



"Where Faith and Learning Grow Hand in Hand"
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Dear Families,

New School Motto- You may have noticed at the top of the Tuesday letter that we have a new school motto: ***St. Anthony's Catholic School- where Faith and Learning grow hand in hand.*** Thank you to the parents, students, teachers and Public Relations Committee (Cristina Galang Villegas, Kathryn McDougal and Jennifer O'Brien) for their suggestions and help in creating possible school mottos. A big thank you to everyone for voting for your favorite.

Talent Show – The infamous SAS Talent show was held last Friday in the Community Center. It was great to see all of the students performing for the school and our guests. Also, the show wouldn't have gone on without the tremendous help of **Mrs. Polacek, Mrs. Silverio, Mrs. Garrett, Mrs. Blanchard, Mr. Sarkisian, Mrs. Cornwell, the Drama elective class and Mr. Neumeier.** Great job!

Raider Radio- The multimedia experience elective will be debuting "*Raider Radio*" on 98.5 FM this Thursday. Tune into your car radio when you are in the parking lot before or after school to get the latest on what's going on around campus. This news broadcast will include classroom happenings, sporting events, etc.

Kindergarten Registration – In this week's packet please find the kindergarten registration form for our St. Anthony's school siblings. Please fill this form out and return it to the school office. The deadline for this form is this **Friday, January 29, 2010.** If you have any questions, please call Mrs. Reynolds.

Electives - Our 6th through 8th grade Elective Program is alive and well thanks to a hard working group of teachers and our dedicated parents. I'd especially like to thank our parent volunteers for sharing their expertise this past trimester. **Mrs. Prescott** for teaching a very active aerobics class, **Mrs. Lopez** for teaching a very informative 6th grade computer class, and **Mrs. Zapata-Whelan** and **Mrs. Ramirez** for teaching our Spanish II classes. We appreciate their generous gift of time. We would like to invite other parents to volunteer each Tuesday and Thursday afternoon from 1:45 to 2:40. We are looking for teachers to teach art, gardening, Latin, chess, digital photography, track, and video production and any other class that would offer an enrichment experience for our students. Please see the "Elective Form" enclosed.

Scholarship for SJM - Applications for the Fansler Service & Leadership Scholarship are available in the school office for qualified students who plan to attend San Joaquin Memorial High School. Deadline for this scholarship is **March 15, 2010.**

Catholic School's Week January 25th – January 29th - St. Anthony's School joins nearly 8,200 Catholic Schools nationwide to celebrate Catholic Schools Week. This year our theme is "*Dividends for Life*". It is a week long celebration to recognize the valuable contributions that Catholic Schools have made to the communities they serve. Catholic School's Week is a time to reaffirm the spiritual value of all of our children in the eyes of God...to recognize parents for their sacrifices on behalf of their children's education... and to acknowledge teachers, and staff in Catholic Schools for their loving dedication and professionalism. Throughout this week, St. Anthony's will conduct a variety of special events and activities in observance of Catholic School's Week. We thank Father Rob and the entire parish for their generous support as we strive to offer an excellent Catholic education in our ministry to our children. Catholic Schools t-shirts and sweatshirts may be worn any day this week.

Tuesday, Jan. 26th: *Dividends for Life in our Students.* **Sweatin' with a good book!** This is an all school reading day. Students may attend school in sweat clothes or in uniform.

Wednesday, Jan. 27th: *Dividends for Life in our Nation.* **"Patriotic Pride Day"** -In honor of our Nation and our military troops, students are invited to **wear RED, WHITE, and/or BLUE tops** with their uniform bottoms today. Students will also be encouraged to write a letter to Nick Regini (Kyle Rich's brother) and/or Jose Benetiz (Mr. Lawrence's son-in-law)

Thursday, Jan. 28th: *Dividends for Life in our Vocations.* **"Comfy Cozy Day"**-Students are invited to wear a pair of your favorite crazy or cozy socks if they donated \$1 or more to the 4th grade sponsored drive for Catholic Charities for the earthquake victims in Haiti). The collection will be from January 19th-21st. Treats will be sent over to the priests and the sisters at the church from our student body.

