

3rd General Parent Meeting
May 5, 2021
ZOOM MEETING

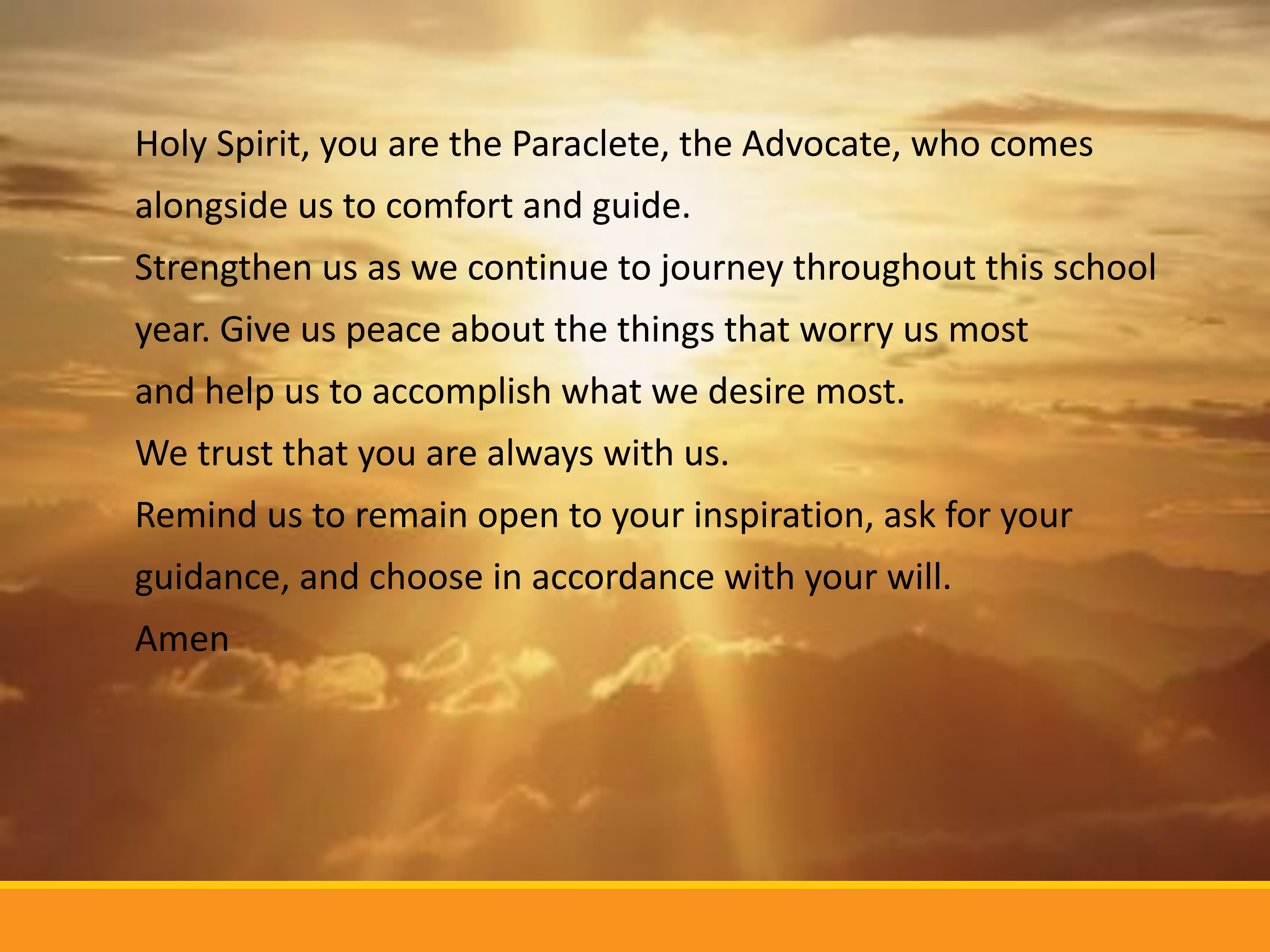
THIS SESSION WILL BE RECORDED

Meeting should finish around 8pm. Today is the last parent meeting of the year. Please stay the whole meeting to get full credit for participation. Note that Zoom sends me a report for duration of time spent on the call.

