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Dear Families,

The St. Anthony of Padua Parish School carnival will be held this **Sunday, September 24th from 10:30 to 6:30 pm**. Our Farmer's Market is back and begins at **7:00am to 1:00 pm in the Courtyard**. Volunteers and donations are greatly needed. This is our last week in preparation for the big event so please encourage raffle ticket sales. Please deliver your books and other donations to the stage in the Social Hall. The cakes for the cakewalk may be delivered to Room 9 (Ms. Ostdiek's room) on Saturday until 5:00 or Sunday morning until 10:00 am. We are asking volunteers to sign up to supervise games and activities and especially for set up and clean up committees. We always need help with set up beginning at **Friday at 3:00 pm** and again at **8:30 am on Saturday morning**. And the fun continues with clean up which begins immediately following the carnival. If we gather ten or more people for clean up it will fly by! The Carnival is always a great way to earn your Parent Participation Hours early in the school year. Please call our **Carnival Chairperson, Mrs. Deb Martin (473-8607), Mrs. Cynthia Brannon (291-1797) or Mrs. Kathi Woodward (266-2978)**.

Carnival Dance – St. Anthony's Jr. High students (7th & 8th only) are invited to attend our "famous" carnival dance from **6:00 to 9:00 on Saturday, September 23rd**. Drinks and snacks are provided for a \$5.00 charge. Please contact **Mrs. Wendy Batti at 779-9691** if you should have any questions.

Recycle, Recycle, Recycle – **Mrs. Gennock** would like to remind everyone that we will be doing our part to save the earth by recycling at the carnival. Please be sure to toss your aluminum cans and plastic water bottles in the boxes marked **RECYCLE and the orange buckets**. So far, \$105 has been raised and with your support we can do so much more. Your help is very much appreciated.

Minimum Day – Next **Monday, September 25th**, will be a minimum day with **dismissal at 12:30**. With all of the fun you will have had at the Parish/School Carnival on Sunday, this comes at the perfect time! Actually, our faculty will be preparing for the upcoming **WASC** (Western Association of Schools and Colleges) self study.

Student Government Fall Class Representatives – Last week elections were held for the Fall Class Reps. Congratulations to all of the candidates for running such a great campaign. Here is a list of our Fall Class Representatives:

4P	Bianca Bonadelle	4M	Mikaela Harris
	Steven Horn		Grant Der Manouel
5A	Mallorie Manimtim	5H	Danielle Charlson
	Donovan West		Connor Lilles
6G	Diana Kirkorian	6S	Michael Cimo
	Brian Goebel		Carlo Mazzoni
7M	Allie Frea	7W	Hunter Anderson
	Bianca Pimentel		Krystal Lubi
8B	Katie Phillips		

We know these students will represent their classes well!

Absentee Pictures – Tomorrow, **Wednesday, September 20th**, will be the absentee picture day. If you missed the pictures the first time, here's your chance to make the yearbook! **Fliers to order these pictures are in the school office.**

Volleyball Coach Needed-HELP! – We are in desperate need of a 7th grade Girls Volleyball Coach. No coach, no volleyball! Please contact **Mr. Tim McConnico** as soon as possible.

Children's Hospital – Many of us have had some kind of experience with Children's Hospital either with one of our own children or someone else close to us. The hospital is committed to providing high quality health care to the children of central California regardless of their ability to pay. Now, we have a chance to be good stewards and give back to this wonderful organization. Kiss Country is hosting a radiothon to help raise funds for Children's Hospital. St. Anthony's has become a "**Change Bandit**" which means we will be raising funds for the hospital. We are asking for each student to bring in **\$1 (or more)** to go to this great cause. If we all pitch in, we can show our gratitude for the wonderful services they provide to the Central Valley. Please send your donations in with your students to give to their teachers by **Wednesday, September 27th**.

Mathematics Aide Needed – The 5th grade classes are looking for a parent volunteer(s) interested in serving as a math aide. The math periods are daily from 9:00 to 9:50 and 10:15 to 11:00. This position would be daily to assist groups of math students with their work as the teachers give individual attention as needed. Please let **Mrs. Hankes or Mrs. Asparuhov** know if you are interested in working with the students.

Macy's Benefit Shopping Day - Please remember to keep **Thursday, October 26th** 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 and additional \$3**. Shop 'til you drop!

Safe Environment Training – As a reminder, the Diocese of Fresno has 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). If you would like, you may attend a Safe Environment Training class on the following dates:

Thursday, October 6th 1:30 to 3:30 pm - The Pastoral Center, 1550 N. Fresno in the St. Joachim Room (near SJM)

Friday, November 3rd 1:30 to 3:30 pm - The Pastoral Center, 1550 N. Fresno in the St. Joachim Room (near SJM)

You must register at least 48 hours in advance to **Teresa at 584-4349**. Each class should last about 2 hours, there is no cost and all materials will be provided. You will be given a certificate of completion which you must return to the school office. In addition, volunteers are also required to be fingerprinted. There are additional times and dates available outside of the Fresno area. Please call the above number and speak with Teresa to find out where they will be held. Central Valley Livescan will be on campus for another fingerprinting session on **Thursday, October 5th from 2:00 to 4:30**. The sign up sheet is on the bulletin board in the office. The fee is \$47 and checks may be made payable to Central Valley Livescan.

Vons Shoppers – If you shop at Vons, they are issuing "Reward Certificates" with your purchases which can be turned into cash for our school. Please turn them into the school office labeled "**VONS REWARD CERTIFICATES**" and we will redeem them. Thank you!

Student Volunteers Needed for Harvest of Hope – Catholic Charities will be holding their annual fundraiser "harvest of Hope" on **Saturday, September 30th** at the home of Kevin and Denise Tweed. They are currently looking for some 8th grade volunteers to help with this event on **Friday (9/29), Saturday (9/30) and Sunday (10/1)** at various times. Please call **Kathryn Weakland at 970-7214** for the times if you are interested in earning some service hours.

Want to be a Boy Scout? – The St. Anthony's Parish Cub Scout program is beginning a new year. This ministry helps boys grow in character while emphasizing our duty to God, community and self in a fun and exciting atmosphere. Character is known as "Values in Action". If you are interested in learning more about this program, please contact Cub Master **Brian Cameron at 432-8466** or Pack Chairperson **John O'Rourke at 431-4261**.

Reminder – Please remember that **ALL Fig Garden Soccer Teams that use St. Anthony's fields must give St. Anthony's Football and Volleyball teams' priority for field space**. Our practices usually run from 3:00 to 4:15 daily. Thank you for your consideration.

Tuesday Packet Fliers – We know there is plenty of information that comes home weekly in this packet but we would like to express how vital this information is to keep up the communication here at St. Anthony's. Please remember to check **both sides** of each flier for information. We do not want you to miss anything important!

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Shawn Carey
Principal