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Dear Families,

Welcome to our 2010-2011 school year! It was very exciting to watch our students arrive at school yesterday. The staff couldn't wait to see our students back on campus. We began our school year with a prayer service. A special thanks to **Mrs. Polacek and Mr. Neumeier** for coordinating the opening service, including the **Student Government officers** who led us in prayer and **Mr. Sarkisian** for leading the beautiful music. Also, I extend a special thank you to **Monsignor Rob** for joining us as we welcomed all of our students and families. Finally, thank you to our parents for your efforts in sending our students so well prepared to school. It is wonderful to work with a group that arrives the first day of school enthusiastic and ready to work.

Important Calendar Reminders:

Thurs. Aug. 26th
Friday, Aug. 31st

Wed. Sept. 1st
Thurs. Sept. 2nd
Mon. Sept. 6th
Wed. Sept. 8th
Thurs. Sept. 9th
Fri. Sept. 10th
Fri. Sept. 17th
Mon. Sept. 20th
Wed. Sept. 22nd
Sun. Sept. 26th
Mon. Sept. 27th Oct. 1st

Back to School Night 6:30-7:30pm
Uniform Exchange 2:40-4:40
Milk Order Form Due

Student Government Speeches
Student Government Elections
No School Labor Day
School Pictures in school uniform dress
PTO Meeting
Welcome Mass 8:45am
Pinwheels for Peach
NO SCHOOL, Curriculum Day
Absentee Photos
Parish/School Carnival 10:30am-6:30pm
ITBS Testing

Master Calendar Change – We are making a change to the Master Calendar for the month of May: **the date of the Farewell Mass is and PLAY Day is now Friday, May 13th**. It was originally scheduled for May 20th. Please note this change on your Master Calendar.

Tuesday Packet Information – The Tuesday Packet is online. Beginning today the Tuesday letter and all of its important information will be available on our website at www.sasfresno.com. You will also be receiving a regular manila envelope "Tuesday Packet". This packet will mostly serve as a reminder to view the online packet each week. However, the tuition envelope and the AEP envelope will be placed into the manila Tuesday Packet when they become due each month. However, there will be times that the manila "Tuesday Packet" will contain some information we feel is vital for you to receive. So please be sure to check the manila "Tuesday Packet" each week as well as the website. This information is a "lifeline" to knowing what is happening at school. Please take the time to read it and return any necessary information (ie, hot lunch orders, etc.) with your student on Wednesday morning. The teachers collect and take it to the office. Please note that tuition envelopes will be coming home next **Tuesday, August 31st**.

Thursday/Friday Hot Lunch News – The Thursday and Friday Hot Lunch fliers will be in next Tuesday Packet. You can download them from our website and place your orders. Please remember to write separate checks for each day. Starting in October, you will be able to order your Thursday/Friday hot lunches by the month. If you have any questions, please call the school office.

Emergency Info – If you haven't already turned in the **Emergency Medical Treatment Forms**, please do so by tomorrow. Remember your child cannot be here at school unless that information is in the school office. 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. Other forms that need to be turned in are the **Handbook Contract Page** (this states that you have read the online Parent Student Handbook), **Diocese Code of Conduct (Safe Environment)**, **Mandatory Student/Parent Information (School Directory Form)**, **PE Guidelines**, **Athletic Parent Code of Conduct** and **Athletic Consent Waiver** forms for 2010-2011. Thank you!

Directory Update - Just a reminder: this year's School Directory information for the directory is being done online. You will need to go to the school website and follow the directions on the home page. Every parent

new and/or returning must complete this format as we are using a new system. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Olson at dolson@sasfresno.com.

Milk Payment Deadline – Please don't forget that their deadline for collecting milk money is next **Tuesday, August 31st**. We will begin serving milk on **Monday, August 30th**.

Back to School Night - Back to School Night is for **parents only** and will be held this **Thursday, August 26th from 6:30 to 7:30 in your student(s) classroom**. 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.

Classroom Visitations - Classroom visits are limited to volunteers scheduled times only. If you would like to volunteer or visit in your child's class, please make arrangements with the teacher in advance. Although we love to see our children, unannounced visits are a distraction to the class and disruptive to the learning process. Please deliver lunches, etc., to the school office and it will be distributed to the classroom for you.

Homework Club – Is back on schedule! Homework Club will start back up this Thursday, August 26th from **2:50 -3:50pm in Room 17 with Mrs. Hankes**.