Welcome Parents!



- Invocation Msgr. Sal Pilato



Holy Spirit, you are the Paraclete, the Advocate, who comes alongside us to comfort and guide.

Strengthen us as we continue to journey throughout this school year. Give us peace about the things that worry us most and help us to accomplish what we desire most.

We trust that you are always with us.

Remind us to remain open to your inspiration, ask for your guidance, and choose in accordance with your will.

Amen



DAILY BREEZE: BEST PRIVATE SCHOOL IN THE SOUTH
BAY: VOTING ENDED Sunday, MAY 2!

Winning these awards benefits our whole school, especially
our children!

Please ask your friends and family to vote for the Daily
Breeze Readers Choice each year, and spread the word by
email, text, and social media! Thanks for your support!

MISSION STATEMENT

SAP SCHOOL



St. Anthony of Padua School, a ministry of St. Anthony of Padua Parish, is a K-8 Catholic elementary school that strives to meet the religious, moral, intellectual, social-emotional, cultural, and physical needs of its 21st century learners.

We prepare them for high school, college, and heaven. Looking to the Eucharistic Jesus as our Lord, Brother, and role model, the school is committed to the transmission of the teachings and values of the Catholic Church and Christian culture to all students.

A PARTNERSHIP PARENTS AND SCHOOL

- National Teacher Appreciation Week: Thank you for your support!
- First Holy Communion: May 1, congratulations!
- Chain of Command – Start with Teacher, VP, Principal, Pastor, Asst. Superintendent – We appreciate you Trusting in our school
- Joint Partnership – Mutual Responsibility and accountability, child-centered
- Conflict Resolution, effective communicators – Teach students to become Problem Solvers at home and school. It takes a village to raise a child.
- Video Games, limit social media and screen time, supervise children

Social Emotional Wellness

CDC: Anxiety and Depression in Children

<https://www.cdc.gov/childrensmentalhealth/depression.html>

WEBMD

Here is info from WebMD:

Depression in Children: Symptoms and Common Types of Child Depression

<https://www.webmd.com/depression/guide/depression-children>

CHOC Children's Mental Health

<https://www.choc.org/mental-health/>

Through the generosity of grants from the Hilton Foundation and other donors, we are able to have Counseling Partners of LA (CPLA) counseling for our students FREE of charge 2 times a week.

(Tuesdays and Thursdays)

Special thanks to Nancy Portillo for her support!

Guest Speakers from CPLA here tonight

CPLA Counseling Services: Therese Funk,
Robert Kenyon and Helen Altenbach

COUNSELING PARTNERS OF LOS ANGELES

*Committed to healing hearts, nurturing hope, and
fostering bright futures for every student every day.*

CPLA: Counseling Partners of LA

WHO WE ARE

The mission of Counseling Partners of Los Angeles is to serve at-risk and under-served students living in Los Angeles by providing a low-cost, school-based program that delivers essential counseling and support services students need in order to grow toward their full potential emotionally, intellectually, morally and socially.

CPLA Counselors provide one-on-one mental health counseling to support students experiencing difficulties at 50 Los Angeles Catholic Schools.

In its 8 years of service, CPLA counselors have provided almost 100,000 counseling sessions to over 10,000 students.

