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Dear Families,

This is different having a Monday (Tuesday) Packet but since **tomorrow is a day off** (sleep in and come in to buy scrip today and take mom to lunch and the movies tomorrow!). Tomorrow our teachers are attending a workshop on how to effectively assess our students. Also, you have two more chances to rest this week as there is **no school this Thursday and Friday**. This is an opportunity for our staff to travel to Los Angeles to attend the Religious Education Congress. This is a great opportunity to learn more about our faith and thus, become better religion teachers.

It was very nice to see so many of you at our Italian Dinner on Saturday. Thank you to **Mrs. Catherine Hammond** for chairing this event and a **BIG THANKS to the many parents who helped set-up, clean-up, serve or donate desserts for the evening**. And let's not forget those great St. Anthony's Cheerleaders. What a wonderful sense of community we have at St. Anthony's.

Speaking of our great school community, our 6th grade classes are visiting the **Regional Learning Center in Sonora** this week and I wish them a fun and exciting 3 days of learning about the environment and astronomy, hiking, campfires and tours of the Murphy Big Trees and Mercer Caverns. I appreciate the many parent chaperones who volunteer their time and our 6th grade teachers who have gone above and beyond the call of duty. I'm sure the kids are praying for snow!

Congratulations Spellers - I'd like to congratulate our Spelling Bee team for their excellent showing at the Fresno County Non-Public School Spelling Bee on Saturday. Our team included: 5H **Demitria Lion**, 7M **Jimmy Cameron**, 7W **Nick Janigian**, 5A **Mallorie Manimtim** placed 5th, 4M **Maurice Frediere** placed 4th, 4P **Richard Boone** placed 1st, and 6G **Noelle Diener** placed 1st. Our 1st place winners will now have the opportunity to go on to the next level of competition held on April 7, 2007. From there they can go to the state competition! I thank **Mrs. Cornwell** for coordinating our team and the parents for their support.

PAL Basketball Tournament – Try as we might, accidents happen and we leave someone out of the spotlight. Unfortunately, **Kevin Gilio and Lizzie Fischer** were left out as **"All Tournament Selections"** for the **PAL Tournament** held last weekend. We would like to congratulate them on this honor and give them their time in the spotlight!

SCRIP Note – Keep buying SCRIP and keep earning "free" tuition! We are pretty well stocked with many different vendors. Please remember to send in your orders before Wednesday at 9:00am and it will be ready for pick up on Mondays. All orders paid for by **March 15th** will be included in this school year's tuition credit. **Remember you can only use your scrip credit for the current school year**. If you think that you may have a big credit coming and want to check what your balance is against your tuition, please call the school office. Look for your credit slip to come home the first week of April. Also, please continue to use your **Savemart/FoodMaxx SHARES Cards** as they easily provide you with 2% tuition credit from all of your grocery purchases...what could be easier! The clerks have become very proficient with the system making the cards easier to use at the check stands. Please give them another try if you haven't been using them. Your cards should have your youngest student's name on them. Please call the office if you do not have one.

Spring Pictures – Please note that the **Sports Teams, Class Representatives and Altar Server** pictures will be taken on **Wednesday, March 7th**. There will not be retakes for the individual spring pictures taken last week. Sorry for any inconvenience this change may have caused.

Educational Committee Meeting – Just a reminder that the Education Committee Meeting will be held this **Wednesday, February 28th at 8:30am** in the Conference Room.

Track Coaches Needed – With the track season beginning we are in need of help on the track. Practices are after school on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays and meets are usually held

on Thursdays and Fridays!. If you are interested in helping with this sport please contact **Mr. McConnico at 435-0700**. There are a multitude of students (3rd – 8th grades) and not enough coaches to go around!

Sokko Season Coming Up – If you are interested in coaching girls and/or boys in Sokko, please contact **Mr. McConnico**. The season will be starting soon and we need the coaches in place.

Auction Artwork Winners – The talent around this school is unbounded! These students' artwork will be turned into the decorations for the Spring Auction as banners around the venue and will be available for purchase! Here is the list of the Auction Artwork artist class winners: **K1 – Alberto DiCicco, K2- Lauren Turner, K3 – Christopher Underdown, 1P – Sophia Bennett, 1R – Julia Gonzalez, 2G – Ryan Christensen, 2K – Jessica Ellison, 3B – Blake Schmiederer, 3V – Nicholas Sheehan, 4M – Troy Wilson, 4P – Frank Dalena, 5A – Troy Firme, 5H – Haley Goyette, 6G – Jaqueline Kroll, 6S – Claire Christensen, 7M – Sophia Gonzalez, 7W – Natalya Ferdinandi, 8B – Kristen Trenberth, 8Y – Isabelle Sico** and the winner for the Auction Invitation and Program cover is **Paolo Cenci**. Congratulations to these outstanding artists!

Tuition & Registration Information – For the upcoming school year we would like to clarify how you become eligible to receive the active Catholic tuition rates. Your participation and attendance at Sunday Masses reflects your status. Your church contribution statement will be verified from January 2006 through April 2007 to determine if you fall into this category. An active participating Catholic should be attending Mass at least 75% of the time and deposit their weekly envelope in the collection basket. Please refer to page 29 in the Parent-Student Handbook for complete details.

OOPS! – Last week on the list of newly elected Spring Class Representatives we listed **Troy Wilson** as in 4P but we really meant in 4M! Either way, congratulations to Troy!

Looking For Help - Mrs. Baker is leading a walking elective class this trimester. She is looking for a parent volunteer to help supervise her walkers each Tuesday and Thursday afternoon at 2:00 p.m. Please call **Mrs. Stone** at 435-0700 if you can help.

Kindergarten Announcement - As you may know, we have traditionally offered either a half day kindergarten option or a full day kindergarten option. Over the past few years more and more requests have been received for all day and fewer have been received for half day. It looks like it is a trend and more schools are offering full day to meet the needs of the parents. So, in order to meet the demand of our families, we are making a change in our kindergarten program next year by offering two all day classes with 35 students. Fortunately, **Mrs. Schiro** will teach one of our full day classes and **Mrs. Renner and Mrs. Simonson** will team teach our second all day kindergarten class. I hope that this news is received well and sets at ease the families who have been patiently waiting to see if their children got into our all day kindergarten class.

As the Lenten season begins, may we remember that it is a time to fast from certain things and to feast on others. During Lent we hope to:

Fast from judging others and Feast on Christ dwelling in them;
Fast from pessimism and Feast on optimism;
Fast from complaining and Feast on appreciation;
Fast from negatives and Feast on positives;
Fast from bitterness and Feast on forgiveness;
Fast from self-concern and Feast on compassion for others;
Fast from discouragement and Feast on hope and
Fast on thoughts that weaken and feast on promises that inspire.

Today, and maybe during Lent I hope and pray that we may all go out of our way to do something kind for one another. A random act of kindness can mean a lot and be contagious. Let's spread the love of Jesus on our campus.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Shawn Carey/Principal