

St. Anthony's School

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Greetings from Mrs. Cochran, Interim-Principal

Welcome back. Yesterday we welcomed back 600+ students after a week of family, food, and fun. Apparently we have many SAS students that love to travel, love to read, and definitely love spending time with cousins! It was a joy to hear stories about the week. Only one more day and we will officially be in the month of December-the month dedicated to the Immaculate Conception and the month filled with expectation and celebration. Preparation is the key word for the first 24 days of December. As we work and play during this time let us remember that **Christmas is a Christian feast**. In the same way that a family eagerly prepares for a baby, so in Advent should we prepare for the coming of the Christ child. We should keep Advent as a season of waiting and longing, of *conversion* and of *hope* and keep our thoughts on the incredible love and humility of our God. Let us not forget to prepare a *peaceful place in our hearts* where our Savior may come to dwell.

The best person we can turn to for help during Advent is Mary, Christ's and our Mother. She awaited the day of His birth with more eagerness than any other human being. Her preparation was complete in every respect. Let's crown our preparation and borrow something of Mary's prayerfulness, her purity and whole-hearted submission to God's will. Thank you for keeping each member of our school staff and each student in your prayers during Advent.

Medieval Feast

The ladies and lords, squires and peasants completed their study of the Renaissance Period and concluded with a very entertaining and organized ceremonial feast on Friday Dec 18. Donning their period attire, students planned and executed an excellent program for teachers, staff, and parents. Led by King Isaiah and Queen Ellie all were seated at beautifully decorated tables amid a festively decorated Social Hall. During a delicious meal, all were entertained by music, jousting, a cooking throwdown and lots of stories.

Thank you to Mr. Gonzalez, Mrs. (Nightingale) Silva, Mrs. Cornwell and all 7th grade students for Mass preparation and a wonderful event. Special thanks to Mrs. Years, Mrs. Christensen, Mrs. Ray, Mrs. Diener and Mrs. Sampson for decorating the hall, preparing food, and all the love you put into making this a memorable experience for your children. We would also like to thank all of the following parents for their hard work and support: Mrs. Figueroa, Mrs. Hughes, Mrs. Nichols, Mr. & Mrs. Steven Campos, Mr. Kelstrom, Mrs. Nassar, Mrs. Landon, Mrs. Lee, Mrs. Bell, Mrs. Garcia, Mrs. Pool, Mrs. Angellilo, Mr. Lopez, Mrs. Shwiyhat, Mrs. Roque, Mr. Faul, Mrs. Gomez-Vidal, Mrs. Nidy, Mrs. Mon Pere, Mrs. Ashely Gonzalez, Mrs. Munoz, Mrs. Riley and Mrs. Kiesau.

Million Word Readers

Congratulations to our most recent group of readers to be recognized at Monday morning prayer service for their excellent accomplishment:

Migel Teodoro (4S)

Vince DeBenedetto (5T)

Ella Triplett (6G)

William Wilkins (7G)

Birthday Wishes

We want to wish Mrs. Baker a Happy Birthday on December 5th!

Jog-a-Thon Forms and Pledges

Please be sure to turn in your Jog-a-thon forms with the money you collected for this event. All monies are due by Wednesday, November 30th. Please return the money and form to your teacher. Once all the tabulations have been done, shirts will be delivered to students in their classroom. Thank you for your continued support of this program which helps pay for all of the fabulous field trips our students are so privileged to attend.

Mass Day

Friday's School Mass will take place on Friday, December 2nd at 8:45am. The mass will be held in the main church and is being sponsored by 8S. Parents and family members are always welcome to come and join us for mass.

Feast of the Immaculate Conception Mass

This mass is scheduled for Thursday, December 8th at 9:15am. The mass will be held in the main church. This mass is being sponsored by 2M. Parents and family members are always welcome to come and join us for mass. *Students will not attend Friday December 9 Mass.*

November Students of the Month

November students of the month were recognized at Monday morning prayer service for displaying the character trait CARING. The definition of **caring** is someone or something that shows kindness and concern for others. A person who is concerned about others and who does kind things for them is an example of someone who would be described as **caring**. A few ideas from *Parents Magazine* on raising a caring child"

