



November 14, 2017

Principal's Message – ¡Viva Cristo Rey! Long Live Christ the King!

Dear Parents,

On November 26 the Catholic Church liturgical year comes to a close with the celebration of the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. The Kingdom of God is the central teaching of Jesus throughout the Gospels. The word "kingdom" appears more than any other word throughout the four Gospels. Jesus begins his public ministry by preaching the kingdom: "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent, and believe in the gospel" (Mark 1:14). The kingdom first establishes itself in our hearts through the sacrament of Baptism; we are elevated and transformed through sanctifying grace. This life of grace comes to fulfillment in the eternal life of heaven. It is the mission of the Church to proclaim and establish the kingdom of Christ; that is also our mission at St. Anthony's School.

May you and your family enjoy a blessed Thanksgiving celebration filled with love and joy. On behalf of the SAS community, I express our deepest thanks for all you do for our school community and for the care and compassion you bring to the parenting of your child. God bless you and your family.

Live, Jesus, in our hearts forever.

Susannah Nelson, Principal

New Vice Principal for SAS

The interview team for a vice principal for St. Anthony's School – Superintendent Mona Faulkner, Mrs. Baker, Mrs. Silverio, Mrs. Schiro, Mrs. Landon, and Mrs. Nelson – have met with and interviewed several candidates for this position since school began, and we are grateful for their service in this important task. In an interesting turn of events, Mrs. Patricia Peterson, the candidate who had been offered and accepted the position last spring but had to bow out due to the unforeseen medical crisis with her grandson, recently notified Mrs. Nelson that her grandson made it successfully through several surgeries and is doing well. She indicated her interest in the vice principal position if it were still open. We are happy to announce that she will begin as vice principal at SAS on December 1. Mrs. Peterson comes to our school after having served as a principal for twelve years in Catholic elementary schools in the Diocese of Sacramento (St. Joseph School and All Hallows School). Mrs. Peterson holds a BA in Behavioral Science; a California Multiple Subject Teaching Credential; an MS in Education; and an Administrative Services Credential. She is a graduate of National University in Sacramento and St. Mary's College of California. Welcome, Mrs. Peterson!

Congratulations to Our November Students of the Month!
See the Attached Flyer for Names and Details

Change in Date and Time for the Thanksgiving Prayer Service / No School Mass on Friday – Please Note!

The Thanksgiving Prayer Service will not take place on Thursday, Nov. 16 as originally scheduled. It has been moved to **Friday, November 17 at 8:45 A.M. in the gym**. It is still being presented by Student Government. **Students may wear their regular school uniform on Friday. There will be no School Mass on Friday.** The 7th grade students that had been chosen to assist in presenting the school mass on Friday will have the opportunity to do so later in the school year at another mass. You and your family members are welcome to join us at the Thanksgiving Prayer Service.

Report Cards – Academic and Sports Awards Assembly – STAR Testing

- Report cards will go home today (November 14).
- The Academic and Sports Awards Assembly will be Thursday, November 16 at 1:15 P.M. in the gym. Students who made Honor Roll will be recognized, as well as the students and the athletic teams who have successfully completed their fall sports seasons.
- STAR Testing results will also be included in the report card envelopes. **Please read carefully the letter from Mrs. Nelson that will accompany the STAR Testing results; a copy of that letter is also included in this Tuesday Packet.** The test was recently re-normed, and this letter explains what that means and the effect it may have on student scores.

Scrip News – Holiday Deadlines

The holidays are fast approaching! Please plan ahead in ordering your scrip for Christmas and the New Year. Please note the deadlines to guarantee your scrip needs, whether gift cards or “gift of scrip” certificates.

- **Christmas Scrip Deadline is Monday, December 11 by noon.**
- **The last day to order Gift of Scrip Certificates is Friday, December 15.**
- **The Scrip office will not be open during Thanksgiving or Christmas break.**

Since July 1, St. Anthony’s has been using a new system for our Scrip program, ordering through ShopWithScrip.com, also known as Great Lakes Scrip Co. This system offers online ordering, payment directly from your bank account through PrestoPay, and many options for online scrip. All your favorite physical cards are available as well. Please note that this is the primary way for you to earn tuition credit! A secondary method is to enroll your telephone number with SaveMart and FoodMaxx’s SHARES program. The SHARES program is operated by a different company, called eScrip, which also offers a scrip program. However, this program does not offer the same rebate percentages. If you enroll your phone number to use the SHARES program, eScrip will ask you to enroll in their “Benefit Mobile” program. **THIS IS NOT THE SAME AS OUR PREFERRED VENDOR: SHOP WITH SCRIP.** Please see Scrip Coordinator Lisa Dean with questions. She can be reached at (559) 435-0700 ext. 0229 or at ldean@sasfresno.com.

