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Dear Families,

What a spectacular week we had celebrating *Teacher Appreciation Week!* The PTO spoiled us with delicious and relaxing treats everyday all week long. And then to top off the week, we were served a fantastic "Taco Bar" lunch (that left no room for dinner!) Thank you to **Mrs. Debbie Martin, Mrs. Amber Donny and Mrs. Tracy Chapman**. Remember, it not only takes a village to raise a child but it also takes a village to pamper and appreciate the faculty and staff here at St. Anthony's.

I would like to thank **Mrs. Lisa Garver** for coordinating the SAS night at the Grizzlies game. It was great to see **Coach McConnico** throw out the first pitch. Thank you to everyone who attended. It's a great event to raise some funds and to raise some "FUN" as we gather together.

Sleep In – Don't forget that next **Monday, May 14th** is a WASC day for our faculty which means no school for our students. Enjoy a little break!

Registration – Please note that if your registration has not been received by last Friday, May 4th **the fee is now \$200. If your registration was received after May 4th you will owe an additional \$50.** Contracts will be included in today's packet if your tuition account is current (including laptop fees and library/lost book fees). Please return your signed contract by this **Friday, May 11th**.

Farewell Mass and Play Day – Please mark your calendars for one of the most memorable school Masses of the year. This **Friday, May 11th**, we will be having our **Farewell Mass in Mary's Garden**. This is the day to remember your tissues because the 1st graders will be saying goodbye to the 8th graders. It completes the circle that began in the fall when our eighth grade welcomed our first grade to St. Anthony's. When the tears are dry, our famous **Play Day** begins. The students are divided into four teams and they play games all day long. ***Volunteers are still needed to help supervise this huge event.*** Please sign up in the school office. We ask that volunteers arrive by **9:45**. The games begin at **10:30** and finish up with the tug-of-war around **2:00**. If you would like to help, please sign up in the school office. Please plan to join us for a day of fun!

M-T-W- Hot Lunch – Please turn in your orders for **Mrs. Olson's MTW Hot lunches** as soon as possible. Thank you!

Advisory School Board Elections – Please see the enclosed candidacy statements and ballot for our Advisory School Board. Please choose four of the candidates and return your ballots to the school office by **tomorrow, Wednesday, May 9th**. The count will be taken and we will let you know the election outcome next week. Good luck to all of the willing candidates.

Girl Scout Bake-Off – What a good cookie! Girl Scout Troup #695 (**Mrs. Abigail Bridgman and Sherry Otero** leaders of participant bakers **Marianne Cabanela, Tia Montes, Caty Otero and Gabby Teodoro**) and Troup #731 (**Mrs. Suzelle Kasaian and Mrs. Cindy O'Rourke** leaders of participant bakers **Claire Kasaian, Audrey Linney, Megan Tamiyasu, Melanie Wong and Samantha York**) participated in a cookie bake off with some awesome cookies. They were all great cookies but the winners were **Tia Montes in 1st place, Melanie Wong in 2nd place and Caty Otero in 3rd place**. Next, they will take their winning recipes to the Service Unit Bake Off.

Lost & Found – Please check the lost and found bin in the breezeway because as of the last day of school, **June 1st**, everything left over will be donated to charity.

The Blessings of Humor – Get your very own copy of the booklet made by the St. Anthony Parish Silver Leaves Senior Ministry for **Fr. Blessing's 25th Anniversary**. Included in the book are stories and riddles Fr. Blessing has shared with us in his homilies over the years. Copies are only \$5.

Laptop Fee Reminder – Please remember to send in your Laptop Rental fees. You will not be able to register for 8th grade at SAS or at SJM if these fees are not current.

Yearbook Photos – If you turned in pictures for the yearbook (baby photos, ad pages, etc.), they are ready to be picked up in the school office. All unclaimed photos will be disposed of after the last day of school, **June 1st**.

Summer School-Unfortunately do to construction on campus and work in our computer lab, we have decided not to offer summer school this summer. We hope to offer again next summer. We apologize for any inconvenience.

Congratulations Track Team - The 2007 Track Team members that completed this past Saturday at the Jr. Fresno Relays included: **Michael Ball, Estie Salgado, Miles Orme, Nick Sheehan, Matthew Carlos, Brenna Flynn, Frank Dalena, Dillon Nino, Cooper Douglas, Matt Harris, Natalie Wong, J.P. Caprioglio, Stephanie Wong and Isabelle Sico**. The following athletes qualified to compete in the upcoming VALLEY CHAMPIONSHIPS May 19th: **Lauren Caprioglio 1st place**-High Jump, **Caroline Ball 2nd Place**-1500 meters and **Hunter Douglas 4th place**-High Jump.....GOOD LUCK!!!

Summer Vacation Brochure – Your child may bring home a summer vacation brochure. These summer workbooks and assorted resources are provided for your coordination – they are not sponsored or even recommended by SAS. We are just offering you these options. Please place your order in the folder in the school office label “Summer Vacation”. An order form is included in your packet today. Thank you for your support of our parish ministries.

Saying Goodbye – We would like to say goodbye and good luck to two of our teachers as they conclude their teaching careers at St. Anthony’s. **Mrs. Francine Young (8Y)** has announced that after nine years she has accepted a junior high teaching position in Lemoore. We will miss her expertise in teaching language arts and her friendship. Many parents and students have complimented Mrs. Young for teaching the formal writing process, especially the essay to her students. Also, after six years of teaching 1st grade, **Mrs. Melissa Powers (1P)** will be resigning her position. We thank her for her dedication and for sharing her talents with our youngest students. She has provided a nurturing and stimulating first grade learning environment that is recognized for it’s creative approach to learning. I thank Mrs. Young and Mrs. Powers for their dedication to the children of SAS and I wish them the best of luck in their future. A staffing change will move **Mrs. Nicole Mastropalo** from her 7th grade language arts position to the vacant 1st grade position. She has three years of very successful experience in the first grade.

Baby Congrats! – I would like to announce the newest member of our SAS family: **Lauren Elise Garret** blessed this world with her birth on Friday, May 4th. Mrs. Garrett and her new daughter are both doing well!

I would like to share with you this prayer that Philip Dodd shared with us at Mass last Friday. It is a beautiful tribute to our teachers and I would like to thank him for these words.

Heavenly Father, we thank you for these men and women who lead our schools.

Thank you Father for giving them a spirit like eagles wings to fearlessly soar across the paths of many with the message of God’s love.

Thank you for letting these wonderful people always have time to walk through the halls of the school giving a hug or a reassuring smile to a child.

But most important, thank you for sending them a hand with a loving touch.

You have sent them a hand that hugs small children, taught the wise, and calmed the sea.

Thank you Father for sending them the loving hand of your Son, Jesus Christ.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Shawn Carey
Principal