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Dear Families,

Our eighth grade classes formally welcomed our first graders to Mass last Friday. It was a beautiful ceremony, complete with eighth and first grade students walking hand in hand carrying blue and gold balloons. By the way, if you have any pictures of the "Welcome Mass", Mr. Olson would like some for the yearbook. Just send them in an envelope marked Mr. Olson - Welcome Mass with your family name and telephone number.

**Community Center Update** – At long last, a settlement has been reached with the opposing neighbors and we are now proceeding with the building of the Community Center. Unfortunately, due to the lengthy delays, construction costs have increased and we are in the midst of securing new subcontractor bids. With heavy equipment now on campus, we want our community to know that safety is our first and foremost concern. We have fenced off a corridor on campus to provide a "safety zone" for our students and when a piece of equipment or truck moves through campus outside of this zone, it will be escorted to provide a safe environment. We are diligently working to keep this project going and at the same time, provide the safest environment possible for our students, staff and faculty.

**Academic Decathlon Update** – For those students interested in joining the Academic Decathlon Team, you are welcome to come to Room 20 at lunch on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays to practice logic. You may want to go to [www.ajhd.org/](http://www.ajhd.org/) for last year's logic quiz. Logic try-outs for the team will be the last week of September. There will be more specifics as we get closer to the date.

**California Jr. Scholarship Federation** – All 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> 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 this **Friday, September 15<sup>th</sup>**.

**Student Sign Out Procedure** – As stated on page 5 of the Parent-Student Handbook, anytime a student needs to leave school during school hours, that student must be signed out by the parent or guardian taking them. Therefore, the parent or guardian must physically come into the office to pick up their student and sign them out. Please refer to the handbook for more details.

**Children's Choir** – **Mr. Sarkisian** will begin the Children's Choir practices on **Thursday, September 14<sup>th</sup> from 3-4 pm**. This choir, "Joyful Noise", is for 4<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> graders and will rehearse for the 9:30 Sunday Masses and help lead the music at our school Masses. A new choir, "Angel Voices", is also being formed for 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> graders. They will rehearse on **Tuesdays from 3-4 pm beginning September 12<sup>th</sup>**. Once this choir is ready, they will split the musical responsibilities with the 4<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grade choir.

**School Office Hours** – Our school office hours on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays are 8:00 to 4:00 and due to office staff meetings, 8:00 to 3:30 on Wednesdays. On minimum days, the office is open from 8:00 to 2:00. Thank you.

**PTO Meeting** – In order to try to accommodate everyone's busy schedules, we are rotating our PTO meeting times. We will begin our first PTO meeting this **Thursday, September 14<sup>th</sup> at noon in Room 14**. A light lunch will be served beginning at 11:45. Hope to see you there!

**Macy's Benefit Shopping Day** - Please remember to keep **Thursday, October 26<sup>th</sup>** in mind for their famous Benefit Shopping Day. By purchasing a \$10 ticket, it allows you to pre-shop and/or shop that day and receive great discounts. Also, you will receive \$3 tuition credit just for purchasing a ticket from St. Anthony's School. The proceeds from these tickets goes directly to the school and by going to Macy's on that day and depositing your ticket stub gives us an additional \$3. Shop 'til you drop!