

# St. Anthony's School News

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Dear families,

This time of year we have so much to celebrate at St. Anthony's School. Our Kindergarteners graduated yesterday and had a reception to follow in the Social Hall. Our 8<sup>th</sup> graders graduated on Saturday with 55+ committed to attending San Joaquin Memorial and others to attend University, Clovis North, Bullard, Clovis West, and a few going to high school in other cities. We are proud of all our graduates! Both milestones are an important part of maturing as well as academic and spiritual life. I ask our entire school community to keep all SAS students and families in your prayers as they celebrate.

Summer is now upon us and I am sure that each of you has plans to enjoy the lack of busy schedules and the extra time to spend with your children. I pray that you will have some great family time and will return safely and refreshed on **August 19**.

Thank you for a great school year. We have accomplished so much! St. Anthony's School is a place where *Faith and Learning Grow Hand in Hand!* There are great things happening at SAS. Thanks to every single person who shares time and energy to support our students. Thanks to our amazing staff, from our custodians and office staff to our teachers and classroom aides, this team is dedicated to the success of SAS students.

Thanks especially to teachers **Mrs. Mastropalo** and **Ms. Shearer** who will say farewell to us after their combined 12 years at SAS. They will be missed. Thank you also to **Mrs. Coehlo** who will not return for the 2013-14 school year as she will work with her family to open a new restaurant and spend time with them as well.

Our interview team of six teachers and myself have interviewed (16) people and have one more to go before recommendations will be made and teachers will be hired. Look for announcements in future Tuesday Newsletters and on our school web site.

Best wishes for a blessed summer!

Mrs. Kim Cochran ☺  
Principal [kcochran@sasfresno.com](mailto:kcochran@sasfresno.com)

## Farewell Mrs. Gennock

After spending 20+ years in 2<sup>nd</sup> grade at SAS, Mrs. Gennock is on to her next life adventure. A graduate of Slippery Rock University in Pennsylvania and the mother of two grown children, Mrs. Gennock called an end to her career this week.

"I will miss the children, but I'm looking forward to spending time with my husband and family," said Mrs. Gennock as she spoke with a big smile referencing her husband of 40 years, Chris and sons Nick and Justin. During retirement, Mrs. Gennock said she plans on traveling, reading, and relaxing.

St. Anthony's staff said farewell to Mrs. Gennock at our end of year staff party yesterday. There were lots of tears, well wishes and scheduling of lunches!

Families are invited to share their well wishes with Mrs. Gennock on **Friday July 12**. Plan to attend **8:00am Mass** followed by **Refreshments in the Social Hall** to follow.

Included in today's newsletter is a letter from Mrs. Gennock. We will keep Mrs. Gennock in our hearts and prayers. *If you are unable to attend Mass and celebration to follow, you are welcome to mail Mrs. Gennock a note addressed to our school address and we will make sure she receives all communication.*

## School Web Site

Mr. Olson will be working on updating the look and content of our school web site this summer. Please be patient as it undergoes construction.

## News from the Office

**Summer Office Hours** will start on Tuesday, June 11<sup>th</sup> from 9:00am to 1:00pm. We will be open every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday during those hours except on Thursday, July 4<sup>th</sup> when the office will be closed.

**The Scrip office** will also be open during those hours so be sure to come by and get your Dennis Uniform scrip and grocery scrip during the summer.

***Or just come by and say "Hello"!!***

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## SJM Basketball Camp

SJM is hosting a Boys Basketball Camp for 6th-8th graders starting **Tuesday June 18th**. It is a 4 week camp (No camp during 4th of July week) that ends on July 18th. The camp will be on Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursdays from 12:15-1:45 in Ryan's Gym. Go to [sjmhs.org](http://sjmhs.org) and click on summer school, then got to summer school forms to find camp.