Friday, Jan. 29th: *Dividends for Life in our Faculty, Staff, and Volunteers.* We will start the closing of Catholic Schools Week with Mass at 8:45 sponsored by 8S. We will gather together to celebrate the gifts we are given through attending and working in Catholic Schools.

Yearbook Info – Today Tuesday, January 26th is the final day to purchase your yearbook for \$30.00. After that the cost will go to \$40.00 a book.

Minimum Day/ OPEN HOUSE – Thursday, January 28th is a Minimum day dismissal is at 12:30pm. The Afterschool Enrichment Program will be available. Please be sure to pack a lunch for those students who will be attending. Remember, that evening we will be having OPEN HOUSE which runs from 6:00-7:30pm.

Education Committee- Education Committee will meet on Friday, February 5th at 8:30 am in the office conference room. This meeting is open to all parents.

Candygram Reminder –The Little Saints are selling Valentine's Day Candy grams. All proceeds will benefit the LEUKEMIA and LYMPHOMA SOCIETY. We will make the donation in hon or of our beloved Mrs. Sheree Ray. The candy grams will be delivered to your child's classroom on Thursday, Feb. 11th. An order form is in this week's packet on line. All orders must be in by **Thursday, February 4th** so don't be caught "Candygramless"!

Tuition Payments – Enclosed in today's Tuesday packets are the tuition envelopes and the payment envelopes for the Afterschool Enrichment Program. Please remember that tuition must be current for you to be able to register your students for next school year. If you have any questions, please call Mrs. Reynolds in the school office.

Spanish class- A Spanish class for children in 3rd grade or above will start on February 3rd. Please check the flyer included in the packet for more information or call Maria Rosa Fusselman at 322-5459.

PTO Italian Dinner – *Mamma Mia* now that's Italian! Save the date for the famous St. Anthony's Italian Dinner coming up **Sunday, February 28th**. It will be held from 10:00 am – 8:00 pm. The food is always fantastic and it is also available for takeout. Tickets are \$12.50 for adults and \$5.00 for kids (5-12). Tickets will also be available at the door at the cost of \$15 and \$6. Enjoy a day and night off from cooking and have some great Italian food! If you would like to help or have any questions please contact **Nikki DiCicco (289-4354), Colleen Santeufemia (447-8492) or Judy Santeufemia (226-3570)**. *Buon Appetito!*

Direct Deposit/Automatic Debit – We have had many requests for automatic withdrawal from your account to pay tuition (similar to SJM). In this packet you will find the form to set that up if you are interested. The bank we use is Central Valley Community Bank. You have several options to organize the deposit and you can set-up the day(s) you want the funds to come out. We want to offer you the easiest and most convenient way to pay your tuition. What could be easier than not having to worry about paying your tuition each month especially during the summer months when we are all in vacation mode. Please call the office and talk to **Mrs. Reynolds** and let her know if you are interested in this program or if you have any questions.

Jr. Science-7th Grade Science Fair projects will be on display in the Social Hall from 10:30 until 12:15 pm. Please come and take a look at all of the effort in science experimentation. 8th Grade will be finishing their physics unit with an egg drop this Friday at 1:00 pm at the lunch tables if it is not raining. Please come visit and see all of the wonderful work going on in our Jr. High science classes.

Scrip News – We have some California Pizza Kitchen (CPK) gift cards that we are discounting by 10%. They are in \$20 increments and are only valid through March 26th. If you are interested in please let us know. They are on a first come, first serve basis. You will still receive your Scrip Tuition Credit on top of the discounted price!!! Take advantage of a good deal!

Science -The third grade is very excited to be learning about the solar system in their Science curriculum. They have begun building spaceships with partners and even had a special guest speaker that works for NASA. Once you get to space you need something to look at....next week the class will create their very own Solar Systems.

Speeches - The students of St. Anthony's continue to work on their public speaking skills. The 3rd graders are hard at work practicing for their annual Famous American talks. The students have selected important figures from Americas past to share with the school and parents. It is amazing to see the effort that goes into memorizing their talks, creating their costumes and finally delivering a fantastic presentation of their famous American.