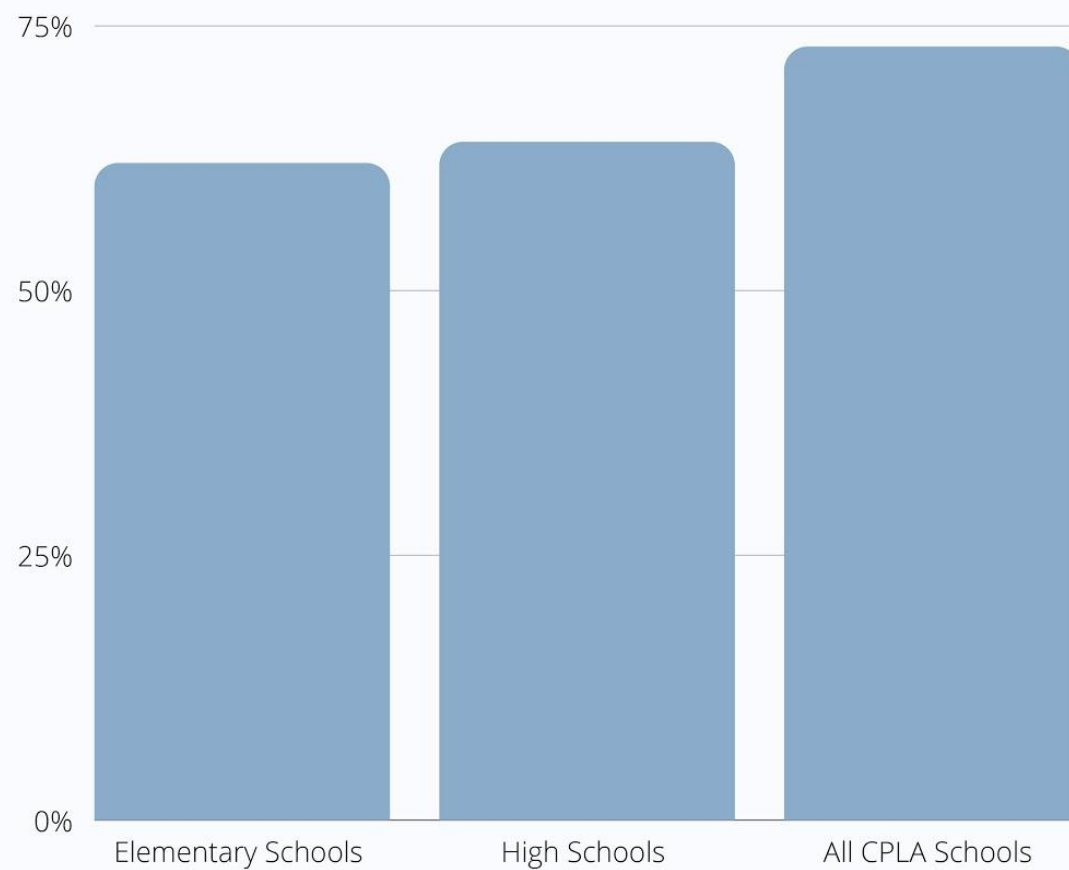
WHAT WE BELIEVE

- Every child deserves the right to reach their full potential
- Our students, families, and school communities are deserving of services to increase their chances for a bright future.
- Our volunteer counselors are our greatest assets and act as the driving force for positive change in both our organization and our partner schools.
- Our work is defined by the characteristics, uniqueness, needs, and promise of the students, families, and school communities we serve.