- **Let your children know often that how they treat others matters to you greatly.** For example, a child might think it's funny to see someone get splashed if a car drives by and hits a puddle. You can point out, "That lady is not laughing at what happened. Look at her face. She looks sad. Her clothes are dirty and wet now."
- **Don't let rudeness pass.** You might say, "Wow, that cashier must have had a really bad day to talk in such a mean voice to us at the supermarket. What do you think?" This teaches your child that when someone is nasty to you, you don't have to be mean in response.
- **Acknowledge kindness.** Be sure to show your child that you notice when someone does something nice. For example, if someone slows down to let you exit a parking lot at a busy intersection, say, "It was really nice of that driver to let me out." Likewise if your own child treats someone nicely, be sure to acknowledge and praise her effort.

Toy Drive

Our annual Toy Drive has begun! Please bring donations either to the school office or to your student's classroom. Remember that the season of advent has started and it is the time of the year that we think about giving to those who are less fortunate than we are. The students at Martin Luther King Elementary School in FUSD will receive the toys with joy. Thank you to our SAS leading this Service Project: Logan Nidy, Nicole Smitcamp, and Corbin Baker.

Right to Life Banners

Make sure to locate your child's class banner made especially for the Right to Life dinner on Friday December 2. The beautifully decorated banners are used as table skirts and each school in our deanery prepares them especially for the event each year. Thank you to our SAS students for sharing your artistic designs and our teachers for taking the time in class to prepare the banners. You are appreciated!

Purchase Christmas Program Video

In today's packet you will find a flier to purchase the upcoming fabulous St. Anthony's Christmas Programs. The performances are as follows: *Miracle on Main Street*, is scheduled for Tuesday, Dec. 13th at 6:00pm are grades 2,4, 6,and 8B, and at 7:00pm will be grades 3,5,7,and 8S. The performance for kindergarten and 1st grade, *Flower of the Holy Night*, is scheduled for Wednesday, Dec. 14th at 12:00pm. Campus Care will be available for students that may need to remain on campus following the Kindergarten program.

Yard Duty Volunteers

Yard Duty Parents needed to assist in the supervision of children 11:45am-1:00pm. This is an excellent opportunity to meet your child's friends and other SAS parents! Contact Jonna Fry jonnafray@me.com or Mia Panoff mihaelapanoff@yahoo.com for more information or to sign up.



December 2016



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2 8:45am Mass 8S	3
4 Second Sunday of Advent	5 Happy Birthday Mrs. Baker	6 Confession 7th & 8th	7	8 Feast of Immacula Conception Mass 9:15am 2M Staff Retreat	9 Confession 5th & 6th 2F Saroyan Theatre 2M Sierra Bowling No school mass	10
11 Third Sunday of Advent	12 Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe Happy Birthday Mrs. Wills	13 Confession 3rd & 4th Christmas Program 2,4,6, & 8B @ 6:00pm 3,5,7 & 8S @7:00pm	14 Christmas Program Kindergarten & First Grade 12:00pm	15 Happy Birthday Coach Tyler	16 8:45am Mass 3B Minimum Day 12:30 Dismissal No Campus Care	17
18 Fourth Sunday of Advent Happy Birthday Mrs. Kasaian	19 Christmas Vacation	20	21	22	23	24 Christmas Eve
25 Merry Christmas Happy Birthday Mrs. Stone	26 Christmas Vacation	27	28	29 Happy Birthday Mrs. Otero	30	31 New Year's Eve

DECEMBER Hot Lunch Menu

\$4.00 per meal/ \$1.00 for extra mark meal orders "1" and extra "+ x" on the same line

LAST NAME: _____ Contact Name, Number: _____

NAME (Class)	Dec 5 (Monday)	Dec 6 (Tuesday)	Dec 7 (Wednesday)	Dec 12 (Monday)	Dec 13 (Tuesday)	Dec 14 (Wednesday)
example: John (4S)	Curly Pasta with Meat Sauce, Garlic Bread	Fresh-Baked 3-Cheese Pizza, Salad	Beef Nachos (BN) or Taco Salad (TS)	Japanese Style Breaded Chicken, Rice, Asian Salad	Gemelli Pasta with Butter (B) or Alfredo Sauce (A), Garlic Bread	Patty Melt Sliders (Mini Cheeseburgers) Chips and Salad
1						
2						
3						

Number of Meals: _____ x \$4.00 = _____

Number of Extras: _____ x \$1.00 = _____

Add \$5.00 if submitted after Dec 2 _____

TOTAL = _____

PLEASE: Double-check your math. Attach payment to form.

