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The Mission of St. Anthony Catholic Parish School
is to inspire our students to follow Christ's example.

From the Principal's Desk

A Knights' Gala is less than two weeks away. We have a few parents who have been working very hard getting the word out and have signed up many sponsors—over \$16,000 worth. Others have signed up businesses to be Booster Club members. But we are still lacking in ticket sales and parent donations. We need parents to sell tickets after all masses this weekend. If you can help at any of the masses, let Joelle Kreuzscher know or call the office. You can also sell tickets to your families and friends. Now as for your donations, either bring in one or two items valued at \$40 or \$40 cash.

The next order of business is reserving a spot for your child/children for next year. Call or stop by and let the office know how many children you will be have in school. The registration paperwork is now available. Many new families are looking to register at St. Anthony's for the coming year. If concerned about the cost, the Diocesan financial aid deadline is April 15th. Go to the website to sign-up. The address is: online.factsmgt.com/aid, the program this year is FACTS, not FAIR as in the year's past. Any questions, you may call our office.

Student Council News

During Lent, our classes have been taking turns leading *The Stations of the Cross*. Our 7th/8th graders will be reenacting out the Passion on Saturday, March 19th 5pm and Sunday, March 20th 7am. Student Council will be reenacting the Last Supper on Thursday, March 24th.

We are now into Track and Field Season. This year it is a joint effort, with Mrs. Downey as the head coach, and Mr. Billy Mitchell, Mr. Michael Hammar, and Ms. Rachel Hammar assisting. Our other teachers are filling in at EC. Now that is how we work as a team for success!

Now is the time for our 5th-7th graders to think about running for Student Council Office for the next school year. Elections will be in April.

A Knights' Gala

Saturday, March 12th at the APC Hall doors open at 5:30pm
Delicious Beef & Chicken dinner catered by Chefanelli's!
Have you picked up your tickets? Have you turned in your donation item?

Preschool News

The Preschoolers were very busy this short month of February! They have explored the alphabet up through the letter U and are counting to the number 20. Their focus has been on Kindergarten readiness. They learned about and received ashes on Ash Wednesday.

For *A Knights' Gala* each preschooler is contributing something about him/herself and family that will be made into a book for the silent auction. Make sure you purchase your tickets for this fun-filled event on March 12th; it will be held at the Atwater Pentecost Hall on Third Street. Tickets are on sale for \$40/each in the office. If you or your employer would like to sponsor a table and receive free advertising for the night, stop by the office and we will discuss your options. Bring your friends and help support our school. You will enjoy a fabulous catered steak and chicken dinner, auction, games and visiting with everyone.

Valentine's Day was special for all the preschoolers with parties and distribution of Valentines and treats. Preschoolers really enjoyed eating pizza and all the delicious food. Thank you, parents, for all the goodies!

Happy St. Patrick's Day from Preschool!
And a Blessed Easter to you all!!

8th News

The eighth grade class has really been focusing on finishing this school year strong so they are fully prepared for high school. We are especially focusing on preparing for the high school entrance exams in both Math and English.

In Writing, we have spent the last few weeks writing "position" papers. Our objective is to be able to take a stance on an issue and support why the side that you chose is the correct one. The students are also preparing oral presentations to present that coincide with their paper.

Many of my students have joined the school track team and I wish the entire track team good luck this season.

The upper grades have also done a really good job in leading a weekly Stations of the Cross that the whole school has been taking part in during Lent.

2nd/3rd News

This month room VI has been focusing on being **Active Catholics, Responsible Citizens**, and **Life Long Learners**. This month marked the beginning of Lent for us. We all have to take time to reflect on the significance of the season and how observing our Lenten traditions helps to make us better people and Active Catholics. The Lenten season also brings about our observance of the Stations of the Cross, where we remember Christ's suffering and ultimate sacrifice for us.

This month also marked the beginning of our 2nd graders preparation for two of our Sacraments of Initiation--Reconciliation and Eucharist. This is a special and exciting time in our lives!

