



# St. Anthony's School Community

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Dear Families,

**Raider Run/Jog-A-Thon** – Our annual Jog-A-Thon will be held this **Friday, November 19<sup>th</sup>**. Please support your children in obtaining pledges for this very important fundraiser. This money is used to send our children on our many school field trips. If **each child obtains \$25 in pledges**, we will reach our annual goal of **\$12,000**. **Any student who collects \$35 or more in pledges will receive a Raider Run T-shirt** (and it's a really cool Hawaiian theme). If a **family of 3 or more collects \$70 or more in pledges, all of the students will receive a t-shirt**. **Parent helpers are needed from 10:30 am to 2:50 pm**. If you would like to help (and earn Parent Participation Hours), please call **Mr. Neumeier at 435-0700**. These are the shifts that the students will run:

**10:35 – 11:30**

**12:55 – 1:45**

**1:50 – 2:40**

**K1, K3, 1P, 1R, 3B & 3V**

**K2, 2G, 2K, 5H, 5P, 6S & 6G**

**4M, 4P, 7C, 7S, 8B & 8G**

**Because there will not be the Easter Candy Sale this year, this fundraiser is even more important!**

**Fall Sports Awards** - Don't forget that tomorrow, **November 17<sup>th</sup>**, is the annual Fall Sports Awards in the Church. **Grades K – 4 will be at 10:15 and grades 5 – 8 at 1:15**. **Everyone will have recess at 9:50** and coaches are encouraged to arrive early to confirm their team members are on the list. Also, **new this year**, we will be recognizing the **4<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grade 1<sup>st</sup> quarter Honor Roll Students** with a certificate after the sport awards. Sounds like a great Kodak moment!

**Food Drive** - As the holidays grow closer we are reminded of those that are less fortunate than ourselves. Jesus asks us to feed the hungry and we can do that by supporting the **Food Drive**. The **Student Government** is asking for non-perishable food items such as beans, rice, pasta, soups, sugar, flour, etc. These will all be donated to the **Poverello House**. Also, **Catholic Charities** is in need of **flour, oil and baby food**. Please bring your donations by **Tuesday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>** and we will deliver them. St. Anthony's is always very generous and I thank you in advance for your heartfelt giving.

**Cross Country Meet** - This **Thursday, November 18<sup>th</sup>**, St. Anthony's will host our first ever Fresno **Unified Elementary Cross Country Meet**. The meet will take place from **1:00 to 4:00 pm** with **8 schools participating**. There can be **NO soccer or basketball practices** allowed until after the meet. Please be prepared for lots of kids on campus. If you would like to help, please call **Mr. McConnico** at 435-0700.

**Poinsettia Sale** – Tomorrow, **November 17<sup>th</sup>** is the last day to place your order for florist quality poinsettias. Order forms are available in the office or you can call **Catherine Manfredo** at 227-8861. If you would like to earn some Parent Participation Hours, you can help with delivery on **December 1<sup>st</sup>**.

**Basketball Coach Needed** – Our **5<sup>th</sup> grade girls Basketball Team** is still in need of a coach. It is a time commitment of 2 or 3 days a week after school. If you are

interested in this very rewarding position please contact **Mr. Tim McConnico** at 435-0700.

**Scrip Notes** – Don't get caught without scrip on hand! Think of the money you'll save as you buy groceries at **Savemart, Foodmaxx or Catalano's**, eat out at fast food places or restaurants, shop at **Macy's, Gottschalks, Penneys**, the many stores at **Fashion Fair Mall or RiverPark**, travel, etc. The list goes on and on. Please consider buying scrip for Christmas gifts, stocking stuffers, teachers, friends, Prayer Pals, Secret Santas, etc. It sure beats the crowds and parking at the mall! We have more vendors than ever and are always trying to keep up with the latest and greatest. Save some money on your tuition while getting your shopping done! You can even call or fax in your order. What could be easier!

**PTO News** – The PTO is still looking for someone to chair the **Italian Dinner** to be held on **February 26<sup>th</sup>**. Also, the position of **Treasurer** is open for next year (2005-06). If anyone is interested in either of these two (fun & exciting) positions please call **Margie Olsen (431-8969)** or **Deb Martin (225-0779)**. Your help would be greatly appreciated.

**Baby Bottle Drive** – The Project Rachel baby bottle drive put on by **St. Anthony's Respect Life Ministry** was a huge success. **Mrs. Jennifer Butcher** would like to thank all who supported this very worthwhile cause which raised **\$3,813**. What a generous community we have!

**Parking Lot Rules** – As mentioned before, the parking lot seems to be a concern for the safety of our children. **If you drive an SUV, please do not park in the first row of the parking lot.** The problem is that the children tend to walk behind them and are difficult to see. I would also encourage everyone to **slow down** while driving in the parking lot. Also, it is harder for parents to see their children walking toward the school. We encourage the students to use the crosswalk and safety zones while they are in the parking lot and to avoid walking between cars. It would be very helpful if you could discuss this with your children. It would also be extremely helpful if you **do not use the Teacher/Staff Parking lot to drop off your children in the morning.** If our staff and teachers can easily park without waiting for a space or cars with children running to class we can keep on schedule. Your cooperation in this matter would be greatly appreciated. We all want the best and safest environment for our children.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Shawn Carey  
Principal

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