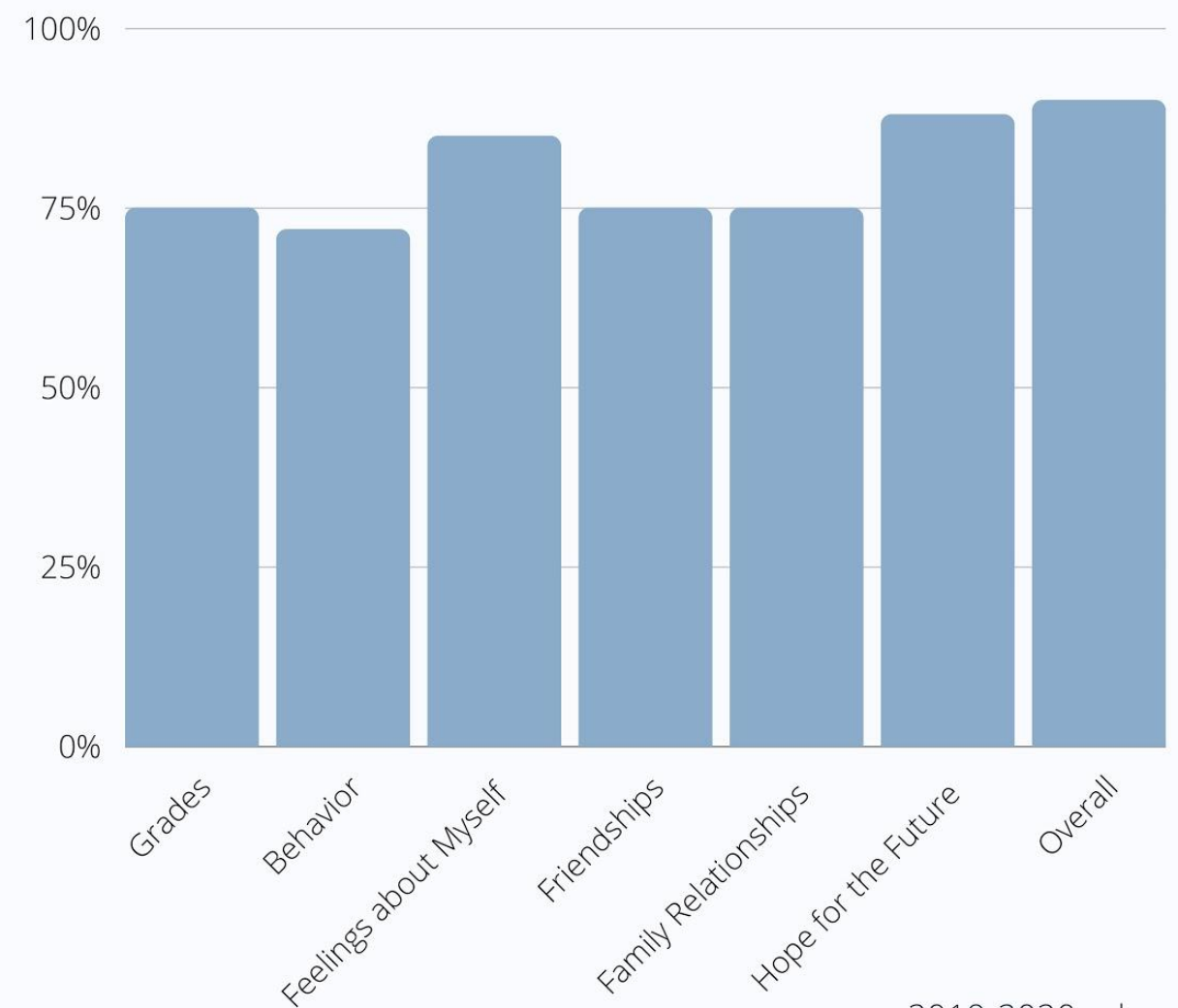
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HOW COUNSELING HELPS CHILDREN EMOTIONALLY AS WELL AS ACADEMICALLY

Student GPA Increases



Student Self-Evaluation



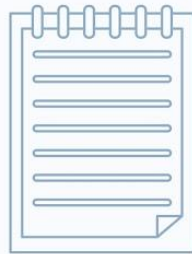
2019-2020 school year

CPLA (Continued)

HOW CPLA SUPPORTS PARTNER SCHOOLS



Counseling



Outreach Calls to
Families



Faculty Support



Parent Workshops

CPLA: (Continued)

THE CPLA TEAM SUPPORTING ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA SCHOOL

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HELEN ALTENBACH



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CPLA (Continued)

Connect with Us



FACEBOOK PAGES

Counseling Partners of Los Angeles

Los Angeles Catholic Schools
Families Support and Resources



INSTAGRAM

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WEBSITE

Counseling Partners of Los Angeles

<http://www.counselingpartnersofla.org>

LOOKING BACK AND
MOVING FORWARD

HIGHLIGHTS

2020-2021 SCHOOL

YEAR IN REVIEW

Halloween



PJ day



HIGHLIGHTS

2020-2021 SCHOOL

YEAR IN REVIEW



Christmas

All Saints' Day



HIGHLIGHTS

2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR *get your yearbook today for \$40!



PLC UPDATES

Ongoing and Upcoming Opportunities: Leah Nakayama and Angelic Nunez: PLC Chairs

- Volunteer for recess/lunch duty, AM/PM carline
- Interior Maintenance PLC: Cleaning May 22, June 5 & 19 at 12 noon.
- Gently Used Uniform Sale: Organize May 10 & 17 and sale on May 18-20 before and after school.
 - Gift Card Donation: The school will give credit of 1 hour for every \$10 (will eventually go up to \$15/hr to keep up with minimum wage). Please reach out to the office to see what they need i.e. Home Depot, Sam's Club, Office Depot.
 - PLC Leads and Room Parents for next year (liaison between parents and school)

Deadline to complete service hours is May 28th.

