

St. Anthony's School News

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Dear Families,

Isaiah 11:1-2 "Out of the stump of David's family will grow a shoot— yes, a new branch bearing fruit from the old root. And the Spirit of the LORD will rest on him—the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD."

God has a plan for everything. Long before Jesus was born lived a man named Jesse. Jesse had seven sons; the youngest was named David. When David grew up, he became a great king of Israel. God had a plan for Jesse and for his son David even before they were born. Jesse's son was David, but Jesse's great, great, great, (too many greats to say)... grandson was Jesus. Jesus was born many, many years after David. People waited a long time for the birth of the Savior. The season of Advent is a season of waiting for us, too. We wait for Christmas, when we celebrate Jesus' birthday. It is hard to be patient, especially when we are waiting for something wonderful like Christmas! But it is important to learn to be patient, and to trust that God has a plan for us, too.

Many families mark the days of advent with a traditional advent calendar, opening a tiny door for each day leading up to Christmas. Another family advent tradition, the **Jesse Tree** focuses on tracing the storyline of God's family from Creation to Cross. We all have a family tree—branches filled with mothers, fathers, sisters, brothers, grandparents, aunts, and uncles. The Jesse Tree is a means by which we remember God's family line and heritage as well as our place in it. As Christian parents, we remember our adoption into God's family by his grace. As we teach our children we pray that God will include them in this family by giving them living faith. During this Advent season, take time as a family to read at least one Bible passage daily. Read stories of God's family, the story of our family. As we read his Word, remember that Jesus came for his family, Jesus comes to us, and he will come again. Come Lord Jesus.

Dear God, we are thankful for your plan. Please help us to be patient as we wait for Jesus' birthday.

Mrs. Kim Cochran ☺
Principal
kcochran@sasfresno.com

Parent Participation Hours

Please remember that as you work in the classroom, drive on a field trip, donate to a hot lunch, monitor lunch recess, or volunteer in other ways, that you are responsible for recording your hours in the **Parent Participation Binder** located in the School Office. Thank you for taking care of this responsibility.

Learn Italian After School

Mrs. Loredana LoBianco

Students in Grades K-4 are invited to learn Italian in a fun and hands on environment each Tuesday & Thursday from 3:00-4:00pm. Classes are held in Room 21.

For more information and registration please contact Mrs. LoBianco @ 790-5248. Information also available for adult classes

Did you know?

- Italian is the 5th most commonly taught second language in the world?
- There are 21 letters in the Italian alphabet?

Congratulations U-10 Girls

Way to go girls! On Saturday the team earned 1st place honors at the Clovis Thanksgiving Soccer Tournament.

They won all 4 games they participated in.

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| Bridget Douglas | Neisa Cordova | Kennedy Ma |
| Trinity Tingey | Amanda Perkins | Brooke Martin |
| Tarryn DeBenedetto | Isabella Bugnosen | Tania Turner |
| Elaina Neves-Gomes | | |

News from the Office

- Tuition and Campus Care envelopes are going home today. Please return them with payment. **Tuition is due on the 1st of each month and late on the 20th.**
- Please remind your child to ask their classroom teacher **first** to use the telephone if a phone call home is needed. Phone calls from the office are reserved for emergencies only.
- Plan to check the **Lost and Found** bin soon. There are lots of sweatshirts and other clothing items and sports gear in there. Bin will be emptied and contents donated during the Christmas break.

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Advent Giving Tree

Many classes have selected an ornament or two from the tree and will be helping to fulfill the needs for children and family members through Catholic Charities and the Holy Cross Women's Center. Thank you in advance for encouraging your child to earn the money needed to take part in this charitable cause. Many students are raking leaves, washing dishes, walking the dog and lots of other household duties for their own family, their extended family and neighborhood friends.

Gifts will be purchased, wrapped and ready for delivery on Friday 12/2. Thank you for your participation in our annual Parish tradition.

Christmas Break Cleaning

As you clean out the old to bring in the new, plan to save **lightly used coats, jackets, and heavy sweatshirts** and **shoes**. In January, SAINTS will begin collecting for Catholic Charities.

Also, set aside and donate to Campus Care: **Board Games and Legos** your children no longer use.

Box Top Collection

Please visit the BoxTops website www.boxtops4education.com to register and learn all about the many ways to earn \$\$ for SAS. For example:

- Earn 5 eBoxTops when you sign up for emails from "the Marketplace."
- Watch a Ford video and earn 5 eBoxTops.
- Request a Ford brochure and earn 10 eBoxTops

The classroom that gathers the most BoxTops by the deadline of **Wednesday 12/14** will earn a FREE DRESS DAY in January!

Christmas Fun at Cobb Ranch

8805 N Hwy 41 Fresno
Open 7 days a week 9:00am to 8:00pm
Bounce Houses, Hay Rides, Cinnamon Rolls, Hot chocolate and Christmas Trees await you at locally owned Historic Cobb Ranch. See attached flyer for coupons and more details.

A Book of Saints for Catholic Moms

Dina Shwiyhat

Author Lisa Hendey will be speaking to our women's Thursday morning Bible study about her new book, [A Book of Saints for Catholic Moms](#). We will be meeting Thursday, December 1st, at 10:00 in room 21. What a great thrill to have a nationally known author in our own community! I would also like to extend the invitation to the moms in our school community to join our Women's Bible study every Thursday. We will be reading the nativity narratives in December to prepare us for the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Education Committee Meeting

Next Meeting: Monday December 5 @ 4:00pm

Conference Room in School Office

All interested parents are welcome to attend and share ideas. The Education Committee is a subcommittee of the School Advisory Board. The purpose of this committee is to support the academic and social growth of SAS students through study and recommendation of programs as advised by committee chairs and the Advisory Board. For more information contact Kathryn McDougal or Janet DaSilva

kathryn@pmmarcom.com, dasilva5family@comcast.net

SCRIP

Purchase now for Christmas giving. Lots of inventory now but as the holidays get closer, our inventory shrinks significantly!

Holiday Office Hours: Open 9:00am-1:00pm

12/21-12/23 and 12/28 & 12/30 ONLY

Important Calendar Updates

Friday December 9 Mass @ 8:45 Teachers

Mass on 12/8 @ 9:15 2G will prepare
Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Friday December 16 **Dismiss @ 12:00**

No Afterschool Care available on the 16th

All Staff will participate in an Advent Retreat with lunch to follow.

11/30 Happy Birthday Mrs. Hanks