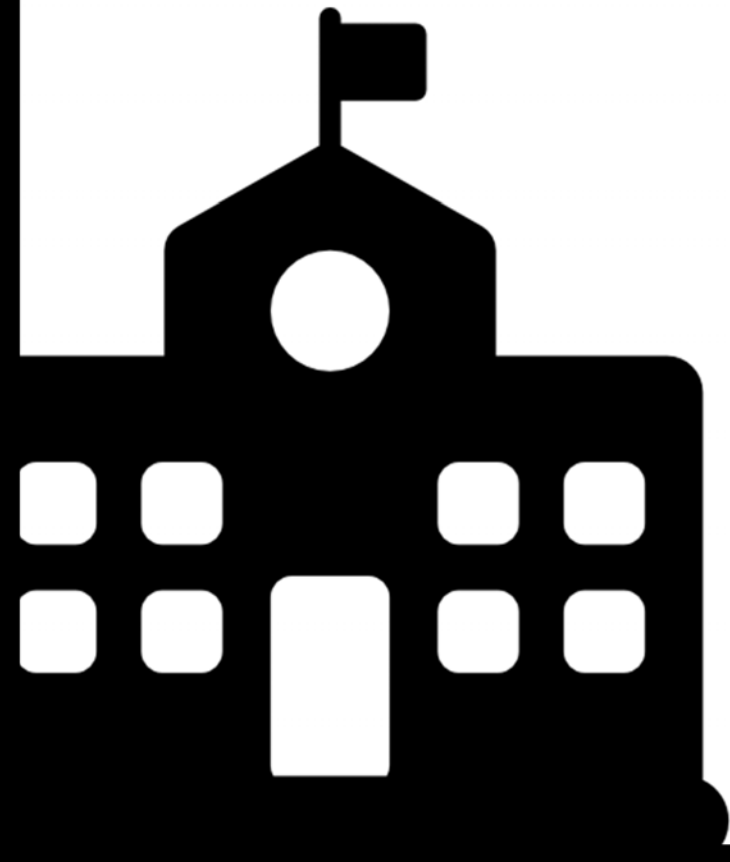


WELCOME TO



**New Parent
Orientation
June 2, 2020**

Opening Prayer

Prayer for peace amidst the storm

Living God, our refuge and strength, even the wind and sea obey your voice. Put the wind back in its place, and say to the sea: Peace! Be still!

Fill us with great faith, and save us from the surging water, so that we may tell the good news of your saving love; through Jesus Christ, our hope in the storm. (based on Mark 4)

Welcome Kindergarten and NEW FAMILIES!

- Although we are experiencing distance learning during the time of COVID-19 quarantines, our school has continued to provide quality education to all our students
- We will be receiving more guidance and information from the Department of Catholic Schools regarding reopening in the fall. Please check our website and emails for the latest updates.

KINDERGARTEN

Teacher: Ms. Strohm
Aide: Mrs. Doughty

Meet and Greet
Friday, 8/14/20
4:00pm-6:00pm
(on campus)
Details to come



KINDERGARTEN FUN



KINDER EVENTS

- Meet and Greet/Zoom Socials
- Field Trip (LA Zoo)
- Weekly Mass with 7th grade buddies
- Kinder ornament sale
- Las Posadas
- Christmas program
- Open House



KINDER EVENTS

- Special Persons' Day
- Catholic Schools' Week
- 100th Day of School
- Jog-A-Thon
- Easter Celebration
- Kinder Promotion



CROSSOVER DAY

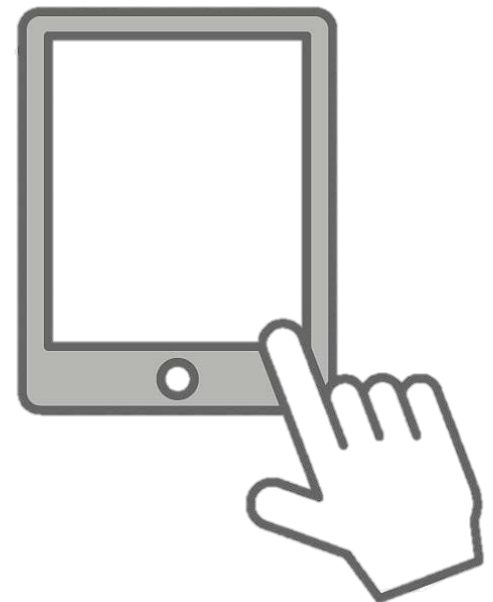
- June 3, 2020 at 10:00am (tomorrow)
- Students can join the Zoom meeting to meet with their new teachers!
- The meeting is intended for new Kindergarten students entering this Fall.
- <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85913680412?pwd=L1M4amd1cGlvSmpHK2xSR2trYnp0QT09>
- Meeting ID: 859 1368 0412
- Password: 040800

