



St. Anthony's School Community

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Dear Families,

Compliments go to **Mr. McConnico** for helping St. Anthony's School host the first ever Cross Country Meet last Thursday. We had over 350 students from 8 other schools running on campus. Coach did an excellent job with this huge event. Thanks for **RUNNING** this spectacular race! And the running kept going with our annual Raider Run on Friday. Thank you for your support in this very important fundraiser that sponsors the many field trips that our students enjoy. Special thanks to **Mr. Neumeier** for coordinating this large event and also to all of the parents that helped him!

5 Day Weekend – Just a reminder that there will be no school next **Monday, November 29th**. The staff will be here for CPR Training but your family can enjoy a 5 day holiday weekend. Enjoy!

Soccer Ball Donation – St. Anthony's is participating in a very special program in which we will be accepting donations for new or gently used soccer balls which will be distributed to programs serving low-income and disadvantaged children in the Fresno region. There will be a donation box located near the office and donations will be accepted until **December 2nd**. For more info on this project you may contact **Chris Fiorentino at 278-8848** or via e-mail at chrisf@csufresno.edu.

Scrip Notes – As the holidays near, why stress over running all over town when you can do your shopping right here at school and save on tuition at the same time! Our Scrip Order Form has many, many stores and restaurants to choose from. We've just added **Marie Callendar's** to help with your holiday pies and so many others. You can download the form from the school website or pick one up in the office. Also, you can fax in your order and pay for it when you pick it up. It's as easy as PIE!

Survey – As mentioned in an earlier letter (11/2), St. Anthony's is considering hosting the **Newton Learning's Summer Adventure** next summer. We are in need of responses to the survey that is posted on the school's website. With enough responses to the survey, we may benefit by receiving a **new digital camera!** Now that's something to answer a survey for!

Hot Lunch Request – As a safety precaution, we are asking that hot lunch parents indicate on each **Hot Lunch Order Form** that the lunches **will not have any peanuts or tree nuts**. This also means that the parents bringing cookies, etc., need to know the new safety rule.

Any Nurses Available? – Our school community is blessed in so many ways and one is in the amount of parent volunteer hours we receive each year. We are looking for a **medically trained parent, possibly a nurse(s)**, who would like to volunteer hours anytime around noon—when play is greatest and visits to the office are most common. Please call **Mrs. Kathy Pirok at 435-0700** if you are available. As always, thank you for your time and talents that are always given.

Office Hours - Please note that we will close the school office at 2:00 p.m. tomorrow. Campus care will be available during our regular hours and will close at 6:00 p.m.

Progress Reports - Please look for Progress Reports to arrive home today for students in grades 4-8. Our students are working very hard and are learning a lot. They are behaving beautifully and are really a joy to work with.

SJM Alumni Basketball Game – If you're looking for a fun night out, San Joaquin Memorial is offering their Alumni basketball game this evening.

Cub Scouts - On Saturday November 6th, 11 Scouts from Cub Scout Pack 223 were awarded the highest award in Cub Scouts, the Arrow of Light. The Scouts are:

James Cameron
Dominick Catanzarite
Paolo Cenci
Brennen Guerra
Erik Miyake
Matthew Pomaville

Michael Rattazzi
Justin Reid
Philip Sarkisian
Vincent Sherrill
Ben Singer
Dalton Smith

This is the largest group of cub scouts to complete the scouting program in many years! As part of the ceremony the Scouts crossed a creek on a bridge built by the Boy Scouts from Troop 223 and they retired an American Flag. This was a very special day because Brennen Guerra was able to join with his buddies for the first time in many months. We have really missed Brennen, but it was great to see him participate with his friends. He hopped right on that bridge and crossed it like a true scout! Many thanks go out to Mrs. Sarkisian and Mrs. Pomaville for their participation as Den leaders for many years.

Uniform Info - Now that the cooler weather is here, our Uniform Committee is reminding students to follow the layered look at school. That is to follow the polo shirt with a sweater or sweatshirt. All jackets should be worn as the top layer following the sweater or sweatshirt. The fleece jacket is a great look but is not an approved uniform item. It may be worn as any other jacket on top of the sweater or sweatshirt. Last but not least, please note that the hooded sweatshirt is for kindergarten students only.

ITBS Scores - Please look for your child's Iowa Test of Basic Skills Parent Report to come home in next week's Tuesday packet. Our students continue to maintain their high standard of performance. St. Anthony's does very well in comparison to the entire nation as well as to our local diocesan schools. This is a compliment to our hard working staff and our very supportive parents who encourage excellence in academics.

Thanksgiving Food Drive - Our Student Government will conclude their Thanksgiving Food Drive for Poverello House tomorrow. Please send your non-perishable food items to your classrooms. Thank you for your generosity.

Happy Thanksgiving - On behalf of our entire staff at St. Anthony's, I'd like to wish you and your family a very Happy Thanksgiving. We have much to be thankful for. I am especially thankful for our supportive parents, our wonderful children and our dedicated staff.

Sincerely in Christ,

Shawn Carey