Poetry - Our 8th graders continue to impress with their new found love of poetry. The students are busily practicing the multiple ways to deliver a poem orally. They have been hard at work on gestures, tone, pitch and timing. This is all to prepare for the big finale of delivering the poems to the classrooms during Catholic School Week

Health news - Our 2nd grade is recording their daily snacks to see if they are healthy, not healthy or not having snack at recess. Later they will graph the results to see if we have learned what is healthy and not healthy and how to make good food choices.

OM Information - Congratulations to our 4th & 5th grade teams who will be participating in the Odyssey of the Mind on February 13th in the Regional Tournament being held at Hanford High School. The 4th Grade team members are **Alex Fusselman, Liam Cornell, Braeden Bailey, Sophia Bennett and Jennifer Kim**. The 5th Grade team members are **Melanie Abercrombie, Carson Chapman, Harrison Ewell, Phillip McDougal, Victoria Montes, Molly Oakes and Gabby Teodoro**. We want to especially thank their coaches (and parents) Maria Rosa Fusselman and Nikki Cornell who are coaching the 4th grade team and Jojo Montes and Jeff Abercrombie who are coaching the 5th grade team. We wish all of you the best of luck.

Soccer News - We want to congratulate the St. Anthony's Gunners soccer team for winning the District Cup Tournament. The team members are: **Matt Carlos, Ryan Christensen, Tanner DeMera, Nick Harris, Zack Harris, Alexander Lopez, Liam Martin, Miles Orme, Franko Roque, Luciano Santeufemia, and North Tusso.**

NorthWest Girls Softball - The North West Girls Softball league (Ages 5-16) is beginning sign-ups. Please visit www.nwgsl.com or call Jason Johnson (SAS parent) at 281-3490 for more information. Fliers are available in the main office. If you are *interested in coaching a team* please contact Don Dickenson at 579-3574.

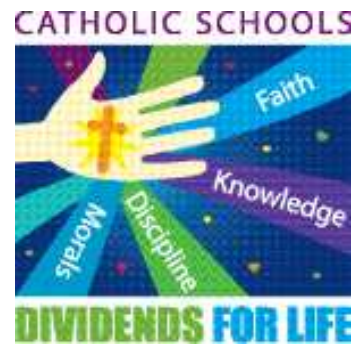
Bullard Cal Ripken - The Bullard Cal Ripken league is beginning. The sign-ups for ages 4-12 will be Saturday, January 23, 2010 & Saturday, January 30, 2010 from 9:00 a.m. to noon at Bullard High School cafeteria. Questions? E-Mail: cvac1485@sbcglobal.net, call John Wagnon at 647-4852 or visit: www.bullardcalripken.org. Fliers are available in the main office.

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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Dear Friends,

As your students have no doubt reminded you, our annual observance of Catholic Schools has begun.

Many students look forward to this week each year because it includes enjoyable events and special treats. But it's also a time for us to celebrate the enduring value of Catholic education and focus on the gift that it provides to America's young people. During Catholic Schools Week, we reach out to the community to build awareness of what our school offers. We also thank all those who work hard every day to make our school excellent: students, families, faculty, staff, volunteers, community supporters, and local, state, and national leaders.

One of the most important roles of families is preparing young people for fulfilling lives of love and service to their families, their communities, and the Lord. That is why the 2010 Catholic School's Week theme is particularly filling, "Catholic Schools: Dividends for Life" underscores the long-standing tradition of Catholic education to instill in students the faith, knowledge, morals, and discipline that will enable them to fulfill their future roles in life. Now, more than ever, a Catholic education is truly an investment in the future that is worth the consideration for every family.

Please see the schedule of events in the Tuesday letter for what we've planned for the week. Please join in the celebration, and encourage your friends and neighbors to participate also, particularly those who may be considering Catholic education for their own children. I think they will be impressed by the attitude, behavior, and accomplishments of the students they observe.

Also, please join me in saying thank you to our teachers, staff, administrators, advisory school board members, PTO members, volunteers, and everyone else involved in running St. Anthony's. Through their dedication and commitment, they make our school an excellent example of how Catholic schools provide "dividends for life"

Always in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tim McConnico', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Tim McConnico