SUMMER PACKET

- Summer packets are meant to help prepare your child to enter Kindergarten and close any learning gaps.
- Please download the SeeSaw Class App. All students need an electronic device such as an iPad or tablet at home (see supply list)
- Assignments will be posted and submitted through the SeeSaw app. Please familiarize yourself with this before the Fall.
- More details and class log in information to come.

KINDER SUPPLIES

- Tablet/iPad with SeeSaw Class App.
- Personal whiteboard and dry erase markers
- Complete Supply list coming soon!



CONTACT INFORMATION

Ms. Strohm's Email:

rstrohm@stanthonygardena.org



School Office:

(310) 329-7170

PARENTS AS PRIMARY EDUCATORS

“Since parents have given children their life they are bound by the most serious obligation to educate their offspring and therefore must be recognized as the primary and principal educators...”

ABOUT ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA

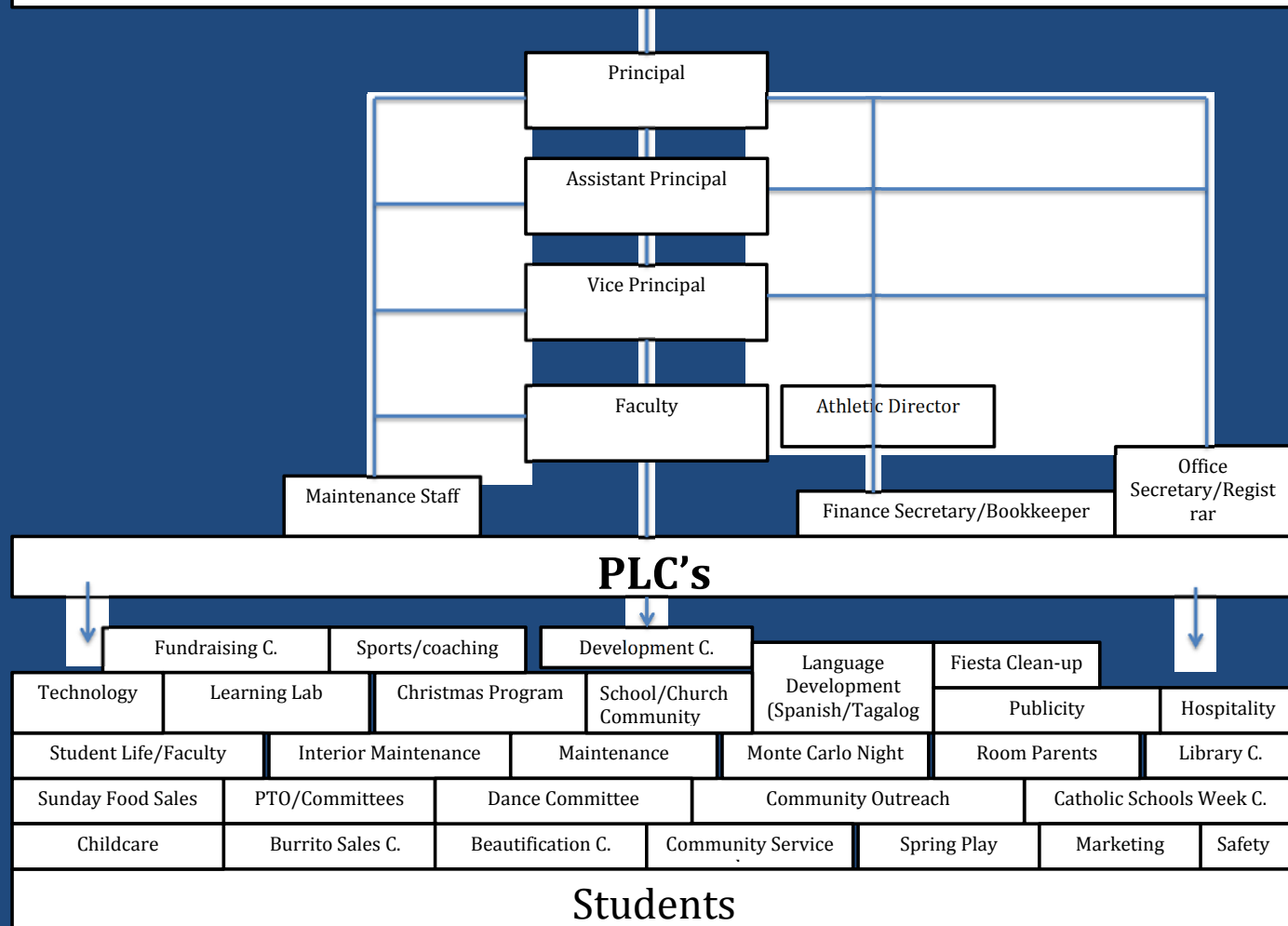
- Award-winning (VOTED FAVORITE AND BEST PRIVATE SCHOOL IN THE SOUTH BAY IN THE DAILY BREEZE OVER THE LAST 7 YEARS!)
- Educating the WHOLE child: Physically, Spiritually and Mentally
- What are we preparing your kids for? College, Career and Heaven
- Stable Leadership: Teacher qualifications and credentials: All-Star Faculty (bios online at www.stanthonygardena.org)
- Faith, Stewardship, and Excellence: 3 Pillars

