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Dear Families,

Yesterday was an exciting morning as we listed the winners from our famous Carnival. Please see the enclosed flier with the many winners from this year's carnival. When we have an event where the parish and school community come together such as this, we are all winners! Thank you to all who participated in any way, shape or form to make this fundraiser the success that it was. Success isn't just measured in dollars but in the bonds that are formed when the community works together for the greater good. This was a fine example of working together for a common cause—our students and community!

Keep your eyes open! - Unfortunately, this past Friday night we were once again a target of vandalism. The activity was of a serious nature being attempted arson and tagging. We are kindly asking everyone who may be driving by the school or church at night, to contact **Turner Security (486-3466)** or the **Fresno Police Department**, if you see any unusual activity. Thank you for your help.

Calendar Reminders – Just a few things that we don't want you to forget!

Thursday, 10/12	PTO Meeting (Lunch is at 11:45, Meeting begins at noon)
Friday, 10/13	No School (Diocesan Teacher Convention)
Wednesday, 10/18	Premier Re-take Pictures
10/16-10/19 (M-Th)	Minimum Days (Dismissal at 12:30) - Parent/Teacher Conferences Scholastic Book Faire in the Social Hall
Friday, 10/20	Pumpkin Patch 2:00-5:00 in the Courtyard
10/23-10/27 (M-F)	Red Ribbon Week
Wednesday, 10/25	Education Committee Meeting - 8:30 in Conference Rm.
Friday, 10/27	SAS Golf Tournament at Brighton Crest
Sunday, 10/29	Daylight Savings Time Ends – <u>Clocks FALL Back 1 hour</u>

Children's Hospital "Change Bandits" – As mentioned in previous letters, St. Anthony's School participated as a "Change Bandit" to raise funds for Children's Hospital. I am happy to report that due to your generosity we were able to donate over **\$850** to this wonderful cause. Thank you to all who generously donated to show St. Anthony's appreciation for the wonderful services that Children's Hospital provides to our valley's children.

Soft Drinks Anyone? – We have an abundance of cases soft drinks (Pepsi, Diet Pepsi, Sierra Mist and Dr. Pepper) left over from the carnival which we will be selling for \$5 per case. If you would like to purchase one or more cases, please put a check and the choice of soft drink you would like in the envelope in the school office and Mr. Neumeier will fill your order. It will be ready for pick up in the office the same day.

School Directories – They're here! If you **did not** order a directory you may stop by the office and pick one up for \$8.00 while they last!

2006-07 Academic Decathlon Team – The tryouts for this year's Academic Decathlon have given us a wonderful team. Congratulations go to the following students: **Christina Rontell, Matt Pomaville, Krystal Lubi, Nick Janigian, Adam Hendey and Cassandra Baker**. They will join **Isabelle Sico, Allie Frea, Jimmy Cameron and Megan Baugh** in competition. **Carl Olson and Noelle Diener** will also join the team as alternates.

Congratulations Homecoming Nominees – If you attended **SJM's** Homecoming game last Friday night, you may have recognized many names as the Homecoming Court nominees were announced. I feel it fitting to acknowledge that 7 out of the 10 nominees are alumni from St. Anthony's School. The selection process is based not only on their GPA but also on the service and activities performed within the community. This is something that St. Anthony's strongly promotes along with our curriculum. Congratulations to all of the nominees and winners: **Taylor Brownell, Andrea Carey, Dante DiCicco, Justin Gilio, Miles Hischier, Stephen Pistorosi and Santino Reynolds**. You make us all very proud!

Thank you, Thank you, Thank you - We would like to thank the registered nurses and the many parent volunteers who come to the office to assist during the lunch hour. If you've ever been to the office during lunch, then you know how busy it can be. It is truly reassuring to know that our students are in good hands not only with our own office staff but also those of nurses and caring parents. This just goes to show the type of family community that St. Anthony's is all about.

Scholastic Book Fair – Keep the dates of **October 16th - 19th** in mind for visiting our annual Book Fair to be held in the Social Hall. Volunteers are needed to work shifts and all proceeds are used to purchase books for the classrooms and resource supplies. If you are interested in earning some Parent Participation hours, please give **Mrs. Linda Beltramo** a call at **431-3816**.

Tylenol Please! – If you are in the office for any given length of time then you know how much Tylenol we go through! At this time, the office is running low on Tylenol (chewable and capsules) and would appreciate any donations. As always, thank you in advance for your generosity!

