

January 18, 2018

Dear St. Anthony of Padua Families,

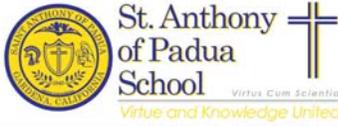
As we look towards 2018, it's hard to believe it's already time to think about re-registering your students for the 2018-2019 School Year. We realize that a Catholic education is not only an investment in your child's future, but a gift that you give them each year. We also understand that this gift of a Catholic education, while worthwhile, can be costly. We know that many of our parents provide for tuition at great personal sacrifice and we wanted to acknowledge that sacrifice and take this opportunity to inform you of the process for tuition aid assistance. School-based tuition assistance is preferentially given to those families who demonstrate financial need, and parents should always feel free to contact Mrs. Grey as soon as possible, if difficult circumstances arise—as we all know they sometimes do unexpectedly. As our school continues to search for donors and resources to help build our capacity to give financial aid and scholarships, we are so very grateful to know that we have the Catholic Education Foundation (CEF) to assist us in providing tuition assistance to our families in need, who qualify by meeting income guidelines.

Please see the following helpful reminders about tuition assistance here at St. Anthony of Padua:

- Families interested in tuition assistance for the 2018-2019 school year **MUST** first apply to CEF to be considered.
- The CEF Cycle 3 process will begin on **January 18, 2018** for new families and returning, with applications & income guidelines being included in this packet for your convenience. The CEF deadline is **March 30, 2018**.
- Parents should fill out the CEF application, collect proof of income and attend a CEF on-site appointment with all necessary CEF paperwork. Attending a CEF on-site appointment is easy and very helpful, as CEF representatives review the application with families in about 15 minutes, and make sure that it was filled out correctly—with all proper documentation in place. This ensures that your application can be processed, without delays for missing paperwork or incomplete forms. Appointment sign-ups can be made through Mr. Aguilar in the school office. Locations for these appointments take place at a Catholic high school and on-site locations are TBD.
- **Be sure to start applying in January and February.** We want to ensure that as many new families as possible will get this valuable CEF information. This includes our incoming Kindergarten students. Each child can earn up to \$1000 in assistance each year.
- Those who qualified for CEF but do NOT receive CEF awards, may then ask for a school tuition assistance paper application and through the FACTS website will be given top priority for scholarship assistance from school, before others are considered. Remember there are limited funds each year, so don't delay! All St. Anthony School tuition assistance forms must be filled out and submitted directly to Mrs. Grey. This information is confidential, and after a decision is made, financial information will be shredded.
- Please remember that every family must sign and renew their tuition contracts in February to register and secure a spot for your child in the 2018-2019 school year. This year we will be sending a Re-registration Packet with your weekly Family Envelope, where parents can fill out their own paperwork in advance and return completed forms in a sealed envelope. All families are asked to sign up for FACTS to make tuition collection easier for everyone and help keep

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administrative costs low. All this gives parents the chance to avoid long lines at our two Re-registration Nights in the Hall. Please stay tuned for more details.

- **SAVE THE DATES:** This year Re-registration for returning students ONLY is **2/20/18** and **2/21/18** at 6 P.M. in the Hall.
- Open Enrollment for all students in grades K-8 is on **March 1, 2018**
- Please also remember that all scholarships must be reapplied for **every year** by turning in these applications (both the CEF and the school-based scholarship application from FACTS) and then meeting with the principal to discuss scholarship awards granted, depending on funds available.

We thank each of you for your commitment to Catholic education and for choosing St. Anthony of Padua as the school, in which to pursue this worthwhile endeavor. We hope that you, our current families, continue to choose to stay here happily, and grow with us in love and faith, as we enter the 2018-2019 school year together.

Respectfully Yours,

Carlos Aguilar  
Finance Secretary