Reminders about Tuition for 2020-2021

- Minimum Wage increase: \$13/hr, Jan 2020, then \$14/hr Jan 2021, then \$15/hr by 2022.
- To keep up with wages and inflation, we need to increase tuition, maintenance, repairs, upgrades, to retain teachers we must pay them well
- It costs \$12,000 to educate a child in CA each year in public schools
- Tuition at St. Anthony of Padua is less than half of that, so we offer more to our families for less money spent per child. Our ADLA leaders and Archbishop recently spoke to President Trump and Education Secretary re: School Choice vouchers. Pray this gets passed!
- Four General Parent Meetings (one retreat with Msgr. Sal in November), 30 service hours per your tuition contract, 8 Fiesta Hours

Organizational Chart

Archdiocese of Los Angeles Department of Catholic Schools



VICKI MARSHA ONLINE SALE

- Early Bird Sale – last 2 weeks of June!
- 10% off your purchase
- Free shipping on orders over \$100
- Scrip available in the school office! – Please contact Mr. Carlos Aguilar at caguilar@stanthonygardena.org for more information
- Check your email for the Vicki Marsha flyer which is coming soon!
- See Welcome Packet for more info on uniforms

SCRIP 101

One option that is available for school families to meet their annual financial commitment is through ShopwithScrip.com purchases. Please click on the following link to go to the Scrip 101 page on the school website for more information:

<http://www.stanthonygardena.org/scrip-101/>

ATTENTION: JUNIOR HIGH PARENTS

WHAT TO LOOK FORWARD TO IN JUNIOR HIGH:

- Different Schedule: Block schedule for grades 6-8
- Several Teachers for your child: 5 teachers instead of 3 (Math, Religion/ELA, History/Science, PE, and Music)
- More demanding schedule: stay organized, Read 7 Habits of Highly Effective Teens over the summer
- Different activities: Sports, Musical, Student Government, Retreats
- High Expectations: high school-prep, college- prep note taking, more collaboration on projects
- Theology of the Body/Chastity Education Program
- School technology: Seesaw app for grades K-2, Google Classrooms for grades 3-8, Mind Mapping, presentations on iPads and Chromebooks, students in grades 3-8 have school email addresses.

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

- **More rigorous grading system:** 93% and above for an A
- **College Bound:** College Fair, (researching high schools/colleges, guest speakers)
- **WASC/WCEA 6 years accreditation earned in 2014, WCEA Visit Fall 2020**
- **STAR Testing** (3 times a year at every trimester) District benchmark is higher than the public school benchmark
- **C.I.P. (Core Instructional Practices)** used in all classes K-8
- **Accelerated Reader (AR)**
- **Differentiated programs:** Freckle: Math and ELA
- **STEP Program:** the private school equivalent to an IEP or Individualized Education Plan based on student needs (academic contracts created as needed)
- **ST Math:** adaptive math program supplementing Common Core math program
- **TRIBES agreements:** Character education initiative (see website for more info)
- **Positivity Project:** P2 (positive character traits emphasized)
- **Rick Morris Sign Language** used in grades K-8 (see website for more info)
- **Graduation rate is 100%**, majority of students attend local Catholic high schools.

