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Dear Families,

Our Parish/School Carnival was a tremendous success. Parent and student volunteers began setting up for carnival events after school on Friday. Dozens of parents scurried around to set up and prepare booths, construct tents, and put up decorations. The entire weekend was a wonderful example of our Parish community working together for a common cause. The best news of all is that our children are the benefactors of this hard work. To each person who attended the carnival, worked on the carnival committee, donated items, entertained, baked a cake, sold raffle tickets, worked in a booth, or volunteered their time in any way, I extend a great **BIG THANK YOU!** Your effort was truly amazing and we are truly a blessed school to have such a fantastic community. **Special thanks to our Carnival Coordinators Deb Martin and Kathi Woodward and their committee leaders. Also, many thanks go to Stacy & Frank Roque** for coordinating the fresh and beautiful Farmer's Market; **Carolyn and Dan Kemble** for their fabulous effort in coordinating our record-breaking raffle sales; **Carolyn Kemble and Kathryn McDougal** for handling the huge job of Carnival Scrip; and **Bruce Derry** for organizing the set-up and clean-up. An event of this magnitude could only have been possible with the dedication of help from the friends and families of St. Anthony's. You are truly the backbone of the school! If anyone has any pictures of the fun, please send them to the school office marked with your name.

**Carnival Parent Participation Hours** – Please remember that if you worked a booth, baked a cake, or donated your time in any other way, that you are responsible for entering your hours in the Parent Participation Hours Binder in the school office. Even if you signed in at the booth, you must still enter your own hours.

**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 \$6 per case. If you would like to purchase one or more cases, please send a check, with your name, phone number, and the choice of soft drink you would like to the school office. You may pick up your order in the office on **Thursday, October 4th**.

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

**Tues-Fri, 10/2-10/5**

ITBS Testing

**Monday, 10/8**

No School Curriculum Development Day

**Tuesday, 10/9**

Ty Cooney is coming!

**Thursday, 10/11**

PTO Meeting (Lunch is at 11:45, Meeting begins at noon)

**Thursday 10/11**

LiveScan 2:00-4:00 pm/ Appts. still available

**Mon-Thurs, 10/15-10/18**

Minimum Days (Dismissal at 12:30) - Parent/Teacher Conferences

Visit the Book Faire in the Social Hall!

**Thursday 10/18**

Advisory School Board Meeting 5:30pm

**Friday 10/19**

No School – Diocesan Catholic Conference

**Mon-Fri, 10/22-10/26**

Red Ribbon Week

**Wednesday, 10/24**

Pumpkin Patch 2:00 – 5:00pm Courtyard

**Wednesday, 10/31**

Education Committee Meeting 8:30 – 9:30 am Conference Rm.

**October is the Month of the Rosary** – This Sunday, October 7<sup>th</sup> is the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary. With that in mind, we will be praying the Rosary throughout the day on Friday, October 5<sup>th</sup>. We will pray for Mrs. Ray, families, life and for the intentions of all children throughout the world. This is a beautiful way to teach the children the prayers of the rosary and the power of prayer. Also, the rosary is recited after the 8:00 Mass each weekday in the Bullard wing. Please join our St. Anthony's community Rosary Group as they pray for all needs around the world.

**Golf Tournament Sponsorship** – This year's tournament will be held on **Friday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> at Brighton Crest County Club**. We are looking for Raffle Prize donations and sponsors to help raise much needed funds for our Athletic and Technology Departments. Please see the enclosed double-sided flier to learn more about becoming a sponsor. Thank you in advance for stepping up to the TEE!

**Tuition Envelopes** – Please note that tuition envelopes have gone out except for students in Kindergarten, some 7<sup>th</sup> grade and all of 8<sup>th</sup> grade. This is due to the fact that the envelopes are on backorder. Unfortunately, this means that you still have to pay tuition and use your own envelope.

**Ty Cooney is coming!** – Don't forget to place your book and/or t-shirt orders for author Ty Cooney who will be here next Tuesday. Order forms are in the office. Don't miss out on this great opportunity!

**Pictures Needed!** – If you have any pictures of the Welcome Mass, Carnival, Pet Blessing, Pinwheels for Peace, or fieldtrips please send put them in the envelope marked **"Misc. School Pictures"** in the school office. Please put your name on them so that they may be returned. If you have digital pictures you may e-mail them to [dolson@sasfresno.com](mailto:dolson@sasfresno.com). Thank you!