Announcements

- **STAR reports for 3rd Trimester** will come out with 3rd trimester awards, last day of school is 6/17
- **8th Grade Activities: Retreat, Brunch, Graduation in Church (Disneyland?)**
- **JAT Cancelled** - As this fundraising effort was already budgeted for, but canceled due to the COVID-19 pandemic we replaced it with the EFG Campaign. We are allowing families to purchase Scrip to fulfill any outstanding fundraising obligations. Families will have until May 17, 2021 to complete this obligation, as we extended the deadline for Scrip purchases.
- **NO FIESTA THIS YEAR**
- **Contingency plans for 8th Grade Graduation and Kinder Promotion** - We want to make these events special for our students while being compliant with the current restrictions. Please contact Ms. Strohm or Mrs. Navia if you would like to be on the planning committee for these upcoming events!
- **Frozen Jr. - Postponed until Spring 2022**
- **Class Musical Shows cancelled this year** - please refer to the email sent by Mrs. Jessica Garcia
- **Yearbook Sale** - Yearbooks still available for \$40 - Don't miss out on this year's edition!
- **EFG Campaign:** Water Bottle Filling Stations, new curriculum next year, no tuition increase this year (but will do so each year after this).
- **Gently used uniform donations accepted in office through 5/10** (Clean with new logos only, please)
- **Gently Used Uniform Sale:** May 18-20 Before and after school
- DCS reported that according to an internal survey, 100% of our high schools and 94% of all ADLA elementary schools **plan to fully reopen** in person instruction in the fall, barring CDC guidelines (hybrid may be an option, but not distance learning)
- Additionally, **100% of faculty and staff** in elementary and high schools have been given the **opportunity to be vaccinated**.
- Please anticipate follow up communication regarding COVID-19 testing resources, vaccinations for ages 12 and up (pending FDA approval) and status for next school year.
- If a child is **sick, do not send them to school**. Take an actual sick day, do not allow the child work from home so they can recover.

MORE ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **SERVICE HOURS** - Each family must have either served 25 Service hours this year or pay out (\$10/hr, will go up to \$15/hr next year to keep up with minimum wage). Any hours that have not been served will be invoiced. **You have the option to roll it into FACTS for the remainder of the year.** Thanks to all who have already finished serving their family service hours for the year or who have paid in advance. Some great Scrip suggestions: Amazon, restaurants in the area with food delivery, or drive-through service in the area such as Starbucks, Taco Bell, Carl's Jr, Panda Express, and gas cards from Sam's Club, Vons/Albertson's, Shell, or 76.
- **If you want to make a donation to the school to earn your service hours, we are in need of gift cards**, specifically from Home Depot, Office Depot, Sam's Club/Walmart, or Target for supplies. Thank you!
- **Word of Mouth Referrals, School Social Media** (#hashtags) Like our FB page and tag us on posts, share our FB posts, invite quality families to our school
- Crossover Day **June 3**, students will meet their new teachers via Zoom! Stay tuned for more info!

Great News!: Tuition updates

- **No tuition increase for this year: most schools raise tuition every year. We have kept it the same for the past few years, but we MUST raise it next year and every year after that to be sustainable. Minimum wage is \$15/hr**
- Sponsors and Donors
- Tuition Fees and Fundraising
- PLCs are so important! We save money this way
- LAUSD: gets \$12,000 to educate one child each year
- CEF \$1000 per child) and School Aid is available to families in financial need and in good standing

Financial deadlines (Mr. Aguilar)

CEF Zoom appointments were done on April 9, 2021. If the family did not attend the appointment then paperwork needs to be submitted to the school ASAP.

Scrip Sales end May 17, 2021 (extension due to NO Fiesta), and will open back up on July 1, 2021. If they purchase any Scrip between **May 18-June 30, credit will go to the school.**

Service Hours will be due May 28, 2021, and invoiced June 1, 2021.

All 8th-grade fees must all be paid by June 4, 2021, in order to avoid graduation holds.

