Parent Meeting

Welcome new teachers: Mrs. Adams 2nd grade, Mrs. Israel 3rd grade, Mr. Gorsak Middle School Math and Science and welcome back Deb Fox, Middle School Social Studies and Religion

New this year:

**Specials on Wednesdays:** those students that stay for lunch and specials will rotate through elective areas such as art, farm to fork, conditioning, choir and reading/study hall. There is no need to sign up for a specific class as the students will rotate as a class (K1, 23, etc.) I would encourage parents to use Wednesday afternoons for doctors appointments, dentist appointments or other appointments you may have. Student activities will not carry over from week to week, so students need not fret if they miss a week. There is no additional charge for specials and day care charges will not apply until 3:15 as they do other days. The only exception will be on the second Wednesday of the month as those days will continue as minimum days for the entire school for Diocesan Professional Development. We are hoping for parent participation to offer additional specials. The commitment would be on a trimester basis or 7 Wednesdays. If you are interested, let either Kelly Holdren our ptg participation person or Mrs. K know and we will work you into our schedule.

*Due to the Specials being on Wednesdays we will be moving the weekly school Masses to Thursdays. Fr. Chad will still be celebrating Masses for the school at the 9:00 am Mass.*

**Rosetta Stone:** Thanks to PTG and the Education Foundation, we are happy to be able to offer Rosetta Stone to all of our students this year, as well as some of our parents that opted to purchase a license. Students will work in the Spanish program for a minimum of 30 minutes 3 times per week and their participation in the program will be reflected in their ELA participation grade (middle school students will have the grade reflects in their social studies grade). For those middle school students wanting to pursue a Spanish grade, we will offer a zero period from 7:10 to 7:40 on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays with Mr. Ramirez where students will have the opportunity to work on interactive communication. Mr. Ramirez will also be working on Spanish basics with all students during their PE time.

**Mandatory Events:** We are going to try something different this year with mandatory events. We know that some of you have your favorite events to work on, such as Tacos and Tequila or the Auction Dinner, so we are going to let you decide what your mandatory event will be. Make sure to sign up for your event by the end of August or a mandatory event will be assigned to you. You are not signing up for “set up, clean up” or other duties tonight, just that you would like to work in that event.

As you can see, we also have lots of volunteer opportunities for you to sign up for – Harvest Festival, Olympic day or even help with lunch, parking lot, security, recess, etc… Also
available tonight are Tent Raffle tickets. Raffle tickets include dinner on Friday night at the Harvest Festival.

**Communication:** We will continue to use the weekly newsletter to communicate important information and we ask that you take a few minutes to check for updates. Students in grades 5 through 8 also receive the newsletter to their school email address. Also, those teachers that have used Remind or other phone apps will use Parent Alert this year for sending reminders. Please ensure you have your correct cell phone number listed in RenWeb (now FACTS SIS) so that you don’t miss any alerts.

**Uniforms by Tommy Hilfiger:** We are aware of the delays of uniforms from Tommy Hilfiger due to the change in location of their distribution center and we realize that uniforms may not make it by the first day of school. We will not require that all shirts have the school logo until September 1st in order to ensure you have your uniforms. I hope this will alleviate some stress that this may have caused. I am one of those parents waiting for a shipment myself.

*Mass attire is recommended this year, not required - however we will not allow hoodies to be worn at Mass this year. There are ties and tab ties available in the office for purchase for $15.

**Free Dress Pass:** We are looking to catch your kids doing something “right” this year, that is rather displaying our Schoolwide Learning Expectations in the classrooms and on the playground. When we catch them, students will receive a Rock Star form and be automatically entered into our weekly free dress pass drawing. We will draw one name at Monday Morning prayer each week. The student may use their dress pass on any day other than Mass days. It must be used by the student who earned it and it must be used during the current school year.

**Yearbook:** We are running a special tonight through August 13th on Yearbooks. If you order tonight, you can get the one time price of $30. On the first day of school the price will go up to $35 and after December 20, the price will increase to $40. Mrs. K has the credit card machine, or you can pay with check or cash. You can even push it to your FACTS account. Just fill out a form and let us know.

**CYO:** As you might have heard, the parish is looking for a CYO director for the upcoming school year. The Diocesan Director suggested maybe a Girls CYO Director and a Boys CYO Director. We are also looking for a coach for the Girls 7/8 Basketball team this year. If you are interested you can either let me know and I will pass the information on to Fr. Chad or you can email cyo@sasmanteca.org. Sign ups for Girls Basketball and Cross Country is happening now. Registration forms can be found on the school website and Mrs. K has some with her today as well. You can pay in the school office. As an added bonus, this year you will be earn PTG participation by working in the Roadrunner Cafe on game days, you need not be a CYO parent to earn hours working in the cafe.
**Virtus:** Just a gentle reminder that the safe environment program is now called Virtus and was introduced at the end of the 2018 school year. If you took Shield the Vulnerable, a couple years back, you will need to update your safe environment by taking Virtus. Also be aware Virtus expires every three years. This program is required for all volunteers that work with children in any capacity such as classroom help, coaching, field trips, harvest festival, etc. If you are not sure if you took the updated program, please see Mrs. K after the first day of school.

Introduce  Laura Perez, Religious Education Director  
Monieca Medina, PTG President

Teachers will have two sessions this evening, one beginning at 6 and one at 6:30. We will ring the bell at 6:30 to switch classrooms. All middle school parents and students will meet here in the gym. Finally, thank you Craig Yeszin and friends for cooking this evening. Please help yourself to a pulled pork sandwich, chips and a drink.