopping. Remember to purchase Macy's gift cards (look at our Scrip Form) to take advantage of even more tuition savings! You may download the order form from this Tuesday packet and you may pick up your tickets in the school office. Sell them to your friends, family and co-workers for even more tuition savings.

**Change Bandits are back!** – Mrs. Van Oostende's 3<sup>rd</sup> grade class is collecting change again this year to benefit Children's Hospital. There are “Change Buckets” are in the students classrooms. Please donate to this worthwhile cause.

**Odyssey of the Mind** – We had a great turn out at last week's OM meeting and we would like to thank Mark Lopes, the Regional Director for leading the meeting. He has announced that there will be a “Spontaneous Day Training” for teams and coaches in January. The final date will be announced later. The Regional Tournament will be held in Hanford on **Saturday, February 13<sup>th</sup>**. All interested coaches should contact **Deb Martin at 473-8607** for registration information. Please check their website at [www.odysseyofthemind.com](http://www.odysseyofthemind.com) for additional information. We encourage all parents and students to look at the practice problems (which are included in this packet) to decide if this international enrichment contest is for you.

**It's Yearbook Time!** – Please follow these guidelines for ordering and submitting info!

- **Yearbook Orders** – This year all orders will be placed online. Please go to the school's webpage and click on the Yearbook link.
- **8<sup>th</sup> Grade Baby Pictures** – Please submit your 8<sup>th</sup> grader's baby picture as soon as possible. There will be an envelope in the school office for marked “8<sup>th</sup> Grade Baby Pictures”.

**Need a library card?** - There will be Library card applications available in the office. Stop by and pick one up. This is a great time of year to snuggle up with a good book.

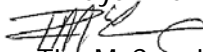
**Where art thou Romeo?** – He's at Bullard High School! You won't want to miss this rendition of Bullard's “Romeo and Juliet” as Romeo is being played by our very own alumni **Philip Sarkisian** and Juliet is **Maggie Powers**. This production will be on October 29<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>, and November 5<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup>. For more information call 451-4358 or check the Feast of Fools website at [www.bullardtheatre.info](http://www.bullardtheatre.info). As they say in show biz...break a leg!

**Our Lady of Fatima Mass** – The Mass celebrating Our Lady of Fatima that was held on **Saturday, October 10<sup>th</sup> at the 5:15 Mass** was a beautiful celebration of Our Lady of the Rosary. Thank you to the children who portrayed the 3 visionary children Francisco, Jacinta and Lucia in the procession: Lauren Turner (3), Grace Harrison Baker (2G), and Cooper Meeks (4).

**Spirit Week/Red Ribbon Week** – This week our campus will be filled with even more school spirit. **Mrs. Polacek** is working very hard with the **Student Government and the Cheerleaders** to make this a very special, fun-filled week. We also have guest speakers coming on campus. Be sure to read the flier in last week's online packet for all the info on “who” and “what”.

**Student Directories-** If you ordered a student directory you should receive it today!

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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