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Dear Families,

**Welcome to the 2007-2008 school year!** - I am very excited to accept Msgr. John's invitation to assume the Principal's role as we continue our Principal search. This will be my ninth year as principal over the past 31 years at St. Anthony's. I plan to continue the fine education here and I look to strengthen areas that are in need with your help and the work of the staff. I am blessed to be here. I will take the lead role in the daily operation of the school which will include teacher observation. **Mr. Tim McConnico** will remain as Athletic Director and handle student discipline. **Mr. Carey** and several teachers will assist with internal areas of the school to include religion, curriculum, staff development, Safe Environment, student activities and electives. **Mr. Carey and Mrs. Wesh** will team teach in 6<sup>th</sup> grade for Mrs. Silverio while she is on maternity leave.

Our staff has been busy this summer preparing for the new school year. The first day of school is **Monday, August 20<sup>th</sup>**. **The first two days of school, August 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>, are minimum days with a 12:30 dismissal.** In addition, the first day of school for kindergarten is a visit day only. Those families should visit between 8:30 to 12:00. **Also, our kindergarten and 1<sup>st</sup> grade classes will have minimum days for the first week of school.**

**Welcome to our new staff members** - A warm welcome is extended to our new teachers. **Mr. Dan Houtsinger** will serve as a 7<sup>th</sup> grade teacher and **Ms. Nancy Shearer** will instruct our 8<sup>th</sup> graders. I thank them for choosing St. Anthony's as their ministry. Also, **Mrs. Nicole Mastropoalo** will now be teaching 1<sup>st</sup> grade.

**Construction** - We are hoping that our construction will be completed in November. We ask that when you arrive at school later this month to pay close attention to any area that has been fenced off. We will explain all safety plans to our students on the first day of school.

**Volunteers Needed** - Our Parent Teacher Organization is vital to the quality of the educational program offered at St. Anthony's. In order to be successful, we welcome parent volunteers throughout the school year. During the summer we are searching for volunteers for the New Family Ice Cream Social as well as our annual Parish School Carnival. **The Ice Cream Social is scheduled for August 16<sup>th</sup> and our St. Anthony's Carnival will be held on September 30<sup>th</sup>.** If you would like to get involved by volunteering for either or both of these fun events, please contact **Mrs. Tamara Chapman at 930-3932** or **Mrs. Amber Donny at 248-6924** for the Ice Cream Social and **Mrs. Deb Martin at 292-5992** for the Carnival.

**New Family Ice Cream Social** - St. Anthony's has a tradition of welcoming its new families with open arms. Our New Family Ice Cream Social will be held on **Thursday, August 16<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 to 8:00 pm.** This is a great opportunity for our new families to meet in a "cool" setting. We will begin in the courtyard for an opening prayer and general comments and then move into the Social Hall and share information about what makes St. Anthony's tick. We will also have a short tour of the campus. So if you are new to St. Anthony's, please come out and join us for dessert as we welcome your family into our family.

**More Help Needed** - We are also in need of Yard Duty volunteers and Elective instructors. If you enjoy watching smiling children on our playground, join us and help supervise our play area from 11:45 am to 12:55 pm. Interested parents, please call **Mrs. Becky Sarkisian at 432-6768.** Also, each year we encourage parent volunteers to teach an elective class on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons to our sixth through eighth grade students. If you have a hobby such as the love of art, cooking, stock market, golf, music, or interest in foreign language, and would like to share with our students (while earning Parent Participation Hours!), please call Mr. Carey at 435-0700. Please see the enclosed flier.

**Parent Student Handbook** - Our Parent Student Handbook may be found on our website at [www.sasfresno.com](http://www.sasfresno.com). Please take some time with your children to read and discuss our Parent Student Handbook. The handbook includes our philosophy as well as all of the rules and regulations that guide us through the school year. The better our students understand what is expected of them, the more successful they will be. We are providing handbooks to our new families at the New Family Ice Cream Social on August 16<sup>th</sup>.