All K-7th grade fees must be paid by June 11, 2021, in order to avoid report card holds

DAYCARE ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Mrs. Islas is pursuing other career opportunities
- Mrs. Pattie Padilla will be our Daycare Coordinator
- Fee will be \$12/day per child, late fees apply (see website for more info)
- We may keep cohort limited to a certain number of students and families who have the highest need for daycare.
- After school activities to resume in person in the fall (depending on interest)

Extracurricular Activities: Ballet Folklórico, Art, Spanish, STEM, Theater, Athletics



Sign Up Today!
Enrichment Classes
at Saint Anthony of Padua
www.parker-anderson.org



Art Adventures!
Children learn about famous artists such as Georgia O' Keefe, Henri Matisse, and Andy Warhol as they make wonderful creations each week using a wide variety of artist's materials. Art is fun--come join the adventure! (no classes on 10/11)

MONDAY: 9/13, 9/20, 9/27, 10/04, 10/18, 10/25

3:30 - 4:30 pm for Grades K - 5

Cost: \$120



Spanish Immersion!
Give your child the gift of learning Spanish! In this class, students will have the opportunity to immerse in the Spanish language and culture. Each class will incorporate art, storytelling, games, music and multimedia activities to learn Spanish in a fun way! This class is great for new and returning students.

TUESDAY: 9/14, 9/21, 9/28, 10/05, 10/12, 10/19

3:30 - 4:30 pm for Grades K - 5

Cost: \$120



Chem Kidz!
Chemistry is amazing! Conduct physical and chemical experiments and learn what makes them work. Make your own desiccators and Elephant Toothpaste, grow copper sulfate crystals, and get ready for an instant snowstorm! All reactions are done outdoors and students wear protective goggles.

THURSDAY: 9/16, 9/23, 9/30, 10/07, 10/14, 10/21

3:30 - 4:30 pm for Grades K - 5

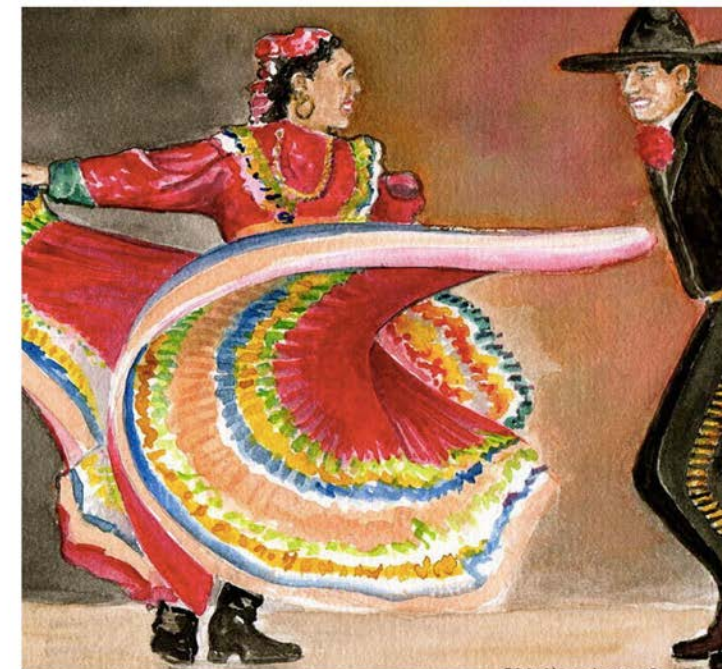
Cost: \$120

To enroll, please visit us at
www.parker-anderson.org
Registration starts March 31, 2021!
Deadline to enroll: Fri, Sep 10!

No cash/check payments will be accepted
All enrollments must be done online.

Classes will be cancelled if minimum enrollment is not met by the deadline.

Please check with the school office to find out the locations of the enrichment classes on campus. Thank you!



OPEN ENROLLMENT!

Join fun dance class. Come learn the art of Mexican folklore through the dance skills and technique. Represent your school by joining this team.

Dates: Fridays

Beginners: K-2nd 3:10pm-4:10pm

Intermediate: 2nd-8th 4:15-5:15pm

Email marthasfolklorico@gmail.com with the following information: Parent & student full name, grade, dance level interested. You will receive all information via email and upcoming parent orientation via zoom.

COMING TO ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA
THIS FALL!

