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Dear Families,

With the season of Advent now upon us, we are now preparing and waiting for Christ to come to us on Christmas morning. We anticipate this holy season with love and joy and pray for patience during this very busy season. The best present that we can give to Jesus is the gift of kindness to our fellow students here at St. Anthony's. We ask for kindness and respect to others and to remember the reason for the season.

During this season of giving, a few students (**Hannah and Rachel Giardullo and Sydney Smith**) are collecting new or gently used stuffed animals that will be donated to Children's Hospital of Central California. They will be given to the children as a comfort before and after surgery. Also, the **Campus Care Jr. Staff** is collecting "*Coats for Kids*". You may put new or gently used coats in the box located at the office entrance. The box for the stuffed animals is next to the coat box. Thank you for your generosity in helping to care for others.

Blessings from Fr. Blessing! - We have received a very special and heartfelt thank you from Fr. Blessing for the wonderful and extremely generous gift of the annuity for his retirement. He would like to express how very much he appreciates the thoughtfulness of our community. He will appreciate this thoughtfulness for years to come but wants everyone to know that he is not retiring anytime soon!

Children's Choir – Please note that there will be rehearsal on **Thursday, December 7th** for both choirs from 3-4 pm in Room 14. Also, 2nd graders will stay with their teachers at this Friday's Mass.

Attention 1st Grade Parents – This is your last chance to pick up the 2005 Christmas video of the Kindergarten class from last year's Christmas program. They are in the office and available until this **Friday, December 8th**.

Feast of the Immaculate Conception Mass – Please note that Mass of the Feast of the Immaculate Conception will be at **9:00** this Friday (not 8:45). We welcome all parents, friends and family to attend this holy day of obligation with our school community.

Uniform Policy – As stated in the Parent-Student Handbook on page 31, boots are not allowed as part of the school uniform. The "Ugg" boots are a favorite fashion item but unfortunately are not part of our school's uniform. For the safety of our students, please have them wear the appropriate uniform code shoes.

Christmas Program Schedule – Just a reminder of the upcoming Christmas programs that you won't want to miss! All of these beautiful programs will be held in the Main Church.

Grades 3, 5, 7 & 8Y **Monday, Dec. 18th @ 7:00**

Grades 2, 4, 6, & 8B **Tuesday, Dec. 19th @ 7:00**

Grades K & 1 **Thursday, Dec. 21 @ 10:00**

3rd Annual Nativity Raffle – Mrs. Gennock's 2nd grade is back again this Advent season with chances to win one of three beautiful Nativity Sets. The raffle began yesterday and will run the first 2 weeks of Advent. **Tickets are \$1 each, \$10 buys you 12 chances and \$20 buys you 25 chances! All proceeds will be added to our recycle money (\$530 and counting) to benefit the Holy Cross Women's Shelter.** There is an envelope in the office marked "**Nativity**". You can simply order tickets by sending in a check/cash (please make checks to SAS) with your name and phone number or stop by the table outside the office during the first two weeks of advent. Please support this very worthy cause!

Scrip – Please consider saving yourself time and money by using our Scrip Program. Please try and place your orders as early as possible so that we may accommodate all of your needs. We have so much to choose from, so why fight traffic and stand in line! Keep your holiday spirit going by

purchasing scrip from school and making your life easier. Current Scrip Order Forms are available on the school's website.

Soccer News – Congratulations to the U-10 boys "Grunners" who won their division championship last Saturday. The winning team members are: **Turner Christensen, Tanner DeMera, Zack Harris, Grant Lilles, Alexander Lopez, Liam Martin, Zach Prins, Blake Schmiederer, Jack Stallings, Seth Wilkinson and Trenten Wood.** What a way to end the season!

Christmas Vacation Office Hours – Just to remind you of the school's office hours during the Christmas vacation:

Friday, December 22	9:00 – 1:00 (Last minute Scrip Shopping)
Thursday, December 28	9:00 – 1:00 (Pay those bills with Scrip!)
Friday, December 29	9:00 – 1:00 New Year's shopping! Buy Scrip!
Thursday, January 4	9:00 – 1:00 Shop with Scrip!
Friday, January 5	9:00 – 1:00 Oh no! Vacation's almost over!

During this season of Advent, I am reminded of the wonderful Christmas stories we hear each year. Remember when Mary and Joseph asked for a room in the Inn in Bethlehem and they were turned away. At St. Anthony's it is my hope that we open our arms and our hearts to all of those who need our help, especially those who need a friend and a helping hand right here at school.

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