We have been going full steam ahead in all of our other subjects and our making good progress in all areas. That's all for this month! God Bless!

K/1st News

Greetings! We have been very busy learning during February. We are **Life Long Learners** as we learned about the first President of the United States of America. We also wrote a little about what we would do if we were the President.

As **Active Catholics**, we participated in many activities during the Catholic Schools Week. We learned about Ireland and shared our knowledge by presenting facts about Ireland. We also showed off our dancing talents by performing a jig to an Irish folk instrumental. Some students continued their interest in Ireland and discovered that they, too, have an Irish heritage. Catholic Schools Week was so much fun. We also participated in Bible Trivia, and we did very well. The students also learned about Lent.

We also celebrated Valentine's Day. We created goody bags, distributed treats and enjoyed eating yummy food at our class party. Special thanks to all the parents for contributing to our class room fun. I would also like to thank Mrs. Camboia and Mrs. Downey for setting up the art and crafts activities for all to enjoy. We all had great fun.

Looking ahead, in March we will be learning about St. Patrick and how he used the shamrock to explain the Blessed Trinity.

Lastly, we celebrated a birthday this month; London turned six. Happy Birthday!

6th/7th News

The 6th/7th graders have continued to grow as **Life Long Learners** throughout the month of February. In Social Studies, 6th graders have been learning about ancient Rome. So far we've focused on their government, military and culture. Soon we'll discover how they transitioned into an empire and how that mighty empire fell.

Just as we've delved into the past in Social Studies we've been reflecting on our own pasts to write about a moment in our lives which was meaningful to us and why. In Religion we've been acting as **Active Catholics** and have been learning about the Crusades and the inspiration behind our school's mascot, the legendary knights. Science has been a steep transition, since we've finished learning about the vast expanses of outer space and began examining life at the microscopic level by studying bacteria and single-celled organisms.

As we move into March, we hope to continue being **Effective Communicators** and **Critical Thinkers** as members from our class represent the school in the upcoming academic decathlon. We also look forward to strengthening our relationship with Christ as we learn about the Stations of the Cross and celebrate the upcoming Easter holiday.

4th/5th News

Greeting from Room VII! Boy!! The end of the school year is fast approaching!! February was too short and very busy. We have started our Lenten Journey. Many students added to their prayers or activities, while others decided to sacrifice their favorite drink, sweets, or fast food. The students have been **Active Catholics** and helped Kindergarten and first grade prepare for their First Friday and Sunday Masses.

We have started to plan our next field trips. Fifth graders will be going to Sacramento with the eighth graders and the fourth graders will be going to Yosemite National Park with the sixth graders.

February is the month when Mr. Mitchell comes and teaches my class while I prepare the upper grades to re-enact the *Passion of our Lord*.

Second semester has now begun and it is all downhill from now on. My little angels have been **Critical Thinkers** in the Mathematics since we have now started to multiply fractions and solve word problems.

For Social Studies, the 4th and 5th graders continue to be **Critical Thinkers**, as they each share their ideas when it comes to government and religious issues. They are learning to respect other's opinions and points of view.

Happy Easter!! May you all have a relaxing vacation.

Library

It's great to see more students reading and reaching their goals. And, it's especially nice to see students challenge themselves with more difficult books, and/or not judge a book by its cover.

Remember, students who read books from home or other libraries are able to test on them for credit towards their goal (if the books are at or above their reading level). My goal is to have most students reading above their grade level.

Parents, please encourage your children to read. Setting aside just twenty minutes (per as Scholastic) every night for reading will make a difference in your child's academic progress.

Don't forget to Dress Like a Book Character on Dr. Seuss's birthday, March 2nd!!

Student Council is continuing with their Community Service Project for the homeless by collecting gallon-size zip-lock bags and items to fill them, such as toiletries, beanies, socks, gloves, small snacks (like granola bars, nuts, or other healthy snacks). Bring any donations to the office. This is an ongoing service project.