Safe Environment Reminders

- Any parent who attends a school-sponsored trip, even if only transporting his or her own child, must complete the Safe Environment program.
- Any parent who volunteers in a classroom for any activity must complete the Safe Environment program.
- The Safe Environment Program can be accessed at <https://safeandsacred-fresno.org>.
- Please contact Mrs. Stone if you have any questions. She can be reached at (559) 435-0700 ext. 0231 or at mmstone@sasfresno.com.

A Terrific Raider Run! Pledge Monies Are Now Due

Our SAS students walked, jogged, and ran enthusiastically around our field last Thursday to raise money for their school in our annual Raider Run. We are so proud of them! Many thanks to Athletic Director Mrs. Klein, Mr. Sanfilippo, and Mr. Pawek for their assistance in coordinating this event, and our deepest gratitude to the many parents who volunteered to help with the event. The Raider Run pledge monies collected are due by **Thursday, November 16**. Raider Run t-shirts will be distributed after the Thanksgiving break.

Thanksgiving Food Drive

“Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.”
(Matthew 25:40)

Help us care for the needy in our community through our annual Thanksgiving Food Drive. Our goal is to collect 600 bags of non-perishable food items to deliver to Poverello House to assist their clients. We will be collecting non-perishable food items - such as pasta, rice, and canned goods - now through **November 17**. This is an opportunity to live out our SAS SLEs by “being a faith-filled Catholic who responds compassionately to the needs of others.” Boxes to collect the food are in your child’s classroom. Thank you for your generosity!

Advisory School Board Meeting - November 16 at 6:00 P.M. in the Conference Room

November Remembrance of Deceased Loved Ones

During the month of November, the Catholic Church celebrates All Saints’ Day on November 1 and All Souls’ Day on November 2; this feast day remembers those who have died. At St. Anthony’s School, a special “prayer space of remembrance” is in the office lobby. We would like to remember your deceased loved ones in prayer throughout the month of November at our school masses and prayer services. Please read the attached letter in the Tuesday Packet for information on how to have your deceased loved ones remembered in our prayers this month.

Box Tops

We are still collecting Box Tops through March. Weekly awards will be given for the top collector. If you need more information, please contact Keri Herzog at kherzog75@aol.com.

Parking Lot Reminders

- The front aisle in the main parking lot is blocked off and is a **pedestrian-only zone**. **Drop-off or pick-up of students is never allowed in this area**. If you have family members or friends who bring your child in the morning, **please make sure they know this rule**. We have seen cars negotiate their way into the pedestrian-only zone to drop off students, and this puts everyone’s safety at risk.
- **Be mindful of our 5 MPH speed limit.**

Custodial Paperwork Request

For the appropriate procedures to be followed by the school staff, the school must have on file any court document that specifies current custodial arrangements for any of our students. Please make a copy and deliver it to the office staff. If custodial arrangements should change, please make sure the school has a copy of the new court document. Thank you for your cooperation with this important request.

Uniform Reminder

As the weather begins to be cooler, a reminder about uniform outerwear policies in our school dress code, as explained on page 43 of the Parent-Student Handbook: “Official SAS uniform sweatshirts (either the rounded neck or zippered) or sweater may be worn during the school day. St. Anthony School does not require a school jacket. During cold weather, jackets may be worn over the school sweater or sweatshirt. This provides our uniform look:

the first layer is the polo shirt; the second layer is the sweater or sweatshirt; and, if needed, a jacket, the fleece vest, or the fleece jacket may be worn over the sweatshirt as the third layer. Jackets are NOT to be worn in the classroom or in church. St. Anthony School fleece jackets/vests are an optional uniform item (may only be purchased at Dennis Uniforms) and may only be worn as a jacket over the sweatshirt.”

