



# St. Anthony's School Community

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Dear Family,

Our school carnival will be held this **Sunday, September 26, from 10:30am to 6:30pm**. Our Farmer's Market is back and begins at **7:30am to 2:30pm**. We have many vendors but are always looking for more. Help is also needed to (wo)man the market. If you have any questions or would just love to help, please call **Dan & Susan Errotabere at 276-8451**. This is our last week in preparation for the big event so please encourage raffle ticket sales. We are asking volunteers to sign up to supervise games and activities and especially for set up and clean up committees. We begin set up on **Friday at 3:00pm** and continue at **8:30am on Saturday morning**. And the fun continues with clean up which begins immediately following the carnival. If we gather ten or more people for clean up it will fly by! What a great way to earn your Parent Participation Hours. Please call our **Carnival Chairperson, Mrs. Debbie Martin at 225-0779**.

**Carnival Dance** – St. Anthony's Jr. High students are invited to attend our "famous" carnival dance from **7-10pm on Saturday, September 25<sup>th</sup>**. Drinks and snacks are provided for a \$3.00 charge. Please contact **Stephanie Puahi** if you should have any questions. Speaking of Jr. High kids, if you are looking for **service hours**, **Mrs. Debbie Martin** will help you earn some at the carnival. Please contact her for more information at **225-0779**.

**Recycle, Recycle, Recycle** - Mrs. Gennock would like to remind everyone that we will be doing our part to save the earth by recycling at the carnival. Please be sure to toss your aluminum cans and plastic water bottles in the boxes marked **RECYCLE**. Your support is very much appreciated.

**Cake Walk Bakers** – Please save your empty plastic frosting containers for the AM & PM Kindergarten classes. A box will be in the office to put them in. BIG thanks from **Mrs. Renner and Mrs. Simonson**.

**Education Committee** - Our first Education Committee meeting of the year will be held next **Tuesday, September 28<sup>th</sup> at 8:30am**. We will meet in the Faculty Lounge. Some of the topics of discussion will be the Internet Site, Service Hours (7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade) and Homework among other things. All parents are invited to attend.

**Parent/Teacher Conference** – All 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade parents should look for the sign-up sheet for Parent/Teacher conferences. Please return to your homeroom teacher by **Friday, September 24<sup>th</sup>**.

**Progress Reports** - Look for progress reports to come home today for students in grades 4-8. They are an important part of our communication between school and home. Please note: 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grades will receive and overall conduct/effort report for all classes followed by individual subject print-outs. Parents may sign each print-out and return to the subject teachers for an extra point.

**Thursday Spirit T-Shirts** – Please look for 3 "**BRAND NEW**" St. Anthony Thursday T-shirts to be unveiled at the Carnival. **Mrs. Wendy Batti** will be selling them at the Carnival for \$10 each but they cannot be purchased with Carnival Scrip.

Proceeds will benefit the PTO and Athletic Department. Thank you Mrs. Batti for your undying St. Anthony's spirit!

**Laptop News** – Any 6<sup>th</sup> grade parents considering purchasing a laptop for your child should wait until we announce the model and laptop requirements. A decision will be made in November based on the current models being used. Also, thank you to **Mrs. Teri Petrucci** for scanning our 7<sup>th</sup> grade books on her business scanner, which can now be viewed for our laptop program. The help of **Mrs. Benincosa and Mrs. Elwood** is also appreciated. We are so very blessed to have such helpful parents who are so giving of their time and talents!

**Prayer Line** - This is the final request to participate in the School Prayer Line. Thank you to all of those who have already signed up. Your prayers are very important to many. Please call Kathy Powers at 431-5115 or Mirna Sherberg at 434-6829 if you have any questions.

**Children's Choir** – Warm up your voices! All 3<sup>rd</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> graders are welcome to join the Children's Choir. Rehearsals are on Thursday afternoons from 3:15 to 4:30pm. This choir sings at the School Liturgies and at the 9:30 Mass on the second and fourth Sundays of each month. Give your time and talent to God and you will be blessed! For more info, please call Mr. Sarkisian at 439-0124 ext. 302.

**Thank You PTO** – Thanks to the tremendous effort by our PTO last year, and every parent volunteer who worked at one of our fantastic fundraisers, we are providing our students with an excellent Catholic education. I'd like to thank our Parent Teacher Organization for their generous donation of over \$80,000 in surplus funds and for sponsoring the following activities for the 2004-05 school year:

- 6<sup>th</sup> grade Sonora Science Camp trips
- 5<sup>th</sup> grade Castle Challenger Center trip
- 4<sup>th</sup> grade whiteboard/corkboards
- PE & Athletic Equipment
- Reading Night – Catholic Schools Week
- Microscopes
- Science Laser Disks for grades 1-3
- Covers for Shelves
- 2004-05 Student scholarships
- Cheerleader workshop
- Ellison Die Cuts
- Memory Upgrade for Classroom
- Mobile Multimedia Instructional Cart
- Increased funding for annual Math & Reading subsidies
- Whiteboard/Corkboard for 4<sup>th</sup> grade

Thank you again for all of your wonderful and undying time and talents that you add to our school. We are truly blessed to have such fantastic parent support!

**Operation Stamp-a-Stack for Iraq** - This is a special project where children will be creating stationary for the soldiers' personal use that are stationed in Iraq. This is a program sure to make some soldiers a little happier by helping them to keep in touch with their loved ones at home. Please see the enclosed flier regarding Thursday's stamp-a-thon.

**Scrip Notes** – We are always updating the **Scrip Order Form** with new vendors and are pleased to include **Kathi O'Rourke's Design, Ltd.** She is offering scrip through St. Anthony's for the purchase of window coverings, fabrics and interior redesign services. Her company offers blinds, shutters, drapes, bedding and fabrics from a variety of vendors. Certificates of any denomination are available. Please keep scrip in mind for all of your shopping needs and keep saving on tuition!

Sincerely in Christ,

Shawn Carey/Principal