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Dear Families,

I hope that everyone enjoyed the long weekend and is refreshed and ready to get back to work (and some fun, too!) The teachers and staff who attended the *Religious Education Conference* in Anaheim learned more about their faith over the holiday weekend.

Calendar Reminders – Just a reminder to check your calendars for the following upcoming events! There are always so many things going on in our busy school community!

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| Wednesday, March 7th | - | Sports Team, Class Reps & Altar Server Pictures
Bring your jerseys! |
| Thursday, March 8th | - | PTO Meeting at noon in Room 14 |
| Monday, March 12th | - | Minimum Day Dismissal @ 12:30/WASC Day |
| Wednesday, March 14th | - | Sports 'n More Awards - 10:15 in the Main Church |
| Wednesday, March 21st | - | Laptop Meeting for 6 th Grade Parents - Rm. 14 @ 6:00 |
| Wednesday, March 28th | - | Education Committee Meeting @ 8:30 in Conference Rm |
| Friday, March 30th | - | No School – Teacher In Service Day |

Please mark your calendars so you don't miss a thing!

And Lent means..... – There was a wonderful little article by one of our very own students in the *Central California Catholic Life* newspaper written by **Danielle Beshwate (6S)**. In this article she explains the meaning behind the ashes we wear on our foreheads on Ash Wednesday and the purpose of Lent. Thank you Danielle for using your religious education and faith to teach others on what to say to questions regarding Catholics.

Classroom Happenings – **Ms. Morris and the students of 4M** were deeply touched by the two young girls who lost their lives in a house fire in Calwa a few weeks ago and decided to try to help them in some way. They held a collection for donations for the surviving family members to help them get through their loss. They raised a total of \$500! Many thanks go to the family and friends of 4M. The money was deposited into an account set up for the girls' family. What a wonderful family we have here at St. Anthony's.

M-T-W Hot Lunch Orders – Due to the unusual schedule we had last week, Mrs. Patty Olson is requesting that all hot lunch orders be turned in this week. There **will not be a late charge** applied due to the fact that we were not here on the 1st of the month.

Parish Verification Forms – If you have received a Parish Verification Form in your packet for Holy Spirit or Newman Center, please fill it out and give it that Parish office. They will mail it directly to our office upon completion.

Sports & More Awards – Please join us for our Winter Sports 'N More on **Wednesday, March 14th at 10:15 to 11:45 in the Main Church**. Not only will we be issuing awards for **Cross Country, Basketball and Jr. High Soccer** but, **we will also be recognizing 2nd Quarter Honor Roll, Spelling Bee, Science Fair and Academic Decathlon**. We encourage all coaches to attend and invite all parents to attend.

Jr. High Science Fair – Please stop by and see what our Jr. High students have been up to in science class. Their Science Fair Projects will be on display this **Thursday, March 8th** in the Social Hall.

Ballet at its Best! – The Valley Performing Arts Council (VPAC) will be sponsoring a performance by the Sacramento Ballet on **April 13th and 14th** at the Saroyan Theater. There will be a variety of dances performed such as the *"Scotch Symphony"*, *"Jump Jive"* and *"Nine Sinatra Songs"*. For more information you may call **VPAC at 432-0155** or purchase tickets through Ticketmaster.com.

Constitution Lecture – Donald Kommers, Joseph and Elizabeth Robbie, Professors of Government and International Studies at the University of Notre Dame, will present a lecture titled *“Religion and the Constitution”* on **Wednesday, March 14th at 6:30**. It will be held at St. Paul’s Newman Center. This lecture is free and open to the public. A reception will follow. Sounds like a very interesting topic that we could all learn from! For more information, contact **Michael Rood at 441-5732**.

Scrip Notes – Please note that **March 15th**, is the last day to purchase scrip and receive tuition credit for the 2006-07 school year. **PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE** keep purchasing **SCRIP** for all of your shopping, gift giving and impulses and get a head start on next year’s tuition. Your participation in the SCRIP Program not only benefits you but also our school. This is another way of giving to a great cause (St. Anthony’s) and it doesn’t cost you anything extra! It’s a win-win situation! Please note that our scrip supplier will be closed the week of April 2nd for inventory. If you need something special (Easter gifts, etc.) or a large amount of a particular scrip, please order in advance. Look for your tuition credit to come home in the first Tuesday packet of April.

Little Saints Meeting - There will be a short meeting Wednesday in room 9 from 3:00pm to 3:15pm.

Good Luck Academic Decathlon Team - I want to wish our Academic Decathlon Team good luck as they travel to Bakersfield this Saturday to represent St. Anthony’s in the annual Diocese of Fresno Academic Decathlon. I especially thank our coaches **Mrs. Baker** and **Mrs. Wesh** and our diocesan coordinators **Mr. Neumeier** and **Mrs. Polacek** for their commitment to this excellent program.

Looking For Coaches - As we begin our spring sports season we are looking for a variety of after school coaches to help support our large numbers of athletes. Please call **Mr. McConnico at 435-0700** if you are interested in coaching or assisting in track, softball, or golf. Thank you!

Math Tutoring Begins Next Week - Our Education Committee is hosting after school tutoring for 3rd and 4th graders each Wednesday after school. This program will begin next Wednesday, March 14 and will run from 3:00 – 4:00 p.m. Please see the enclosed flier for more information. We are also looking for one or two more parent volunteers. Don’t let the word tutor scare you away. Our concentration is on helping our students reinforce their math skills and we have flash cards and math games already in place. Call **Mrs. Margaret Penman at 432-4645** for more information.

Finally - I’d like to commend our 6th graders for roughing the weather at Sonora last week. I’ve heard many compliments about their behavior and their effort. Special thanks to our parent chaperones and especially **Mrs. Garrett** and **Mrs. Silverio** for having the courage to take seventy-two sixth graders on a three day two night field trip.

“Touch our hearts this Lent that through the mystery of Christ’s suffering, death and resurrection, we may come to live faithfully in your kingdom both now and forever.”

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Shawn Carey
Principal