Thursday/Friday Hot Lunch

Reminder - The Thursday/Friday hot lunch menu for December/January is due this Friday, November 17, 2017 by 3:30 p.m. A late fee of \$5.00 will apply after November 17, 2017.

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Prayer at Harvest and Thanksgiving

O God, source and giver of all things,
you manifest your infinite majesty, power and goodness
in the earth about us:
we give you honor and glory.
For the sun and the rain,
for the manifold fruits of our fields,
for the increase of our herds and flocks,
we thank you.

For the enrichment of our souls with divine grace,
we are grateful.

Supreme Lord of the harvest,
graciously accept us and the fruits of our toil,
in union with Jesus, your Son,
as atonement for our sins,
for the growth of your Church,
for peace and love in our homes,
and for salvation for all.

We pray through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**From *Living God's Justice: Reflections and Prayers*,
compiled by The Roundtable Association of Diocesan Social Action Directors**



Virtue: Stewardship

Character Trait: Caring

SLE: A St. Anthony's Student who responds compassionately to the needs of others in their daily life.

K1	2M	5T
Cannon Arroyo	Aiden Pazirandeh	Taylor Patricio
Elliot Casares	Julia Silverio	Sofia Sanchez
Carter Patricio	3B	6G
K2	Bear Plemons	Ryland Bailey
Camila Despres	Cadence Watters	Mia Kusch
Avianna Navarro-Hillman	3O	6S
Devin Spalding	Madison Amrong	Luca Fleming
K3	Quinn Casares	Faith Vang
Lindsey Nino	4B	7G
1L	Joseph Schiro	Jack Levreau
Keegan Comstock	Olivia Stockton	Ella Triplett
Amelia Melgoza	4S	7S
1S	Audrey Boyer	Sophia Reyna
Alexa Wedam	John Mahoney	Mia Sarale
Carson Wyatt	5A	8B
2F	Jaylen Gonzalez	Matthew Roque
Francine De La Pena	Jamie Wathen	William Wilkins
Maxfield Rusk		8O
		Ellie Diener
		Kyle Shimamoto



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Dear Parents,

Renaissance/STAR Assessments is committed to creating high quality assessments that will challenge students and provide feedback to teachers and parents about students' academic strengths and needs for growth. This ongoing improvement includes re-norming of the test every three to four years. This past September, Renaissance rolled out a newly-normed test for students in our diocese. Unfortunately, the first testing window for our schools used last year's version, but this second window used the newly-normed test. With that said, the new version will be more challenging, so you may see a drop in your child's test score. ***Please do not be alarmed by any drop in your child's test score.*** Our teachers are working with the data provided in the STAR reports to target your child's learning needs. Last year, we saw students grow immensely from the fall test to the spring test. This year, we expect nothing less, as teachers are using instructional planning reports to target the needs of their students.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

God bless you and your family.

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Susannah Nelson

Principal



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October 24, 2017

Dear Parents,

November, the Catholic Church's month of the Feast of All Souls, is the traditional month in which Catholics have remembered and prayed for their deceased relatives and friends. We do this with a firm faith in our future reunion with them and union with God forever.

Since the Eucharist is a sign and a pledge of this resurrection and reunion, it is appropriate that our deceased relatives and friends be remembered in the weekly Mass of the SAS community. We invite you to write the names of the persons whom you would like to have remembered at St. Anthony's School during the month of November in the space provided below and send this list to our office. We will place the names in a basket in a sacred prayer space in the office lobby, where they will remain and be remembered throughout the month of November during our Monday Morning Prayer Service and our Friday School Mass.

In addition, a Book of Remembrance will be placed in this sacred prayer space. You are welcome to come to the school and write the names of your deceased loved ones in this book. They, too, will be remembered during our Monday Morning Prayer Service and our Friday School Mass.

Please do not send us any offering. You have blessed us in the past with your prayers and support, and we would like this to be our gift to you.

God bless you and your family.

Live, Jesus, in our hearts forever.
Susannah Nelson
Principal

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In your prayers and Masses during the month of November, please remember:

Jesus said, "I am the Resurrection and the Life. Anyone who believes in me, even though that person dies, will live, and whoever lives and believes in me will never die." (John 11:25)