Scrip – With the holidays just around the corner, start thinking about purchasing your Christmas gifts at school instead of standing in those long lines! We have so many stores and restaurants to choose from and the list is always growing! To keep up with the scrip changes (denominations, additions, deletions, etc.), please download a current scrip order form from our website. One change coming up is that **Edwards/UA/Signature Theaters** will be going to \$25 gift card. We still have a supply of the \$10 gift certificates in stock but when those are gone then we will only have the \$25 cards. Also, if you are giving a gift for a teacher and don't know what to purchase we do have Scrip Gift Certificates available. They may choose the scrip of their choice.

Safe Environment Policy – Due to the great amount of paperwork involved with implementing the Diocesan-wide Safe Environment Policy we are in need of a parent volunteer to help with filing the paperwork for this program. The hours are flexible and of course, you can earn your Parent Participation hours. Please call Mr. Carey if you are available for this position and more info.

Diocesan Electronic Privacy Policy – It is our intent to provide the safest physical, social and emotional environment for our students. Therefore, we must remind students and parents of Diocesan Policy #3630 (No Right of Privacy or Confidentiality for Electronic Systems) which states:

Catholic schools do not grant any employee or student any right of privacy or confidentiality regarding the use of all electronic mail or messaging systems ("E-mail Systems"), all computer systems ("Computer Systems"), to include but not be limited to desktop computers, laptop or tablet computers, PDAs, computer network, software programs and connections to the World Wide Web ("Internet"), and all telecommunications systems ("Telecom Systems"), including but not limited to telephone, intercom, voice mail, fax, pager, cell phone, and two-way radio telecommunications, while on campus or at a school-sponsored event or activity. This policy includes the use of all "Electronic Systems" (which is defined as but is not limited to any E-mail Systems, Computer Systems and Telecom Systems) whether owned or operated by the school, a school employee, or a student.

Campus Care News – Look for our junior staff today and through the next few weeks as they will be collecting new or gently used stuffed animals for the Ronald McDonald House in Madera. Every child who enters may seek comfort in the stuffed animals that are available. When they are ready to leave, this choice of comfort may go with them.

Macy's Benefit Shopping Day – Shop, shop, shop 'til you drop! If you have already purchased a ticket, it is available for pick up in the office. If you haven't purchased your Macy's Benefit Shopping Day ticket yet, they are still available. The event is on **Thursday, October 26th** and the tickets are just \$10 each. You will receive 15-20% savings and a chance to win a \$1000 shopping spree. You can even use it on presale purchases. You will also receive \$3 in tuition credit just for buying a ticket! Also, if anyone is interested in working at the event representing St. Anthony's School, we would appreciate your help. We need 3 parents to work a three hour shift. Believe it or not, Parent Participation hours are given to be at Macy's that day! Call **Mrs. Polacek** at **435-0700** for details.

Odyssey of the Mind – We are about to begin our **16th season of Odyssey of the Mind** here at St. Anthony's. Each year OM offers students the opportunity to participate in challenging, learning activities. Students select from one to five problems, which range from architecture to engineering, to dramatic arts, etc. This is a very unique educational adventure. As we all know, all good things must come to an end. **Mrs. Wendy Batti** has been the OM chairperson for the last **6 years** and we are very grateful for her time and dedication to this program. Because she is retiring this position, we are currently looking for her replacement. If you are interested in this fun, learning experience, please call **Mrs. Batti at 779-9691** or **Mr. Carey** in the school office.

Community Center Update – As you are well aware, due to the lawsuit filed by the neighborhood association, our project was greatly delayed. With the period of time it took to reach a settlement, provide it to the City of Fresno, relieving them of the suit and releasing us the permits to start the project, happened at a time where the economy saw a 30-40% increase in building material costs. (This rise was due to high gasoline prices and intense local, regional, national and global demands on building material, i.e. steel, asphalt and concrete, which makes up about 85% of this project.) Therefore, the original estimate of \$5 million dollars has now increased to \$6.2 million. We received pledges of \$3.2 million in addition to the \$1 million in the bank which still leaves us short. This shortfall will need to be made up through additional fundraising and a call for stewardship. This fundraising effort will be directed toward the St. Anthony's School community for the simple reason that only **35%** of our families have pledged donations to this project. We are asking everyone to participate in this project. This facility will serve the children of our school on a daily basis and will be the finest in the Central Valley for a K – 8 school. We truly need your help and positive response to make this endeavor a success. You may check the church's website (stanthonyfresno.org) for updates on this project. Just click on the Community Center link.

On a different note, I would like to thank everyone on behalf of **Mr. David Sarkisian** for the prayers that have been offered up for him during his recovery from surgery last week. He mentioned that he felt safe in God's hands knowing His faithful people were praying for a "positive recovery and negative results"! Keep up the good prayers!

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Shawn Carey
Principal