

St. Anthony's School News

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December 13, 2011

Dear Families,

The third Sunday of Advent has passed and our classrooms are adorned with beautifully made Baby Jesus and Christmas Tree ornaments, Gingerbread Men cut outs, Nativity scenes, and Advent wreaths, 'Tis the season! This is the season of anticipating, giving, reflecting, and of sharing. It is the time of year we give to others because we received a gift—a gift from God.

Our students have been very involved in outreach opportunities:

- Angel Tree Giving
- Toys for Tots
- Mitten Magic
- Nativity Raffle
- Girls Orphanage in Afghanistan Giving

We here at St. Anthony's School are abundantly blessed, and it is with open hearts that we give those blessings. On behalf of the faculty and staff, I extend our wish of Peace, Joy, and Happiness to be yours throughout the season of Christmas and throughout the New Year. We hope your holidays are filled with family and friends. Thank you for your continuing support.

Child's Definition of LOVE

A group of professional people posed this question to a group of 4 to 8 year-olds, "What does love mean?" The answers they got were broader and deeper than anyone could have imagined. See what you think:

"When my grandmother got arthritis, she couldn't bend over and paint her toenails anymore. So my grandfather does it for her all the time, even when his hands got arthritis too. That's love." Rebecca - age 8

When someone loves you, the way they say your name is different. You know that your name is safe in their mouth." Billy - age 4

"Love is when you go out to eat and give somebody most of your French fries without making them give you any of theirs." Chrissy - age 6

Love is when my mommy makes coffee for my daddy and she takes a sip before giving it to him, to make sure the taste is OK." Danny - age 7

We know that God is love. We remember with thankful hearts the gift of Jesus, who came as a babe in a manger, lived and loved among us, was killed on a cross, and arose! Love endures forever.

Mrs. Kim Cochran ©

Christmas Program Schedule

Grades 2,4,6,8B Thursday December 15 @ 6:00pm

Grades 3,5,7,8S Thursday December 15 @ 7:15pm

Grades K & 1 Friday December 16 @ 11:00am

All Programs will be held in the Community Center (gym).

Doors will open at 5:30pm. Please be seated so the show may begin promptly at scheduled time. See flier in today's packet to order DVD of all programs.

8th Annual Nativity Raffle

Thank you to everyone that purchased tickets. We raised **\$1546.00** this year. All monies will be donated to the children at Holy Cross Center for Women. Congratulations to the winners:

Nicole Smittcamp

Tera Wathen

Bella Gocke

Alex Fusselman

Jack Sampson

Giovanni Blanchette

Tracie Burdine

Patrick Rontell

Kyle Shimamoto

Ava Campos

May each of you have a blessed Christmas season.

Christmas Vacation

Christmas vacation officially begins at **12:00pm on Friday December 16th**. There will be **NO CAMPUS CARE** as the staff will enjoy lunch together. **School will resume on Thursday January 5, 2012** for the students. Teachers will be back on campus Wednesday for Staff Development.

Office Hours:

12/21-12/23 9:00am-1:00pm 1/4/12 8:30-3:00

12/28 & 12/30 9:00am-1:00pm

Stop in for last minute SCRIP stocking stuffers or a **Let's Say Grace** Cookbook for your family and friends.

Our Appreciation

- Thank you to the Lion family for providing a delicious lunch for our staff last week.
- Thank you to the Solomon family for providing our office with the beautiful Christmas wreath.

We feel loved!

**BUY SCRIP FOR THE HOLIDAYS!!!!
DON'T DELAY**

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Prayers

Please pray for **Ryan Gil**, (K3) as he undergoes testing at Children's Hospital. We pray his body is healthy and strong and that he is not afraid.

Please pray for those people who may be suffering from anxiety. We pray that they may be filled with the peace and comfort of our Lord.

Please pray for the soul of Dolores Allan, Mrs. Polacek's mother and the Allan family.

We wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Season filled with many blessings. Thank you for your continued devotion to our SAS community.

Prayer Line Coordinators Julie & Natalie

**No Telephone Service @ School
Wednesday 12/14 & Thursday 12/15
PG&E will be doing work on the grid @
the Church, so the School will not have
phone service. If needed please contact
us on our cell phones:**

Mrs. Cochran	(559) 288-9635
Mrs. Reynolds	(559) 304-0854
Mrs. Ronquillo	(559) 579-8334
Campus Care	

**2nd Grade Reconciliation Meeting
Monday January 9th @ 6:30pm Room 24**

Fantastic Library Helpers

Thank you to many wonderful helpers for making sure the library ran smoothly last week in Mrs. Polacek's absence. You are appreciated:

Linda Scambray	Diane Vidales
Francine Bailey	Maria Hernandez
Dione Belli	Cindy Cameron
Mr. Daniel Caeton	Mrs. Marilyn Renna
Lynda Henrycy	

We want to send out our congratulations to **Caroline Mendyk** (1M) and **Justin de Sousa** (5H) who represented Fig Garden Swim and Triathlon Team at the TNT Winterfest Swim Meet in Tulare. Both earned their personal best times in all events! Justin won 1st place in the 100 Yard Butterfly C, in the 100 Yard Individual Medley C, and 2nd place in the 50 Yard Breast Stroke C. Way to go swimmers!!!!

**Mark your Calendar: Thursday
February 2, 2012
NO SCHOOL as the Installation of
Bishop Ochoa will be held at St.
Anthony's @ 1:30pm.**

HOT LUNCH NEWS FOR JANUARY

In today's online packet please see the fliers to purchase hot lunch for THURSDAY, JAN. 5TH AND FRIDAY, JAN. 6TH.

We will be returning to school on a Thursday, Jan. 5th and we will serve lunch that day so in order for you to order lunch for Thursday and Friday you will find the order form for those days in today's packet.

**PLEASE RETURN THESE FORMS BY
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16TH.**

Thursday Lunch - Hot Dogs (K3)
Friday Lunch - Pizza (Student Govt)

If you have any questions, please call the office.