



St. Anthony's School Community

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Dear Families,

It's that time of year again! The Great Pumpkin Patch will be here on **Thursday, October 14th** in the courtyard. Please purchase pumpkins for jack-o-lanterns and decorations from school. Once again, **Mark & Shirley Boujikian** are generously donating everything to our school. The proceeds from this will benefit electives and the Athletics Department. Thank you in advance for your support!

No School – Please remember that on **Friday, October 15th** there will be no school. The teachers will be traveling to Visalia to attend a diocesan teacher conference on “Interactive Discipline” presented by Rick Morris. This conference is sponsored by the California Private School Advisory Committee and funded through the No Child Left Behind Title V Funding. Enjoy the day off!

Spirit Week/Red Ribbon Week – Next week our campus will be filled with even more school spirit. **Mrs. Polacek** is working very hard with the **Student Government and the Cheerleaders** to make this a very special, fun-filled week. Here is a list of next week's activities:

Monday – Red Day- Teachers pass out red ribbons; wear red shirts with school shorts.

Tuesday – Support Your Favorite Team Day (college or pro); wear t-shirts/sweatshirts with school shorts.

Wednesday – Mix-match/Crazy Day – Wear mix-match/crazy clothes with uniform shorts.

Thursday – Blue & Gold Day/Rally – Football game: Faculty vs. Varsity at 2:15; Rally at 2:00.

Friday – Mass; regular school uniform; Volleyball game: Faculty vs. Varsity at 2:15.

All classes will create a school banner to hang around the school by Thursday. Pom poms will be on sale for \$1.00.

Calendar Notes – We would like to clarify the dates for this year's **Christmas Program** which is to be held in the **Church**. The performances are as follows:

Dec. 14 - grades 3, 5, 7 & 8G at 7:00 pm

Dec. 16 - grades 2, 4, 6 & 8B at 7:00 pm

Dec. 17 - grades K1, K2, K3 & 1st at 10:00 am

Mr. Sarkisian and the students always put on such a beautiful and fun performance that you won't want to miss!

Academic Excellence Award – Just as a reminder, this award is given to 8th grade students based on the highest academic performance. The selection is based on the following criteria:

- Grades earned during the 8th grade year. This is determined by the highest quarterly percentage with secondary consideration given to overall conduct/effort.
- In the event of several tied individuals, the above selection criteria will be applied to their 7th grade year.

FYI – **Mrs. Schiro** has invited the fire department to school this **Thursday, October 14th**. So don't panic—it's purely educational!

PTO Meeting – Don't forget to grab a friend and join us for the **PTO Meeting on Thursday, October 14th at 5:00 pm in the Teachers Lounge**. A number of topics will be discussed including the President's Report, Golf Tournament, Fundraisers, Italian Dinner, Halloween and Athletics Department. Please come and see what's going on. Speaking of the **Italian Dinner, a chairperson is needed for this event which will be held on February 26, 2005**. If you are interested, please give us a call. Also, the **Carnival Coordinators** would like to express their thanks again for the tremendous support by the families, faculty and students who worked to make this the most successful carnival ever. **Mr. Rollie Cochran** is still working on the net profits but we do know that it has passed the **\$60,000** mark. What a fantastic, hard working community we are!

Macy's Benefit Shopping Day – Shop, shop, shop 'til you drop! If you have already purchased a ticket, it is available for pick up in the office. If you haven't purchased your Macy's Benefit Shopping Day ticket yet, they are still available. The event is on **Thursday, October 28th** and the tickets are just \$10 each. You will receive 15-20% savings and a chance to win a \$1000 shopping spree. You can even use it on presale purchases. You will also receive \$3 in tuition credit just for buying a ticket! Also, if anyone is interested in working at the event representing St. Anthony's School, we would appreciate your help. Believe it or not, Parent Participation hours are given to work a shift! Call **Mrs. Polacek** for details.

Baby Bottle Drive – Please return the Respect Life Campaign/Project Rachel baby bottles by **Monday, October 18th**. Your donations are so greatly appreciated!

Parking Lot Safety Notice – Parents, please make sure that your student(s) use our **SAFE ZONE** when walking in the parking lot and **never cut behind cars**. Drivers cannot see them when backing up. Strive for safety first, timeliness second!

Tuesday Morning Packet Team - If you are interested in working with a **great group of dedicated parents** filling Tuesday packets, they could sure use some help. It's a great way to earn Parent Participation hours and have a great time. They start at 8:30 and usually finish in an hour. Please call the office or come by on Tuesday mornings.

Scholastic Book Fair – Keep the dates of **October 25-28** in mind for visiting our annual Book Fair to be held in the Social Hall. Volunteers are need to work shifts and all proceeds are used to purchase books for the classrooms and resource supplies. If you are interested in earning some Parent Participation hours please give **Linda Beltramo** a call at 431-3816.

Congratulations – Next time you see Mrs. Cornwell, tell her congratulations on winning blue ribbons at the Fresno Fair for her homemade pomegranate jelly and for a BBQ cook-off in the poultry division. Way to go Mrs. Cornwell – how about sharing the recipes?

I would like to sincerely thank all of the parents and students for being so dedicated to our school community and making St. Anthony's a great environment to learn and work. Kindness and caring for each other make this such a super school!

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Shawn Carey
Principal