The price on the form says \$300, but we are just charging \$150 for the camp.. If you have any questions you can contact Brad Roznovsky @ 307-4076

## Thank you letter

Dear Children of St. Anthony's School,  
On behalf of all of us who are feeding the geese at the Fresno Basin at Bullard & Forkner, we would like to thank you, your school and your parents for raising enough money to purchase 600 pounds of feed for the goslings and their parents. Job Well Done! You are the future protectors of our wild life and environment.  
Sincerely, Gloria Floyd

## Consideration for Placement

Every May, teachers reflect about the students in their classes. They think about several qualities, such as academic skills, social skills, talents and special needs. They make notes about many things they have learned about the students during the year. Teachers meet with the other teacher at their grade level and make out new tentative class lists. Teachers must make sure that each new class has:

- a balance of boys and girls
- a balance of academic ability
- socially balanced groups to reduce peer conflicts
- equal portions from existing class, keeping friendships in mind
- a balance of different learning styles

Administration reviews the tentative class lists and meets with the teachers as necessary to give any other input about children. Throughout this process, changes and adjustments are made. Each time a change is made, it can cause a chain reaction of other changes. Because of all of the factors mentioned above, the final decision on student assignments needs to rest with the school staff and Administration. Thank you for supporting school policy and procedure.

## 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Breakfast

Thank you to 7<sup>th</sup> grade parents for organizing a wonderful breakfast for our 8<sup>th</sup> grade families. The tables and décor were excellent and we appreciate your time and enthusiasm! Thank you to 7<sup>th</sup> grade students for getting up early on a Saturday morning and doing such a terrific job at the breakfast. You are appreciated!

## Congratulations SAS alum

Candace Gragnani graduated from Northwestern School of Medicine in Chicago proudly exiting with the Surgery Award and honors in all 7 rotations. She will begin her Residency at UCLA in the fall. We are very proud of Candace and congratulate the Gragnani family.

## 2G Service Projects 2013-14

Mrs. Gennock and her 2<sup>nd</sup> grade class raised **\$3987.20** this year for Catholic Charities through many class projects and service to the school and church community. They would like to thank everyone who supported each project and gave generously.

## 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduates

Congratulations to all graduates for your hard work and efforts this school year. We are very proud of you and wish you all the best in high school. The 2012-13 graduating class will attend high school at:

|                             |           |                              |          |
|-----------------------------|-----------|------------------------------|----------|
| <b>San Joaquin Memorial</b> | <b>50</b> | <b>Bullard</b>               | <b>8</b> |
| <b>University High</b>      | <b>5</b>  | <b>Clovis North</b>          | <b>2</b> |
| <b>Clovis West</b>          | <b>5</b>  | <b>Other</b>                 | <b>8</b> |
|                             |           | <b>Cate, Texas, Fowler,</b>  |          |
|                             |           | <b>Santa Rose, Art &amp;</b> |          |
|                             |           | <b>Design, Danville</b>      |          |

## Calendar

|                           |                 |
|---------------------------|-----------------|
| 2013-14 Packet Pickup     | August 1        |
| Teachers Return           | August 12       |
| Students Return           | August 19       |
| Back to School Night      | August 21 & 22  |
| First Friday School Mass  | August 30       |
| No School Labor Day       | September 2     |
| 12:30 Dismiss             | September 4     |
| Safe Environment Training | September 4 & 5 |

**Like us on Facebook and follow us through the summer!**

June 5, 2013

My dear treasured St. Anthony's family,

*"In Christ Jesus, God made us to do good works, which God planned in advance for us to live our lives doing." Ephesians 2:10*

It is with a bittersweet heart that I am writing this letter. July, 1990 my husband's job brought us to Fresno, looking for a house and a school. We were moving 3000 miles away from everyone we loved and we didn't know a soul. Like many families, we came to SAS to enroll our sons, Nick and Justin. Like many families, we were told, "There are no openings". The boys ended up at OLPH and I left my resume with Dr. Key to perhaps substitute. We arrived in August and the rest is history. I wasn't even going to work that first year, but God had plans for me that I couldn't begin to imagine. Fast forward 23 years later. Chris received a phone call 2 weeks ago that his job at Liberty Mutual had been eliminated. He is retiring after 40 years and 4 days. After much soul searching, prayers and sleepless nights, I am hearing God saying His plan for me is to begin a new chapter in my life's journey as well. The last few weeks have been very difficult, because I was committed to another year. I wanted to see our WASC accreditation through. (St. Anthony's is one of the finest Catholic schools in the country, and I know we will do exceptionally well.) The 1<sup>st</sup> graders are so precious and I was ready to "Journey to Jesus" one more time. Like I have said to so many of you though, God's plans aren't always our plans...and so...After 34 years in the classroom, 23 of them at SAS, I informed Mrs. Cochran on Sunday that God's plan for me is to RETIRE!!!