**G.A.T.E. Enrichment Program** – The Fall G.A.T.E. Enrichment Program which was to begin tomorrow, **October 3<sup>rd</sup>** is being tentatively postponed due to Mrs. Pullman's unexpected circumstances. We will keep you notified regarding the commencement date as soon as we become aware.

**8<sup>th</sup> grade Baby Pictures Needed** – All **8<sup>th</sup> grade students** must turn in a baby picture for the yearbook. There is an envelope in the school office waiting to be filled with all of those cute faces! Please label the envelope with your name and it will be returned to you. Thank you!

**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 **\$1000.00** to this wonderful cause. Mrs. van Oostende's 3rd grade class took a field trip to Children's to make the presentation. 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.

**Book Faire** – Keep the dates of **October 15<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup>** 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. The volunteer shifts are: **8:00 – 9:00 on Tuesday - Thursday and 12:30 – 4:00 on Monday – Thursday**. If you are interested in earning some Parent Participation hours, please give **Mrs. Polacek** a call at **435-0700**.

**Respect Life Campaign** – Our annual Respect Life Campaign began this week. Your child will have received their baby bottles last Friday. This is a wonderful opportunity to share and educate with the children about the miracle of life. **Please return the bottles (even if they are empty) no later than Monday, October 18<sup>th</sup>**. Cash, coins and checks made payable to the **Diocese of Fresno** are all welcome. Proceeds will benefit **Project Rachel**. Please see the enclosed flier regarding this very important fundraiser.

**Livescan Fingerprinting** – Just a reminder for those that signed up for the Livescan fingerprinting that will be held in the Reading Resource Room **Thursday, October 11<sup>th</sup>**. The fee is \$47.00 and checks may be made payable to Central Valley Livescan.

**Auction Chair Needed!** – The PTO is looking for a chairperson for the Spring Auction 2008. If you are interested in earning your hours by chairing a **BIG PARTY** please call **Mrs. Maria Ingley at 431-6588**.

**Library Etiquette** – Our St. Anthony's School library is an exciting place for students to visit every week. There are many books for the students to check out, read and enjoy. However the **students are not returning their books on time**. Starting Wednesday, October 10<sup>th</sup>, students will be charged \$.10 a day for overdue books. If the book is lost, it will need to be replaced. A form will be given to the student with the replacement cost for the book. Students will not be allowed to check-out books until the lost book is replaced. Please help your child remember to bring back their books on the day they are due.

**M-T-W Hot Lunch** - Please remember to turn in all **Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday** hot lunch orders to **Mrs. Patty Olson**. Thank you.

**And the Winner is.....** – Congratulations to **Mrs. Lourdes Cappelluti** for winning the \$100 Macy's gift certificate for purchasing 5 or more Macy's Benefit Shopping Day tickets! And a great big "thank you" to **Mrs. Kathy Ghioldi and Mrs. Kelly Benincosa** for being our representatives at the Benefit Shopping Day at Macy's last Friday! Thank you to everyone that purchased tickets and deposited the stubs at Macy's!

**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 6 of the 10 nominees were 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: **Rocco DiCicco (Homecoming King), Philip Goolkasian, Tommy Holmes (Homecoming Prince), Matt Mazzoni, Carly Cameron and Danielle Orlando (Homecoming Princess)**. You make us all very proud!

**Our Lady of Fatima Mass** – The Mass celebrating Our Lady of Fatima will be held **Saturday, October 13<sup>th</sup> at the 5:15 Mass at St. Anthony's Church**. They are currently looking for 3 children who may be interested in representing the 3 shepherd children visionaries: a boy around the age of 8 (Francisco) and two girls, one around the age of 6 to 8 (Jacinta) and one around the age of 9 to 11 (Lucia). They will be dressed in folklore clothing and will process into the church and in the procession at the end of Mass. If you are interested or would like more information, please call **Mrs. Dina Shwiyhat at 438-2828**.

As the ITBS testing continues this week, we want to thank our parents for sending your children so very well prepared and avoiding taking them out of school for appointments during the tests. Your positive reinforcement goes a long way with the children. **Enjoy the day off next Monday!**

Now that the parking lot driveways are paved and in use again, I would like to remind students that school begins at 8:15 for 4<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> and 8:30 for K – 3<sup>rd</sup> grades. Campus Care begins at 7:00 and there should not be any children in the parking lot left unattended before 8:00. Please adhere to the school hours and parking lot rules so that you avoid being tardy. Thank you.

Sincerely in Christ,

Tom Neumeier  
Principal