Elective Message - We'd like to call to the attention of all 6th through 8th grade parents that we have an excellent Elective Program. The Elective forms went home yesterday and were returned today. We encourage parents to enter into a discussion with their children about the opportunity to select classes that will enrich their learning. We offer a wonderful selection of interesting classes. We recommend that parents and students select their classes carefully. Please discuss which classes you want your child to take this year and also which classes they should take before they graduate from 8th grade. You may want your child to experience art, drama, or music. Mr. Sarkisian teaches a music class where students learn to play a musical instrument. We strongly recommend this class. It will enrich student learning and music appreciation. Please only consider Study Hall as a class if your child is very busy and could use the extra time to complete assignments. All students must take a foreign language before graduating so please consider that as an elective. It may be best to wait until the 7th or 8th grade year. Good luck!

Afterschool Enrichment Program (formerly called Campus Care) – As we begin the new school year our new AEP Director, **Anna Marie Ronquillo**, would like to remind the Kindergarten parents that if you are calling the Afterschool Enrichment Program after the school office closes at 4:00 pm, she may be reached at **579-8334**.

Snack Shack – The Snack Shack is back in business and will be open during morning recess on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

Uniform Exchange – We will be having the Uniform Exchange on Tuesday, August 31st from 2:40 – 4:40. You may purchase used uniforms on that day. If you have any questions, please call **Mrs. Biltz** at 431-1984.

Safe Environment Program – We currently have a new website to take the class for the Safe Environment Program. The website is www.shieldthevulnerable.org. There is a \$6.00 fee for this class. Upon completion of the class, please print out the certificate; bring it to the school office with the check made out to St. Anthony's School. If you have any questions, please call the school office and speak to Mrs. Stone at 435-0700.

Savemart/FoodMaxx SHARES Cards – Here is an easy opportunity to save money on your tuition. By using your SHARES card when you shop at Savemart or FoodMaxx, you will earn up to 2% of your eligible purchases in tuition credit. All you have to do is swipe the card. The cards are available in the school office. Please remember that by using the **SCRIP Program** you can earn tuition credit for buying the things you already buy daily. We have a great variety of stores and restaurants to choose from such as **Piazza del Pane, Me 'N Ed's, Tahoe Joe's, Starbucks, Jamba Juice, Cold Stone, Chipotle, Macy's, Kohl's, Nordstrom, Victoria's Secret, Sephora** and many, many more. If you are new to this program, please call the office or [download a SCRIP Order Form off of the website](#). If you have any questions, please call or email Mrs. Cetti at 435-0700 or scetti@sasfresno.com.

Carnival – The St. Anthony of Padua Parish School Carnival will be held on **Sunday, September 26th**. If you are interested in helping at the carnival and earning Parent Participation Hours, please speak to our chairperson **Mrs. Deb Martin at 473-8607**. The day is a fun family event with plenty of food, games and fun activities. We look forward to seeing you there!

Scouting News - Pack 223 will be having its first meeting of the year Sept 13th at 6:00pm at St. Anthony's. Boys in 1st to 5th grades are welcome to join us. We have lots of exciting trips and activities planned for the school year. Please call Pack committee chair, **Eric Fusselman**, at 212-4741 with any questions.

Swim Team-The Fig Garden Swim & Triathlon Team fall session begins Tuesday, September 7th. If your child would like to have fun, improve their swimming skills and participate in local competitions (though competing is not mandatory), then you are invited to check it out at Fig Garden Swim & Racquet Club. Triathlon training is also included (but not mandatory) in the price. Practice is after school and the price is \$175 for FGSR members/\$185 for non-members. For more information, contact Coach Caroline Lindholm-Reynaud at 222-4816 or Coach Steffani Sanchez @ steffani@fig-garden.com.

K-6 Soccer News - See flier from Mr. Campbell concerning St. Anthony's soccer... the new information about the soccer league is included, as well as information about Kindergarten soccer. If you have any questions, Mr. Campbell has provided his contact information on the flier.

Jr. high Soccer News - Please see flier about new soccer shorts information. The order needs to be placed by Sept. 3rd. The cost is \$15.00. For any additional information, please see flier.

Gifts of Hope- Grant Lilles (7M) and Dani Roznovsky (7M) hosted a combined birthday party this month and asked those invited that in lieu of a gift, could they please bring a donation to Catholic Charities!! Well, those very generous kids and parents heard and they came with very big hearts! The students raised a total of **\$1,000.00 for Catholic Charities**. Grant, Dani and the entire community are so grateful!

Always in Christ,



Tim McConnico
Principal

<p>School Office Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 8:00 to 4:00 Wednesday & Friday 8:00 to 3:30 Minimum Days 8:00 to 2:00</p>
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