My time at St. Anthony's has been a gift from Jesus Christ from the very first moment I stepped onto this Holy Ground. I have been blessed to teach and love hundreds of precious children of God. I have been privileged to know and love and work with so many faith-filled families. I have had the incredible opportunity to grow spiritually and professionally working side by side with dedicated, intelligent, amazing, inspiring, Christ centered, compassionate teachers. All good gifts come from God, Our Heavenly Father. My time at St. Anthony's has truly been a holy and blessed gift. I have no idea why I have been so blessed. I just pray I have served Him well. I would like to say thank you to each and every one of you. I treasure every smile, every hello, every hug, every kind word, every celebration, every prayer, every mass, every Rosary, every tear and all the laughter we have shared. I appreciate all the raffle tickets you have purchased!!! I cannot end this without saying one last time, remember to live the 6 most important words, "Love God, Love Others, Love Yourself". Attend mass as often as you can, receiving Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. Then go forward being a "Living Chalice" each day with His Grace overflowing from you to serve Him in all things. Pray to the Blessed Mother every day asking her to pray for all you hold deep in your hearts. Her prayers are very powerful. Celebrate every day and remember to "Dance for Joy" because God created you, and loves you and holds you in the palm of His hands. I too, love all of you more than you know.

Sincerely in Christ Jesus,  
Love and prayers,  
Carmie Gennock

# PTO THANKS YOU

*With today being the last day of school for our 8th graders - as a PTO we - wanted to send a message of congratulations to our graduates. We also realize there are some of these families have their youngest child graduating and will be moving on from our campus, so we also want to say thank you for being such an important and valuable part of our St. Anthony's community for so many years. Your dedication and involvement as parents in your child's education and overall experience at St. Anthony's makes such a difference - and really is the key ingredient in what makes St. Anthony's great. We don't want this to be a "good-bye" message, but more of a message of gratitude for being a part of our St. Anthony's family. We wish you all greatest success in your life's next chapter, and hope we see you often and invite you to stay connected to our family.*

*As a practical matter, we hope you will consider "saving the date" for next year's Spring Auction. It's officially scheduled for May 17th, 2014 and hope you would consider joining us at least annually as sort of a reunion, to stay in touch with old friends. Our auctions are always so much fun, and in case you hadn't seen the highlight video of this year's event, you can click on the link below to watch it. After seeing this I'm sure you'll want to put the Auction on your calendar for next year. <http://youtu.be/BKVznoyMNaA>*

*Again congratulations and we hope to see you often...*

*Deb Martin  
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TREATMENT

# FREE LACROSSE CLINIC

**When: June 8, 2013 9:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m.**

**June 12 & 19 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.**

**Where: Selma Layne Park, 2965 E. Shepherd Ave.**

**Who: Girls and Boys between 2<sup>nd</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade**

**What to bring/wear: lacrosse sticks and balls will be provided so wear athletic clothes and shoes and bring a water bottle**

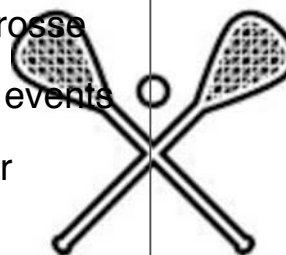
Want to provide your son or daughter with an introduction to the sport of lacrosse? Adrenaline Lacrosse is helping to expand the game in Fresno and is providing an instructional lacrosse clinic, free of charge! Lacrosse is the fastest growing sport in America and Adrenaline is the premier lacrosse company on the West Coast, catering to beginner youth players and elite high school players. Players will be familiarized with the basic fundamentals of lacrosse by an experienced, Adrenaline certified, coaching staff.



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