Rick Morris Sign Language



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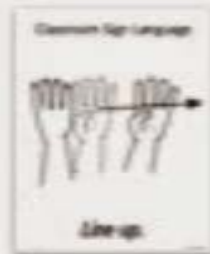
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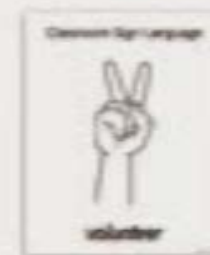
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CONCERNS ABOUT YOUR CHILD?

Here is the proper procedure/Chain of Command:

- Contact and Speak to your **child's teacher first**. (This includes P.E. teacher, Music teacher, etc.)
- **Work with teacher** to solve the problem (Open-door policy)
- If needed, **teacher or parent will contact administration** to assist with any situation. Parent involvement and partnership is vital.
- **Presume "Positive" Intentions:** Teamwork/Trust is paramount
- **School Meeting Norms:** maximize our time together

SAFETY AND LOGISTICS

- All of you will receive emergency cards: please update all information at front office should anything change
- Most important: Emergency Card. Children will ONLY be released to those on this card. Please fill out both sides carefully and legibly.
- Routine emergency drills (once a month) for earthquake, lockdown, fire
- All medical records/special needs must reported to the office and teachers. Any allergies? Be specific please.
- Any medications need to be accompanied by Medication Authorization and Medication Form

SAFETY AND LOGISTICS (CONT)

- Your child is sick or absent? Call or email the office and your student's homeroom Teacher!
- BE ON TIME...or it affects work habits grade
- If Distance Learning continues, students are expected to wear uniforms and follow Zoom guidelines
- Parents are asked to sign up on the Remind App so they can be reached quickly in case of emergency.
- Please keep sick students at home until they are healthy and have a plan for picking up a student who becomes sick at school. This is to ensure the health and safety of our entire school community.

COMMUNICATION IS KEY

- Please be informed parents. **You are your child's first teacher.** Ask clarifying questions, get involved.
- Check Website often www.stanthonygardena.org
- Gradelink (teachers will hand out login info and Back to School night packet in September) Get grade notifications on your phone (high or low grades). Work on this in your Settings. Your children can learn to take ownership of learning by checking grades often and communicating with teachers directly.
- **YOU MAKE A DIFFERENCE!** Your child will thank you.

DAYCARE INFORMATION

- **Flat rate: \$12/day per child**
- **\$8/day per child if student is coming from any after school activity**
- Please note there is a **5-minute grace period** for students coming from an after-school activity before the \$8/day fee is charged so please pick students up promptly.
- **\$1/per minute late fee for any student picked up after 6PM**
- **Evening Daycare is contingent upon having adequate staff available**
- **Any younger siblings brought to evening meetings must be potty-trained (this is all dependent on reopening and health guidelines)**

DAYCARE REMINDERS

Exceptions – Afternoon Care WILL NOT be available on the following days

- **The Wednesday before Thanksgiving**
- **The Friday when Christmas Vacation begins**
- **Holy Thursday**
- **The Wednesday before Fiesta (when Fiesta takes place)**
- **The Last day of School**

Daycare is available until only 3 PM on the following dates:

- **Halloween**
- **The Monday and Tuesday before the Parish Fiesta (when Fiesta takes place)**

LOOKING AHEAD

- Every year is different, remote learning or staggered classes may have to take place in the fall. Please wait for updates. We will email blast this info to everyone once we have more info from the Dept. of Catholic Schools (DCS). We will not be following exact same guidelines as LAUSD, but will be guided by Catholic values and the health department.
- To promote distance and blended learning, all Grades (K-8) will need to have a device (iPad, Chromebook for distance learning. See K-2 Supply lists

Thank you and God bless!

- We are grateful that you have chosen to invest in a Catholic education for your child. Thanks for choosing St. Anthony of Padua Catholic School!
- Our faculty and staff welcome you and we look forward to many years of faith formation, excellence, and building community with you and your families.
- Please email us if you have any questions or concerns.
- Angela Grey, Principal: agrey@stanthonygardena.org
- Have a wonderful and safe summer!