

St. Anthony's School News

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Dear Families,

Whether you have recently lost a loved one or have no way to pay the mortgage this month, crisis takes many forms. Its impact is felt deeply. We feel helpless, we feel sad, we feel overwhelmed.

Shaky marriages, divorce, death, illness, accidents, and war arouse in us a crisis response. What happens when crisis or trauma impacts people's lives? How can we prepare and respond to crisis? Marriage and family counselor Lynette Hoy, stresses the importance of differentiating between a problem and a crisis:

- A problem is something you can do something about. A problem is a situation presenting difficulty or uncertainty which needs resolution.
- A crisis of life is a highly volatile or dangerous situation requiring immediate remedial action. A crisis is usually something you can do nothing about. A crisis occurs when a stressful life event overwhelms an individual's ability to cope effectively in the face of a perceived challenge or threat. Typically, individuals respond to a crisis with an elevated stress reaction; mental confusion and overload and physical symptoms such as a racing heart and high blood pressure. A crisis can cause people to seek out God or to question their faith.

When we don't know what to do next, we can pray. The *What good will come from praying? Why talk to Jesus?* because he understands— not in some distant way, but in the flesh. He suffered greatly during his time on earth. He was innocent and died a cruel and horrible death. You can talk to him because he cares about you and knows what you are going through. The Bible describes him as a "man of sorrows acquainted with grief" (Isaiah 53:3). He knew fear and anxiety, physical suffering, hunger, cold, and sadness. He wept. He even questioned God. Remember, He will be your comfort in these troubled times. God promises us "peace that passes understanding" in other words **peace in a world that doesn't make sense**. You can know peace even while the world is in turmoil. God does not change. Ever.

Mrs. Kim Cochran ©
Principal

Big Fresno Fair Congratulations

Congratulations to Loudon Nidy (4S)! His painting *Tree Scene* was entered into Beginning Fine Arts division and won 1st place. Loudon said, "My grandparents paint and they taught me how." Sounds like a very talented family. We are proud of our artist in residence.

23rd Annual Diocesan Congress

Recently, several of our teachers attended the annual Congress held in Visalia and came back filled with the Holy Spirit and more knowledgeable about their faith. The day began with a wonderful welcome and prayer service and was filled with great camaraderie with fellow educators and friends from many parishes.

The Annual Congress is only one of many opportunities taken by our faculty in order to meet the required hours for Religious Certification. In case you didn't know: All teachers who instruct students in religion are required, as a condition of employment, to obtain a California Catechist Certificate. New teachers in the Diocese of Fresno have four years to gain the certificate. The certification is granted by the Diocesan Office of Catholic Education. The Office of Catholic Ed evaluates and approves all courses, workshops, seminars, or other in-services taken by teachers in the schools of the Diocese.

Golf Tournament Friday 10/28
Now is the time to register

4th Annual Balloon Racer Challenge

Mrs. Baker

Yesterday our 8th graders shared their knowledge of Newton's 3 Laws of motion, gravity, and friction and most of all, how to build a balloon racer! Cars that traveled the furthest were built by **Seth Wilkinson**, whose car circled over 25 meters, and **Casey Raymond** whose car traveled over 12 meters. Albert Avery and Lee Perkins built cars made mostly of recycled materials. Our audience voted on the most creative designs. Congratulations to:
Marco Ferdinandi & Franko Roque SpongeBob Mobile
Joseph Romero & Brady Prescorr Sushi Mobile

Thank you to all of the teachers, students, and parents who cheered us on.

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Farewell Mrs. Cetti

On Monday we said goodbye and good luck to Mrs. Cetti as she leaves St. Anthony's Bookkeeping office to pursue other interests. We thank her for the many years she served our school community always with a smile on her face. Enclosed in today's packet is an invitation to join her for a celebration of friendship on Thursday at The Limelight Restaurant. Our prayers are with Mrs. Cetti today and always.

SCRIP Sales

Mrs. Denise McCreedy has been hired to work with our SCRIP Program. She is available to fill all SCRIP orders **Monday through Friday 8:00-11:00am**. SCRIP orders may be dropped off at any time with our office staff or emailed to dmccreedy@sasfresno.com. Contact Denise with questions regarding SCRIP (661) 203-5574.

Knights of Columbus Soccer Challenge

Mike Golden

Congratulations to the winners of the Knights of Columbus Soccer Challenge held at St Anthony's on October 7th. We had a great turn out for the event. The competition was fierce amongst the 22 participants!

Age Group Winners:

Age 10: Joshua Tyburski and Samantha Monge

Age 11: Dean Raymond and Rachel Kratz

Age 12: Giordano Primavera

Age 13: Emily Golden.

In order to win each child took 15 kicks from the penalty line (12 yard line). The goal was divided into 5 scoring zones. The child with the highest score after the 15 kicks won for their division. The winners of each division will receive a trophy at the next school sports award ceremony Nov 30th.

A BIG Thank you to Coach Roblee for her support and Knights Ron Grossman, Richard Kendall, Carlos Gonzales and Gill Contreras for helping run the event. Thank you to everyone who participated. See you next year. ☺

Prayer Line

Email prayerline@sasfresno.com if you would like to be included and receive emails from our coordinators. We welcome all ☺

SAS Girls Golf Team

Congratulations to our Jr. High Girls Golf Team for winning the CVAL Golf Tournament this past week and also capturing the CVAL League Championship by going undefeated. Team members are:

Maddie Laval

Tia Montes

Gabby Teodoro

Natalie Kovacevich

Maddie placed 2nd overall, Gabby placed 4th and Tia placed 5th overall. What a fantastic season!

Way to go girls!

Campus Volunteers

Just a reminder to all parents, grandparents, and family helpers on campus: please remember to stop in the school office and get a **Volunteer Badge** which must be worn while on campus. There are many Yard Duty volunteers and Room Parents that have a plastic SAS name badge with your name and picture on it, please wear it! You are welcome to leave the badge in the school office so you don't forget it.

Did you know?

- Red Ribbon Week began with a Faculty vs Varsity Girls Volleyball game on Friday? Congratulations to the girls, winning the game 25-21.
- Each classroom has created a poster sharing a positive Drug-Free message? Take a look at them proudly displayed outside of each classroom.
- SAS has an awesome School Board?
- SAS has an awesome Parent Teacher Organization?
- 7th grade is reading *Roll of Thunder, Hear my Cry*?
- Science is Awesome? Just ask Mrs. Silverio

11/1 All Saints Day Mass 9:15- 5th Grade

11/2 All Souls Day

11/4 Mass @ 8:45 7th grade

Medieval Feast-Social Hall @ 11:30

Parent Volunteers needed to monitor lunch recess as teachers and staff are invited to Feast. Please sign up in the school office!

11/6 Daylight Savings Begins

11/10 End of 1st Trimester

PTO Meeting

11/11 **No School: Veteran's Day**