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Dear Families,

Community Center/Capital Campaign Commitment Cards

One of the biggest projects in the history of St. Anthony's is the new Community Center. I can't stress enough the positive impact that this facility will have on our School and Parish Community. Because we are literally bursting at the seams, we will be able to do so much more as far as after school activities, electives, P.E., not to mention have a wonderful place for the whole school to assemble for the Christmas programs, talent show, award ceremonies and other school events. That is why we are asking for you to respond with the commitment cards you have received. Please return the card by tomorrow, **Wednesday, November 15th**. If you turned in your card this past week we appreciate your response. If you have already donated or pledged, please indicate that on the back of the card. We need each family to respond with a commitment card thus limiting the amount of follow up phone calls. Our school families have always provided support in a time of need and we are continuously thankful for that generosity. We are looking for a response from each family as this will positively enhance the learning experience at our school. We pray for your support and commitment to a project that will benefit our community greatly!

Jr. High Dance Change! – Please note that the dance has been changed from tonight to **Thursday night (11/15)** due to scheduling conflicts. Also, instead of the \$5 cover charge, we are asking the students to bring in a bag of canned food for the food drive.

Break A Leg! – The Nutcracker performance at the Saroyan Theater coming up on **November 25th & 26th** is featuring 5 of our very own students: **Alexis Boone (7W), Mylan Biltz (2G), Nathan Biltz (4P), Hannah Giardullo (4M) and Rachel Giardullo (2G)**. Please see the flier sent in last week's Tuesday packet for more info. Also, another performance coming up called the "*Frog and Toad Play*" at Cynthia Merrill's School of Performing Arts on **December 2nd, 3rd, 9th, & 10th** is a light-hearted, happy children's play featuring more of our students, **Megan Tamiyasu (3V) and Julia Lokey (K3)**. What a pleasure to see our students performing in the arts.

Classroom Happenings – There is always so much going on in the classrooms and I would like to highlight some of them. In **Ms. Morris' 4th grade class** they are diligently working on a Thanksgiving banner to remind us of all the blessings from God for which we are grateful. They are also busy at work on PowerPoint presentations on our great state of California.

Football Tournaments - Congratulations to our **8th and 6th grade boys** who won the PAL Championship Flag Football Varsity and Jr. Varsity tournaments on November 4th. Also, congratulations go to **St. Anthony's tackle football team of 4th, 5th & 6th graders** who won the championship last Saturday evening. This team went undefeated 9-0 for the season. They made their coaches **Charles Manock, John Trenberth, Patrick Finn and John McGrath** very proud!

Raider Run/Jog-a-thon – Please don't forget to turn in your pledges for the jog-a-thon coming up this **Friday, November 17th**. These funds are designed to finance the many field trips that our children take. Also, parents are needed to help the day of the event. Please call **Mr. Neumeier** if you would like to earn some Parent Participation Hours while watching our students run for funds! Here is the schedule of fun and fund raising!

10:35 - 11:30
12:55 - 1:45
1:50 - 2:40

K1, K3, 1R, 1P, 3B & 3V
K2, 2G, 2K, 5A, 5H, 6G & 6S
4M, 4P, 7M, 7W, 8B & 8Y

Sports Awards - Calling all soccer coaches! The Fall Sports Awards will be held on **Wednesday, November 29th** in the Church. **Grades K-4 will be at 10:15 and grades 5-8 at**

1:15. Coaches are encouraged to arrive a few minutes early to bring a list to confirm their team members.

Scrip - Don't be caught holiday shopping without SCRIP! We have such a variety of stores to choose from and help you avoid those long lines and traffic jams! Please order as early as possible to ensure that we will have what you need. Also, to get ready for Thanksgiving we have **Honey Baked Ham, Marie Callendar's, Albertsons, Catalano's, Savemart/FoodMaxx, Smart & Final**, etc. If you haven't used the scrip program, please try it and see how easy it is to shop and save money on your tuition at the same time!

Parenting Class - 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 third class entitled, *"Parents are People Too! What We Bring to the Task of Parenting"*, will be this **Thursday, November 16th 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.**

Thank You PTO! – Thanks to the tremendous effort by our PTO last year, and every parent volunteer who worked at one of our fantastic fundraisers, we are providing our students with an excellent Catholic education. I'd like to thank our Parent Teacher Organization for their generous donation of over **\$75,000** in surplus funds and for sponsoring the following activities for the 2006-07 school year:

- K1 & K2 – New Carpet, Rolling Reading/Writing Center, New dry erase boards, Paint classroom & Digital Camera
- 6th grade – Sonora Science camp
- 3B – Computer Desk/Bookcase
- 2K – Flash Master Calculators
- Technology Dept. – Document server, 3 loaner laptops, camera kit
- Future Projects (funds restricted) – New Kindergarten playground, lawn improvements for playing fields, Athletic Equipment, Tournaments and Officials, Accelerated Math Program
- 5th grade – Challenger Space center fieldtrip
- Elective Program Support
- Foreign Language Program
- Staff Dev/Teacher Training – Social Studies

This goes to show what great things we can achieve with our combined efforts. Thank you to all the parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles and friends of St. Anthony's for providing us with so many wonderful things for our children.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Shawn Carey
Principal

School Office Hours:
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 8:00 to 4:00
Wednesday 8:00 to 3:30
Minimum Days 8:00 to 2:00