BE A PART OF **THE MUSIC!**



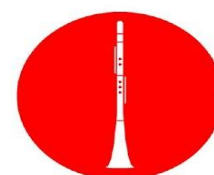
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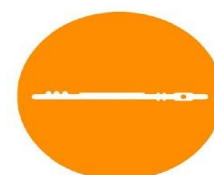
Trombone



Trumpet



Clarinet



Flute



Saxophone

**“I don’t even have to tell them to practice!”
-band and piano parent**

The reports are in! Students and parents are loving their
online lessons.

Give your child this opportunity to **enjoy making music** this fall!



Band for Today

Bandfortoday.com 630-420-8556

Amp Legacy

**Martial Arts &
Hula/Tahitian Dance**

amplegacy310@gmail.com

Welcome Back St. Anthony's of Padua Elementary School

It is with great pleasure to bring back my 15yr. curriculum of our Martial Arts and Hawaiian Dance. In this six weeks session your children will learn culture through self-defense, Kata and become fit and strong either through martial arts or Hula/Tahitian dance. This coming Fall we are excited to announce that we will be implementing the martial arts belt system and live performance for family members. It is important to me that the children be celebrated in their progress.



- Girl Scouts/Cub Scouts
- Sports: volleyball, basketball, soccer, flag football, golf (coaches needed)
- Get Involved, your kids love it and benefit from it. These years are what you make of it for your child.

Food Vendor: Happy Lunch RETURNS!

Bevaris was unable to service our school this/next year

Thankfully, Happy Lunch informed us they are able to return to offer hot meals as an option to our families.

Food will be freshly prepared daily and delivered and served on School premises unless otherwise agreed to by School. Students will receive a main meal food item, salad or vegetable, fruit, dessert and drink (2% milk, water or juice)

Meal prices are \$6.50 per lunch K-8 with portion sizes increasing for all grade levels. You can order daily lunches or a month in advance. Gabriel Rivas is the contact person.

Vicki Marsha Uniform Company (VMU)

Vicki Marsha Uniform will be on campus to sell new uniforms at the end of summer, and the beginning of Fall before school starts again on August 18.

Please mark your calendars. They will be in the Hall on Friday, August 6, 3:30-5pm in the Hall. If you miss that sale, they will be back again in Rm 7 on September 21, (Back to School Night) in the Fall from 4-8pm.

This is for you to plan ahead. Remember, you can also order online, so any purchases over \$100 gets free shipping.

WHAT TO LOOK FORWARD TO IN JUNIOR HIGH

Different Class Schedule: no longer self-contained classes, 5 vs. 3 teachers for your child, learning is departmentalized

NJHS, CJSF, service hours, sports: grades 5-8 (Students before athletes, C average)

More demanding schedule: stay organized, Read 7 Habits of Highly Effective Teens

Different activities: School Musical, Field Trips, Student Government, Etc.

High Expectations: high school-prep, note taking, more collaboration, college fair

Theology of the Body/Chastity Education Program/Culture Project

School technology: Google Classroom grades 3-8, note taking, adaptive learning software

8th grade Activities: back to in-person learning in the Fall

LOOKING AHEAD

- **NO FIESTA** this year - 8 hour/\$200 commitment waived for all families!
- **May 26: New Parent Orientation - Slide Show will be sent remotely**, Vicki Marsha Early Bird sale ONLINE if they are unable to come in person due to government restrictions (buy your Scrip early!)
- VMU in Hall on 8/6 from 3:30-5pm
- Kinder Meet and Greet August 13
- First Day of School August 18. First week Free dress and noon dismissal
- 9/8 Back to School Night VMU in Rm 7 from 4-8pm (Mark your calendars)

NEXT YEAR: WASC/WCEA Visit 10/19–10/21/2021

The last time we went through this process was in 2014. We got the maximum 6-year accreditation. We hope to do the same this time around. I am so proud of all our students, parents, faculty, and staff here at St. Anthony! You can view our final Self-Study online.

Our school has grown leaps and bounds over the past 7 years. As you know, we were ready for our WASC/WCEA Visiting Committee to come in March 2020, which was scheduled just a week after we got the stay-at-home orders. Our visit is now scheduled for the Fall: October 19-21, 2021.

Parent focus group: to be interviewed (let me know if you are interested in being in that group). The team wants to verify what we have written in our self-study.

