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Dear Families,

Our 15th Annual Spring Auction Dinner held on Saturday evening was a tremendous success. I want to thank **Mrs. Maria Ingley and Mrs. Catherine Jameson** for chairing this huge event. I would also like to thank their very hard working committee for all the countless hours it takes to make this event such a success. It was a beautiful warm evening for the gathering of St. Anthony's parents and friends. A very special thank you goes to **John and Lisa Bonadelle** for their graciousness and hospitality in opening their beautiful home and gardens again this year. And I must comment on our students' beautiful artwork that was displayed throughout the evening. The evening was made even more special because of those special touches from our students. Many, many thanks to our clean-up committee who came through to "pick up the pieces" the morning after! In addition, **Mrs. Kimberly Gambero** would like to extend her appreciation to everyone who participated in the **Tuition Key Raffle**. Congratulations go to the following winners:

- ♦ 1st Place of \$1000 Tuition Credit – **The Cardella Family**
- ♦ 2nd Place of \$75 Dennis Uniform Scrip – **The Hurtado-Alvarado Family**
- ♦ 3rd Place of Free Thursday Hot Lunch for 1 Student for the 2007-08 school year – **The Matt McDougal Family**

Congratulations to all of you lucky winners!

Spring Sports & 8th Grade Awards - You won't want to miss our awards tomorrow, **Wednesday, May 23rd at 1:15 in the Main Church**. Soccer, tennis, and track athletes will be recognized for their participation in after school sports. Spring coaches are encouraged to attend in order to recognize our athletes. The 8th graders will be recognized with their awards for perfect attendance, CJSF, and Honor Roll as well as those who participated in cheerleading, SAINTS Service Leaders and Student Government. We will also announce our yearbook dedication. We will also recognize our third graders who participated in the Oral Interpretation Peach Blossom Festival at CSUF. It's always nice to see parents attending and supporting their children in their school activities.

New Altar Server Registration - Applications are available in the Parish Office for students interested in joining the Altar Server Program. To be eligible to participate, students must be in the 5th through 12th grades in the fall; have received the Sacraments of Baptism, Reconciliation, and Holy Communion; be members of St. Anthony of Padua Parish; and attend Mass regularly. Completed applications must be returned by **June 15, 2006** to the **Parish Office**.

Tuition & School Contracts – Please remember that tuition is a **twelve-month program** and is due by the 20th of each month. If you would like to mail your tuition payments in over the summer, **we have self-addressed envelopes available in the office**. Please stop by and pick them up. Please note that our **summer office hours are Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday from 9:00 to 2:00**.

SCRIP – Please remember to use scrip when shopping for all of those graduations, teacher gifts, weddings, birthdays, anniversaries, etc. or those last minute gifts! Also, don't forget that we carry **Honeybaked Ham** (for those grad parties) and **Dennis Uniforms** for the early bird shoppers (their sale starts June 1st). We will be selling SCRIP over the summer so you may continue to save on tuition. You may fax in your order and pay for it when you pick it up. You may download the scrip form from the website or stop by the school office. I am happy to announce that a total of **\$22,740** was awarded to families for tuition credit as a result of their participation in our scrip program this year. Thank you all for your support. Every dollar of scrip that is purchased helps your family as well as ours.

Registration – For those of you that have not registered for the 2007-08 school year **we will assume that you will not be returning and your student's position will be filled**. As of **May 21st**, any outstanding balances (tuition, campus care, parent participation hours) will be considered delinquent and subject to late fees. We would greatly appreciate all payments made prior to **May 25th**, as this will help facilitate the closing of the 2006-07 school year.

SJM Summer Volleyball Open Gym – If you are a 5th through 8th grade boy or girl and are interested in volleyball, SJM will be holding open gym time starting **Wednesday, June 6th from 5:30 to 7:00 pm**. This is a great program for those who may want to play for SJM in the future. You will receive training from experienced volleyball and coaches to help your volleyball future!

Congratulations – The Johns Hopkins University Center for Talented Youth State Award for High Honors was given to **Richard Boone (4P), Grant DerManouel (4M), Maurice Frediere (4M), Mikaela Harris (4M) and Dusty Janigian (4M)** on Saturday, May 12th. These students were among the highest scoring participants for the state of California in the mathematics and verbal talent search. I would like to congratulate all of you on this very prestigious award! And more congratulations to our 7th grade girls for becoming the **2007 PAL Varsity Champions** in Socco. **Mrs. Lorie Baugh** coached this winning team consisting of **Megan Baugh, Kristyn Chavez, Allie Frea, Sharon Gosselin, Alyssa Johnston, Krystal Lubi, Gabi McNamara, Katie Orjuela, Bianca Pimentel, Ashley Rodriguez, Megan Sullivan and Stephanie Wong**. They beat St. Joseph's from Firebaugh 10-5 in the Championship game! The 5th and 6th grade girls JV team coached by Mrs. Jami Baker took 2nd place. Congratulations to everyone!

Look who's on stage! – We are always proud of the talent of our students and I hope you go see our very own **Philip Sarkisian (7W)** in *Fiddler on the Roof* playing at Roger Rocka's Dinner Theater beginning May 24th and running through July 22nd. You will also catch his sister and alumni **Amelia Sarkisian** in a feature part. We can say we knew them when.....

Good News - I am happy to announce that **Mr. Dan Houtsinger**, our current long term substitute teacher has accepted our offer to teach junior high Language Arts next year. Mr. Houtsinger has demonstrated excellent teaching in literature and writing and is also a "high tech" expert when it comes to integrating laptop technology into learning. I am very excited about the opportunity for Mr. Houtsinger to teach our junior high students next year.

Yard Duty Volunteers – Please see the enclosed flier for yard duty volunteers for the next school year. Also, **Mrs. Becky Sarkisian** who has organized this very important group of volunteers will be retiring after next year and is looking for an "apprentice" to show the ropes to and take over. If you are interested in earning your Parent Participation Hours in this way, please give her a call. And, thank you for taking interest in our children during the lunch hour.

Farewell 8th Graders – This Friday is the last day of school for our 8th grade class. They will graduate on **Saturday, May 26th** with a graduation Mass at 11:00 am in the Church. These students have had a great year and have served as wonderful examples for all of us. The "**Last Minute Countdown**" tradition will continue as always at 2:49 pm this Friday in Mary's Garden. Tissues are recommended! It's always sad to see such great students leave their home here at St. Anthony's but we know we are sending well prepared and caring students off to high school who will make us very proud!

You may have noticed those great license plate frames marketing SAS. I would like to thank **Mrs. O'Brien** for creating these great frames to show our school pride. It is really great to see our parking lot full of cars marketing and showing pride for our school!

As we wind down our school year, enjoy this Memorial Day weekend (no school on Monday). I encourage the students to keep up their good effort in class and to finish well by working hard to the very end!

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Shawn Carey
Principal

School Office Hours: Monday thru Friday 8:00 to 4:00, Minimum Days 8:00 to 2:00
Summer Office Hours: Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday 9:00 to 2:00