

St. Anthony's School News

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Dear Families,

School is out, and parents must be even more vigilant about protecting kids who may be headed to the Internet to fill the extra hours of down time during summer vacation. Parents must continue to take a proactive role in making sure children are practicing safe Internet activity. And old-fashioned **conversation** is the best bet for protecting children who may be unsupervised online. Have an open dialogue with kids on what it is you are trying to protect them from.

A federal law, the Children's Online Privacy Protection Act (COPPA), was created to help protect kids online. It's designed to keep anyone from obtaining a child's personal information without a parent knowing about it and agreeing to it first. COPPA requires websites to explain their privacy policies on the site and get parental consent before collecting or using a child's personal information, such as a name, address, phone number, or Social Security number. The law also prohibits a site from requiring a child to provide more personal information than necessary to play a game or participate in a contest. But even with this law, your kids' best online protection is **you**. By talking to them about potential online dangers and monitoring their computer use, you'll help them surf the Internet safely. Read more about COPPA

<http://www.ftc.gov/privacy/coppafaqs.shtm>

Messages kids need to hear about the internet:

- **Nothing you post is private:** Avoid posting anything that would make it easy for a stranger to find you.
- **People aren't always who they say they are.**
- **Harassment, hate speech, and inappropriate content should be reported.** Talk with an adult if you feel someone's online behavior is inappropriate.
- **Don't mislead people into thinking that you're older or younger.**

Proverbs 2:6..... Father, give us counsel and wisdom in bringing up our children.

Mrs. Kim Cochran ☺
Principal

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Welcome to SAS

After 19 interviews over a five day period, we are happy to announce that we have hired three new teachers to fill the openings in first, second, and eighth grades. Monsignor Rob has approved each candidate and all have met diocesan requirements to teach in our school. Thank you to our wonderful interview committee made of grade level chairpersons and other classroom teachers. You will have an opportunity to meet the new teachers at the Ice Cream Social on Thursday August 15 @ 6:30pm in the Social Hall.

Please welcome:

First Grade Ms. Mayra deOchoa
Second Grade Ms. Sonia Gonzalez
Eighth Grade Mr. Brian Contreras

Mrs. Savonna Coehlo will not return as she will join her family in opening a new restaurant and God willing begin a family of her own. We welcome **Ms. Claudia Nightingale** as our new Reading Resource teacher.

Mrs. Maria Sever will not return as Third Grade class aid as she has already begun enjoying her retirement! We welcome **Mrs. Tracy DeBenedetto** as our new 3rd grade class aid.

Please see enclosed letters from our new teachers. ☺

Miss California Outstanding Teen-Mikaela Harris, SAS alum



Mikaela will speak at the Heart2Heart Girls Conference on Saturday July 20th @ Sierra Vista Mall in Clovis. All girls 8-18 are invited to the conference. For more information visit <http://www.dovsound.com/heart-to-heart-conference.html>

Educational sessions will engage girls and show them how to unlock the potential inside them. *With a little heart anything is possible!*

Summer Office Hours
Tuesday-Wednesday-Thursday 9:00am-2:00pm
Summer Tuition Payments accepted. Math Packets
are ready & may be picked up.

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Ms. Mayra DeOchoa
1st Grade (1D)

Hello! My name is Mayra De Ochoa and it is an honor and pleasure to be a part of the staff at St. Anthony's School. I am looking forward to working with the first graders this coming school year. I am a graduate of Fresno Pacific University. I come from Sanger Unified where I worked in Reading Intervention and RSP. I have experience working in 1st/2nd grade classroom, have taught summer school to 7th and 8th graders and have also taught English to adults. I have taught Catechism and have participated with the Life Teen program and am very pleased that God has blessed me with the opportunity to bring my faith into the classroom. I look forward to meeting and working with everyone this year.

Sincerely,
Ms. Mayra De Ochoa



Ms. Sonia Gonzalez
2nd Grade (2G)

Dear St. Anthony's Parents and Families,

Welcome to the 2013 - 2014 school calendar year!

I am very excited and grateful to be a part of the SAS Family and feel very blessed to have the opportunity to work with you and your children this year! With your support, I know we are going to make this a wonderful year!

Allow me to tell you a little about myself. I was born in Nicaragua, Central America and I moved to the United States when I was five years old. My family and I moved to Merced, California where I attended Our Lady of Mercy Catholic School.

When I was in sixth grade we moved to Houston, Texas where I attended high school and college. I completed my Bachelor's of Science degree in Psychology from the University of Houston, and I would later return to complete the teacher certification requirements. Shortly after completing my undergraduate degree, I moved to the sunshine state, Florida, where I worked for nine years as a Financial Advisor and obtained my Master's of Science degree in Elementary Education. For the past three years I have been employed by the Archdiocese of Galveston, Houston where I happily worked as a first grade teacher.

I took a leap of faith and left my sweet little school and the good Lord has guided me here. I truly feel that I am where God wants me to be. I am so grateful for this excellent opportunity and look forward to a wonderful future with St. Anthony's and all it's families. Second grade is going to be a very exciting and eventful grade! We will continue to develop and build upon your child's reading, writing, and arithmetic skills. In addition, I will have the honor of guiding your children through the sacraments of first Reconciliation and First Communion. It is going to be a truly memorable year!

Sincerely,
Ms. Gonzalez



Mr. Brian Contreras
8th Grade (8C)

Hello~

My name is Brian Contreras and I am very excited to be your new 8th Grade Teacher!

I am honored to be a part of the St. Anthony's team and looking forward to the many opportunities and challenges that will come with the school year. For the past five years, I have been working as an intervention Teacher in K-6 classrooms for the Clovis Unified School District. I have learned many strategies and techniques that I plan on implementing with my new students this year. My goal is to do everything that I can to make sure that all of my students are successful. As the year progresses, I look forward to developing productive relationships with all students as well as parents. As a lifelong learner, I know that this year will be a learning experience for myself as well.

Thank you for the opportunity and see you in August!

Sincerely,
Mr. Brian Contreras