**Safe Environment Program** - Please be aware that our Safe Environment Program includes mandatory training for all volunteer parents including after school volunteer coaches, parent volunteer drivers for any school activity (fieldtrips or after school sports) and regular classroom volunteers. Please see page 22 of our handbook for more information. Central Valley Livescan will be on campus during the Ice Cream Social to fingerprint as many new family members as possible. **Please note that this service will only be for new**

**families on that evening.** We will notify you in a Tuesday letter of the next time they will be on campus so that anyone who hasn't been fingerprinted may sign up.

**Back to School Night** - Back to School Night is for parents only and will be held on **Tuesday, August 28<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 to 8:00**. The purpose of the evening is for teachers to provide their annual goals and expectations for the school year and answer any questions you may have. This event begins in your student's classroom.

**Parking Lot** – Our first priority as educators and parents is for the safety of our children. Our school day begins in our parking lot. In an attempt to provide the safest parking lot to our families, we ask all parents to follow our parking lot regulations found on page 18 of our Parent-Student Handbook. They include:

- We ask parents to pull into marked stalls as opposed to dropping children off in a lane.
- We ask our parents to teach their children to use our safety zone.
- We ask parents to avoid parking large vehicles in our front row before 9:00 a.m. This will allow parents to view their children walking safely to the school grounds.
- Please be especially careful when backing up. In a school zone, we need to expect the unexpected. Children often become distracted and walk behind a vehicle.
- If you are leaving your vehicle to go into the school grounds before 9:00 a.m., please do not park in the front row. This will allow more spaces for a quicker and safer drop off.
- Finally, please do not park or drop off children in the front of the school. There is limited space and this area is reserved for staff.

Thank you for your help in this matter. If we all consider the safety of our children first, we will have a safe parking lot.

**Milk Payment Deadline** – Please note that our deadline for collecting milk money is **Friday, August 31<sup>st</sup>**. Please see page 17 in our handbook for more information.

**Scrip** - I want to thank you for supporting our Scrip program at St. Anthony's. If you haven't tried this tuition saving program, we encourage you to do so. We are continually adding new vendors for your shopping and gift giving convenience. So, if you shop for groceries, eat out, or go to the movies, stop by during our summer hours **Tuesday through Thursday from 9:00 until 2:00**. Please remember to use your **Savemart S.H.A.R.E.S. Card** when you shop at Savemart or FoodMaxx. If you don't shop there, consider giving it to a friend or family member who does. They can be earning tuition credit for you! Thank you for your support!

**Lap Top Reminder** – Our Junior High students are in our *Laptop for Learners Program*. They bring their laptops to and from school on a daily basis. At this time, all laptops should have been purchased and/or rented through the school. All computers should have been dropped off to **Mr. Olson** for software configuration. Please call **Mr. Olson** if you have any questions.

**Emergency Info** – When completing the emergency forms enclosed, please distinguish clearly the daytime and cell telephone numbers for both parents. It is very important that we are able to contact you in case of an emergency.

**Macy's Benefit Shopping Day** – The annual Macy's Benefit Shopping Day will be held on **Friday, September 28<sup>th</sup>**. Many organizations in Fresno are selling tickets for \$10. Please support St. Anthony's School by purchasing your discount ticket from us. You will earn \$3 of tuition credit for each ticket sold. Please look for more information to follow in early October.

**Contract and Code of Conduct Forms** – We have enclosed your Contract and Code of Conduct forms for 2007-2008. This indicates that our parents and students have read and agree to comply with our school policies as outlined in our handbook. Please return no later than **August 24<sup>th</sup>**. Thank you!

On behalf of **Msgr. John Coelho-Harguindeguy** and the entire staff at St. Anthony's, we look forward to your return for our first day of school on **Monday, August 20<sup>th</sup>**. God Bless!

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Tom Neumeier  
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**