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Dear Families,

I hope you enjoyed the long weekend. A nice little break at the beginning of school is wonderful to rest our hard working students.

Announcing Our Student Government – Our candidates did a beautiful job campaigning and giving their speeches last week. The following students were elected to represent our entire student body this year:

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| ▪ Commissioner General | Philip Dodd |
| ▪ Assistant Commissioner Gernal | Marissa Piche |
| ▪ Commissioner of Religious Affairs | P.J. Cameron |
| ▪ Commissioner of Finance | Rachel Hall |
| ▪ Commissioner of Elections | Joe Gaither |
| ▪ Commissioner of Publicity | Mary Smith |
| ▪ Commissioner of Girls Athletics | Andie Arrellano |
| ▪ Commissioner of Boys Athletics | Dylan Olson |
| ▪ Commissioner of School Spirit | Brian Droz |
| ▪ Commissioner of Safety & Grounds | Ben Singer |
| ▪ Commissioner of Student Control | Jordan Batti |

I commend all of our candidates for their effort and thank them for their tremendous school spirit.

Campus Care Payments – Enclosed in this Tuesday packet you will find your Campus Care payment envelopes. Please be aware that previous payments have not been posted yet but will be up-to-date the next time you receive them. Thank you.

Calling All Yard Duty Volunteers- If you are a returning or new parent to our Yard Duty Program, we would like to invite you to attend an informative meeting tomorrow, **September 6th at 8:30 in the Social Hall.** Please note we have changed the location. This meeting should clarify what the "Yard Duties" consist of and how to handle our great students. This will be a great forum for questions and answers.

Safe Environment Training – The Diocese of Fresno has just announced an approved online Safe Environment Training Course. If you would like to complete this course in place of attending a training session, please complete the general training course at:

<http://www.sonoma.edu/cihs/mr/>.

Please click on the following to begin training:

- **General Training;**
- **Register or Login;**
- **New User Registration;**
- **Fill out all areas with an *;**
- **When you get to select a profession, scroll to the bottom and click on Other and type in "Volunteer at Private School";**
- **Catalog;**
- **General Training for all Mandated Reporters;**
- **Add and Launch;**
- **I understand;**
- **Next;**
- **Pre-Test and then take all other tests.**

Upon completion please print out a copy of your certificate and bring it along with a signed copy of Parent Code of Conduct (found on our school website under forms).

Livescan Fingerprinting on Campus – We will have Central Valley Livescan on campus for another fingerprinting session on **Thursday, September 14th at 2:00 to 4:30.** Please sign up for an appointment in the school office. The fee is \$47 and checks may be made payable to Central Valley Livescan.

Picture Day - We will be taking our school pictures for the yearbook next **Tuesday, September 12th.** These are your pictures and you may wear nice dress that your family decides

upon. Nice jeans, denim skirts, and non-uniform shorts are acceptable, but please remember that they must meet our length requirement – not below the knee or higher than 4" above the knee. Please have your student bring the enclosed flier/envelope with a check made to **Premier Studios** next Tuesday. Also, pictures will be taken of **Student Government, Cheerleaders and Altar Servers. Also, the 8th grade yearbook picture will be taken in front of the Church.**

Academic Decathlon – All 6th, 7th and 8th graders interested in Academic Decathlon please come to **Room 20** at lunch this **Thursday, September 7th**. **Mrs. Jami Baker** is the coordinator for our team. We will discuss logic and set up days during lunch to prepare for logic tryouts. The tryouts for Academic Decathlon will be the last week of September.

California Jr. Scholarship Federation – All 7th and 8th graders who would like to apply for **CJSF** are asked to please **return the form** from the "*Back to School Night*" packet. If you do not have a form, please see **Mrs. Baker** for one and return it by **Friday, September 15th**.

Carnival – Just in case you haven't heard, our Parish School Carnival will be held on **Sunday, September 24th**. Our carnival is famous for its fun activities, rides and for providing delicious food. This is a wonderful time to get together as a parish community and to spend the day. Please plan on joining us. If you are looking for a Carnival job that earns Parent Participation Hours, please speak to our chairperson **Mrs. Deb Martin at 292-5992**. Help is always needed with setting up and cleaning up. It is always a wonderful thing to see our school and church community come together for this great event that benefits our school.

Community Center – As we begin this new adventure, we are trying to keep our school community "in the know". Please look for an update in next week's letter.

Parenting Classes – St. Paul's Newman Center is offering a series of parenting classes for parents and teachers on the 3rd Thursday of each month September through May. The classes will be presented by Kathleen Ramos, Ph.D., Associate Professor, CSUF Dept. of Child, Family and Consumer Science. The first class entitled, *Context of Parenting: How Temperament and Beliefs Shape the Experience*, will be held on **Thursday, September 21st at St. Paul's Newman Center Library from 7:00 to 8:30 pm**. For more information on this or other classes, please call **Mr. John Prandini, Director of Family Life Ministry at 436-3439 or e-mail prandinij@csufnewman.com**.

No Bully Zone - Our most important concern is for the physical and emotional safety of all of our children. We want all children to feel safe in their school environment. As a staff, we are working very hard to educate our children about the nature of bullying. I recently gave a presentation to our students about our school expectations and reminded them of the importance of treating others well. I also shared that...

- SAS is committed to providing a caring, friendly and safe environment for all students so that they can learn in a secure atmosphere: A No Bully Zone.
- Bullying of any kind is unacceptable at school.
- Bullying is defined as the use of aggression with the intention of hurting another person either verbally or physically and can include ignoring, excluding, name calling, taunting, teasing, abusive phone calls, intimidating e-mails, any discussion of violence, rumors and gossip.
- If bullying does occur, students are expected to inform any member of the school's staff and know that the bullying incident will be dealt with promptly.

As always, it's our hope that parents and teachers working together can coach our children to treat each other as they all deserve to be treated.

Thank You, Thank You, Thank You - I feel a great need to show my tremendous appreciation to **Mrs. Lisa Hendey** for the wonderful job she does of handling our school website. Not only does she keep it updated with the latest Tuesday letters, but puts many necessary school forms available to parents. Also, many prospective families view our website. It is quite an honor to receive a phone call from an out-of-state family interested in enrolling their student(s) at our school after viewing our website. Hats off to you, **Mrs. Hendey**, for all of your hard work and dedication!

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Shawn Carey
Principal