

**ST. ANTHONY'S SCHOOL**  
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Dear Family,

August 24, 2004

**Welcome to our 2004 - 2005 school year.** It was very exciting to watch our students arrive at school yesterday. The staff couldn't wait to see our "young customers" back on campus. We began our school year with a prayer service. A special thanks to **Mr. Neumeier** and **Mrs. Peerson** for coordinating the opening service, **Msgr. Harguindeguy** for his inspirational words, **Mr. Sarkisian** for leading the music, and **Mrs. Polacek** and our Student Government officers for leading us in prayer. Also, I thank you for your efforts in sending the students so well prepared to school. It is wonderful to work with a group that arrives the first day of school enthusiastic and ready to work.

**Welcome** - I'd like for our entire St. Anthony's community to extend a warm welcome to our newest staff members. **Mrs. Melanie VanOostende** will serve as our new third grade teacher, **Mrs. Kim Boyer** will serve as our new Campus Care Director, and **Mrs. Sarah Meyer** will serve as our new Physical Education instructor. Also, we welcome **Mr. Lawrence Yopez** to his new schedule. He will work during our school day this year. Please note: Mrs. Garcia is now using her maiden name of **Ms. Fitzgerald**.

**School Prayer Service** - Our first school Prayer Service of the year will be held this **Friday, August 27**, at **8:45 a.m.** Parents and siblings are welcome to attend. Our first school Mass will be on **September 3**.

**Office Logistics** - Following may be a few items of interest for the school year.

- Please check the **milk information** found on **page 21**, concerning the milk fee, guidelines, and deadlines for yearly purchases. The deadline for yearly purchase is **August 31**.
- Diocesan policy stipulates that the **Authorization To Treat A Minor Form** must be in the school office by Friday, **August 27**. **Students who do not have this emergency form on file by Friday at 4:00 p.m. will not be allowed to attend classes on Monday.** We are mandated to have emergency telephone numbers and information for each child at the beginning of each school year. Last year's information is considered obsolete. So, please fill out and turn in ASAP.
- Please sign and return your Parent-Student Handbook Contract page signed by students and parents by Friday, **August 27**.

**Back to School Night** - This **Thursday, August 26**, is our *Back to School Night*. The evening will begin at **7:00 p.m.** in your child's classroom. This is a very important evening because it allows you the parent to meet your child's teacher and it gives them an opportunity to share their goals and expectations for the year. This event is sometimes confused with Open House. This evening is designed for parents only.

**Bleached Hair** - Please note page 13 in our Parent-Student Handbook. It states that bleached hair is not allowed. We understand that these are popular styles for the summer but school policy does not allow any hair color that is not natural. Please return hair to its natural color as soon as possible so that we are fair to all students.

**Campus Care** - If you plan to use the Campus Care Program, even on a drop in basis, please stop by the office and register your children. It is important that we have your child's emergency cards. If there are any questions, please call our **Campus Care Director, Kim Boyer** at **435-0700**.

**Labor Day** - **There will be no school on Labor Day, Monday, September 6.**

**Carnival** - Our School Carnival will be held on Sunday, **September 26**. If you are looking for a Carnival job, that earns Parent Participation Hours, please speak to our chairperson **Mrs. Debbie Martin** at **225-0779**. We are still looking for a food booth chair, accepting new vendors and always need help with set up and clean up.

**Immunizations** - A reminder that effective July 1, 1999, students entering 7th grade will need to have had three hepatitis B shots. Please see that the office has current immunization records for all students. Also, first grade students must submit their medical history and physician's physical records on file.

**Photographing Students Policy** – On page 22 of your handbook it explains that while at school your child may be photographed or videotaped by members of the school staff, by parents and by others. If you would like to limit the photographing or videotaping of your child, please ask the school secretary for the “Request to Limit Photographing and Videotaping Form.”

**Lap Top News** - Our 7<sup>th</sup> grade students are entering our new lap top program this year. They will bring their lap tops to and from school on a daily basis. We are asking all seventh grade parents to bring their lap tops in to **Mr. Olson** as soon as possible. We have fifteen outstanding computers and can not begin the program until we have them all loaded and ready to go. Also, we will inform you next Tuesday of the date for our *Open Box Night*. This evening will be for our 7<sup>th</sup> grade families to gather in the social hall for a lap top orientation. Finally, if there are any parents interested in volunteering some time, we are looking for parents to scan junior high textbooks for lap top use. Please call **Mr. Olson** at **435-0700** if you'd like to help.

**Sensitive Groups** - St. Anthony's School monitors projected local air quality to identify periods of unhealthy air quality as determined by the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District in order to protect the health of our students. During periods of unhealthy air quality (AQI of 151 and above), the school may limit outdoor activities for the entire school population including Physical Education and athletic events and practices. Certain sensitive students with medically identified respiratory difficulties (such as asthma) may need to refrain from vigorous activities even before the general population limits its activities. If you believe your child qualifies as an air quality “sensitive” student, please have your physician complete the enclosed form. This will place your child in our “sensitive” group category.

**Uniform News** - A reminder that last year was a transition year as we adopted our new Mayfair Plaid Dennis Uniform. Our uniform changes have improved our quality Catholic School look. It's great to see the students looking so sharp. Please refer to our uniform policy beginning on page 31 of our Parent Student Handbook for clarification. All sweatshirts should be navy blue this year.

**Looking For Coaches** - **Mr. McConnico** is looking for volleyball and flag football coaches. Practice will begin soon, so please call **Mr. McConnico** at **435-0700**.

**Hot Lunch Looking To Hire** - **Mrs. Olson** is looking to hire a part time employee to assist in food preparation every Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

**Cross Country** - Junior High (7<sup>th</sup> and 8th) Cross Country will begin next week. Practices will be held on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 3-4 p.m. Meets will be held on Wednesday's beginning on Sept. 8. If you have any questions, please see **Mr. McConnico** or **Miss Syvertsen**.

**Our Entire Staff** - Wishes your family a productive school year. We believe that parents, students, and teachers working together for a common goal are a powerful work force. Let's work together to help our children reach their full potential this year.

Sincerely in Christ,

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