Checks payable to 'Lunch Box'.

DUE: Friday, Dec 2, 2016. Submit on time to avoid late fee.

Meals Price Guide: 1 - \$4.00, 2 - \$8.00, 3 - \$12.00, 4 - \$16.00, 5 - \$20.00, 6 - \$24.00

KEEP TRACK! Mark the days for which you ordered lunch, cut and keep as your record OR take a photo of completed form with your smartphone

DECEMBER
 1. 5 ___ 6 ___ 7 ___ 12 ___ 13 ___ 14 ___
 2. 5 ___ 6 ___ 7 ___ 12 ___ 13 ___ 14 ___

Felise Montes cell (559) 355-7279



Free Youth Rugby Clinic

Saturday December 3rd

Under 10, 12 and Middle School
Beginners Welcome!!!

When: 9am – 11am

Where: TBA. For more information call or email
Nate Dalena: (559) 367-5148 or
centralvalley.rdo@usarugby.org



Fresno Youth Rugby Team

First practice, this Wednesday, Nov. 30

When: 6pm – 7pm

Where: Fig Garden Loop Field

For more information, please see our Facebook page:
www.facebook.com/CenCalYouthRugby



U10 & U12 dues are \$175, Middle School is \$200.

TALENT SHOW INFORMATION

Dear St. Anthony's Students and Parents,

It's TALENT SHOW TIME! The Talent Show will be on **Wednesday, February 1st**. To ensure that the acts are appropriate for our school, you will perform for us at the time allotted for your grade level. Below is the schedule:

Wednesday,	January 4	K – 3 rd
Thursday,	January 5	4 th – 5 th
Friday,	January 6	6 th – 8 th

If you are performing with someone in a different grade, choose either your day or your partner's day. **Time for performing will be at 12:45 in the Social Hall on ALL days.**

These are not try-outs. Anyone wanting to be in the show will be in the show if your act is appropriate. PLEASE CHOOSE APPROPRIATE MUSIC, DANCES, AND COSTUMES. YOU MUST BRING YOUR MUSIC AND THE WORDS WRITTEN OUT. Also, bring any props you may need. BE PREPARED. REMEMBER, if the dance or music is not appropriate, you will not be allowed to perform in the Talent Show. **If you plan to participate, the words to your music must be written out and given to Mrs. Polacek by December 16.** You can only be in one act. If you are planning to lip sync a song, please limit your song to 2 verses plus 1 chorus only. The acts are no longer than 3 minutes.

When you attend the rehearsal performance, you will receive information on dress rehearsal and show time.

If you have any questions, please come and see us.

Thank you,

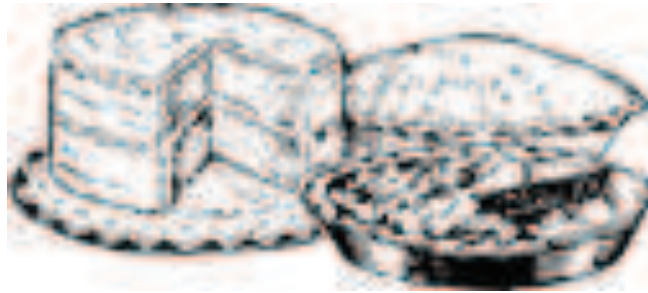
Mrs. Polacek
Mrs. Silverio

Mrs. Garrett
Mrs. Blanchard

_____ has my permission to be in the St. Anthony's Talent Show on **February 1st**.

Parents Signature: _____

Please describe your child's act for the Talent Show: _____



The "Right To Life" Christmas Dinner and Auction is on Friday, December 2. One of the popular silent auction sections is the "Sweet Shop" of baked goods, candies, jams, nuts, gift certificates, and other seasonal desserts. Any donated baked or bought item is always greatly appreciated.

If you would like to donate a baked good or other item, you can drop off goodies at St. Anthony's School on Thursday, December 1 after 3:00 pm OR Friday, December 2 before 9:00 am.

Thank you and God Bless!

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