LMU PLACE Corps

Partners in Los Angeles Catholic Education - PLACE Corps

PLACE Corps is Loyola Marymount University's nationally recognized Catholic teacher service corps, housed in the Center for Catholic Education within the School of Education. Built upon three pillars - Professional Development, Intentional Community, and Ignatian Spirituality - PLACE Corps members earn a master's degree and teaching credential while serving as full-time teachers in primarily under-resourced Catholic schools in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles, Diocese of Orange, and Diocese of San Bernardino, all within Southern California. During their two-year commitment, program members live with one another in intentional community while exploring and strengthening shared values rooted in Catholicism, and providing inclusive experiences with a commitment to social justice. PLACE Corps is a proud member of the Catholic Volunteer Network (CVN) and the [University Consortium for Catholic Education \(UCCE\)](#).

PLACERs at SAP School

Sean Perry



Jamison Mahar

Natalie Lozano

Jessica Garcia



Megan Claire Galarza

Megan Fraser

Erin McClowry



Beatrice Aguilar de Jesus

New 4th grade teacher (Sr. Tho in Jr. High)

My name is Michael Zahn and I am going to be graduating from Saint Mary's College of California later this month with a Bachelors of Science in Business Administration. I have a long history of Catholic education beginning with Holy Name of Mary Catholic School in San Dimas, CA from K-8th grade and Bishop Amat High School in La Puente, CA. Throughout my academic career, I was involved in Student Government, athletics, and other service-based programs. I am blessed to be a part of Cohort 21 of the PLACE Program at Loyola Marymount University for the next two years. I'm excited to be able to use the knowledge I learn from this program to be a better teacher and better man for years to come. I am very excited to be a part of Saint Anthony of Padua School and look forward to fostering the academic and spiritual development of your children.





Check Website often www.stanthonygardena.org and News and Events/Calendar for updates

Gradelink pw (emailed to all families in August. Please contact front office staff with any questions or issues with your Gradelink pw) **Mutual accountability:** academic contracts sent home to ensure student success



Referral Incentives \$75 (in Scrip or credit) in Dec and \$75 (in Scrip or credit) in June to the referring family if their referred family remains in good standing. Must ask for this in office.

Safety Drills and Procedures: will be gone over in classrooms virtually and monthly in person when we return to class (earthquake, fire, and intruder alert drills once a month, please also practice at home)

Download the [St. Anthony of Padua-CA](#) school app on iPad, iPhone, or Android for emergency texts. Gradelink will be upgraded as well to send text notifications.

Update info and turn in any **court papers** if applicable especially if there are **custody issues we need to be aware of (copy must be in office)**

Update any medication in office each year



Safety Reminders

- Thank you for **driving safely and wearing your face coverings any time you are on campus** (5MPH on campus) We are limiting the amount of visitors at this time. Please abide by the Social Distancing signs. Office hours are M-F 8am-4pm **by appt only. 5 people total** in office at a time.
- **Safety First**, wear seatbelts while driving on campus, keep kids seated
- Vaccine: recommended for adults, but not mandated, no vaccine for kids yet under 16
- Temperature Checks: Please don't come to school if you or your child has a fever of over 99 degrees. They will be sent home if they are sick. When a child is sick, take a sick day and have them rest.
- **Officer Villanueva is our School Resource Officer** (REMINDER: don't block crosswalks or park on red, don't speed when you enter campus on Berendo Ave: Share this info with all who come to campus!)

Closing Prayer

For all who have contracted coronavirus,

We pray for care and healing.

For those who are particularly vulnerable,

We pray for safety and protection.

For all who experience fear or anxiety,

We pray for peace of mind and spirit.

For affected families who are facing difficult decisions between food on the table or public safety,

We pray for policies that recognize their plight.

For those who do not have adequate health insurance,

We pray that no family will face financial burdens alone.

For those who are afraid to access care due to immigration status,

We pray for recognition of the God-given dignity of all.

For our brothers and sisters around the world,

We pray for shared solidarity.

For public officials and decision makers,

We pray for wisdom and guidance.

Father, during this time may your Church be a sign of hope, comfort and love to all.

Grant peace.

Grant comfort.

Grant healing.

Be with us, Lord.

Amen.

Thank you for investing in
your child's Catholic
education!

