

NEW PARENT ORIENTATION

May 26, 2022 2022-2023 SY 6:30pm on Zoom

INVOCATION

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

ABOUT ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA

- Award-winning Community: (VOTED FAVORITE AND BEST PRIVATE SCHOOL IN THE SOUTH BAY IN THE DAILY BREEZE OVER THE LAST 9 YEARS!) Announced August 1 2021: Voted Best Catholic School, Favorite Online Elementary School, Favorite Place of Worship 2021!)
- Educating the **WHOLE** child: Physically, Spiritually, and Mentally (CPLA partnership)
- What are we preparing your kids for? <u>College, Career and Heaven</u>
- Stable Leadership: Teacher qualifications and credentials: Outstanding and Dedicated Faculty (see web blogs at www.stanthonygardena.org)
- **3 Pillars:** Faith, Stewardship, and Excellence

SAP SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

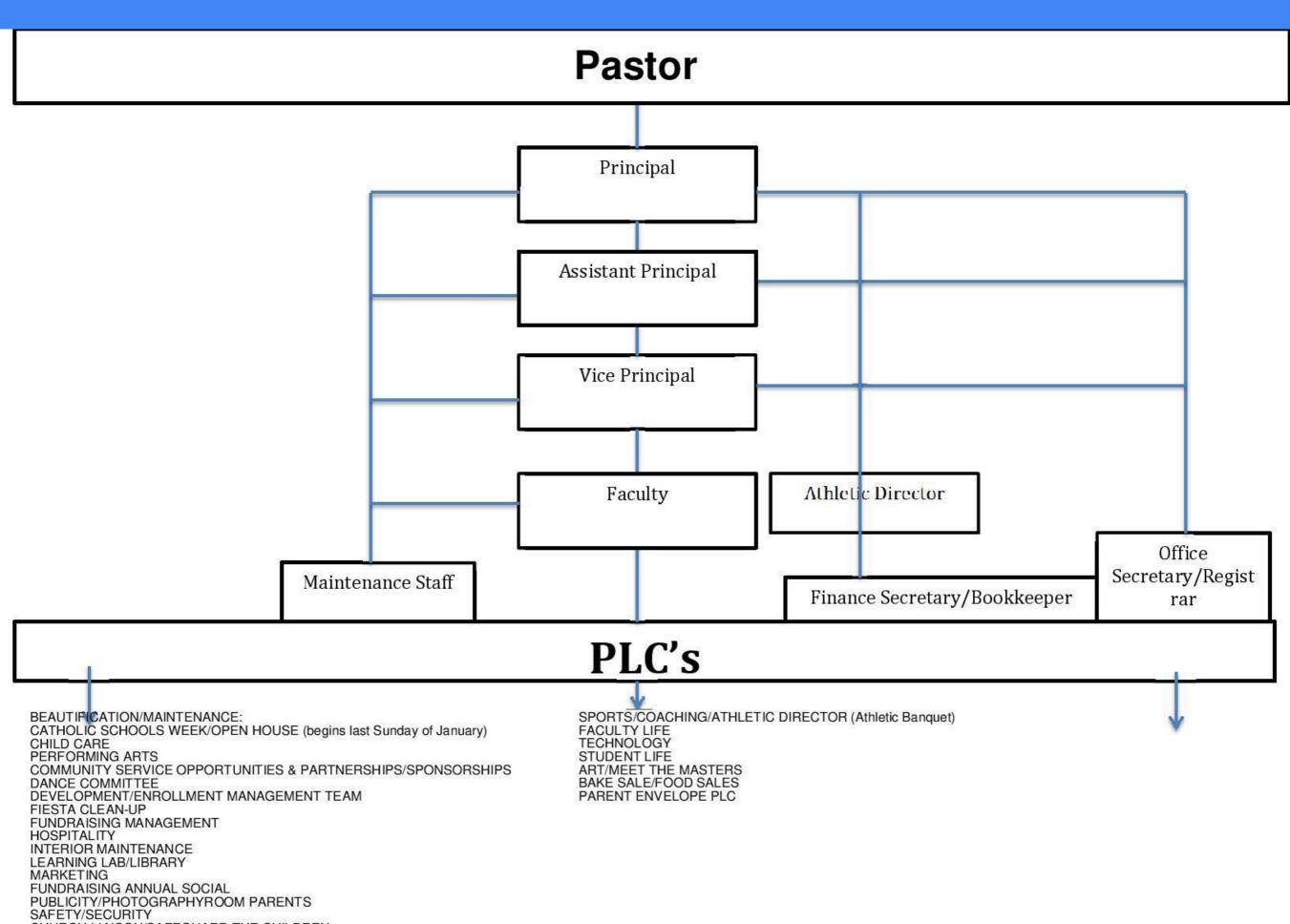
Our School (Pre-Pandemic) 2019

(See Full Video Commercial on Website)

https://youtu.be/82bcX9zmi-M

"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.."

Gravissimum Educationis (Declaration on Christian Education)



CHURCH LIAISON/SAFEGUARD THE CHILDREN

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

- More rigorous grading system: 93% and above for an A vs. 90% and above in high school
- College Bound: College Fair, (researching high schools/colleges, guest speakers) Competitive students
- WASC/WCEA 6 years accreditation in 2014, WCEA Visit Oct. 19-21, 2021
- **STAR Testing** 3 times a year (given at every report card), data-driven instruction
- C.I.P. (Core Instructional Practices) Research-based instruction
- Adaptive Software: Accelerated Reader (AR) and Accelerated Math (Freckle)
- **Differentiation** (MTSS): ST Math, Words their Way
- Schoolwide: TRIBES, Rick Morris Sign Language, Active Reader, Self-Directed Learner, Digital Citizenship

Thomas Lynch Onward Leader Resident Principal

Thomas Lynch is a product of Catholic school education since the sixth grade, culminating in a Bachelor's of Economics as well as a Masters of Urban Education, both from Loyola Marymount University. Mr. Lynch began his career in the classroom at East China University of Political Science and Law (ECUPL) in Shanghai, China, where he held a Foreign Expert Certificate in publishing and education issued by the People's Republic of China, as well as working professionally in Shanghai, China from 2007-2014. His subsequent work led him to heading ESL programs at local Southern California private and Catholic schools. In 2015, Thomas began his teaching stint as an English, Social Studies and Humanities teacher at the high school level. Most recently, Mr. Lynch was a full-time faculty member at St. Bernard High School in Playa Del Rey, CA, teaching social studies classes such as AP U.S. Government and Politics, Honors World History, and Economics. Along with his faculty status at St. Bernard, he was the STAR Testing Coordinator, Data Librarian for WASC/WCEA, as well as the school's Model United Nations Team Advisor. Mr. Lynch is a highly motivated and committed educator whose experience includes an extensive career

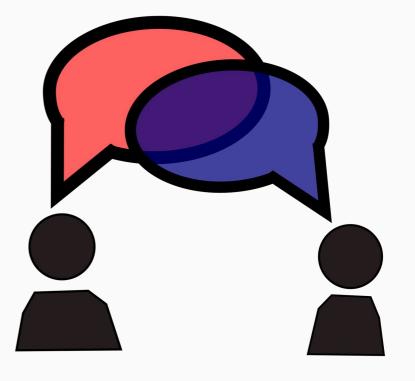
background in media and consulting, teaching English as a Second Language (ESL), Social Studies, and

Humanities.

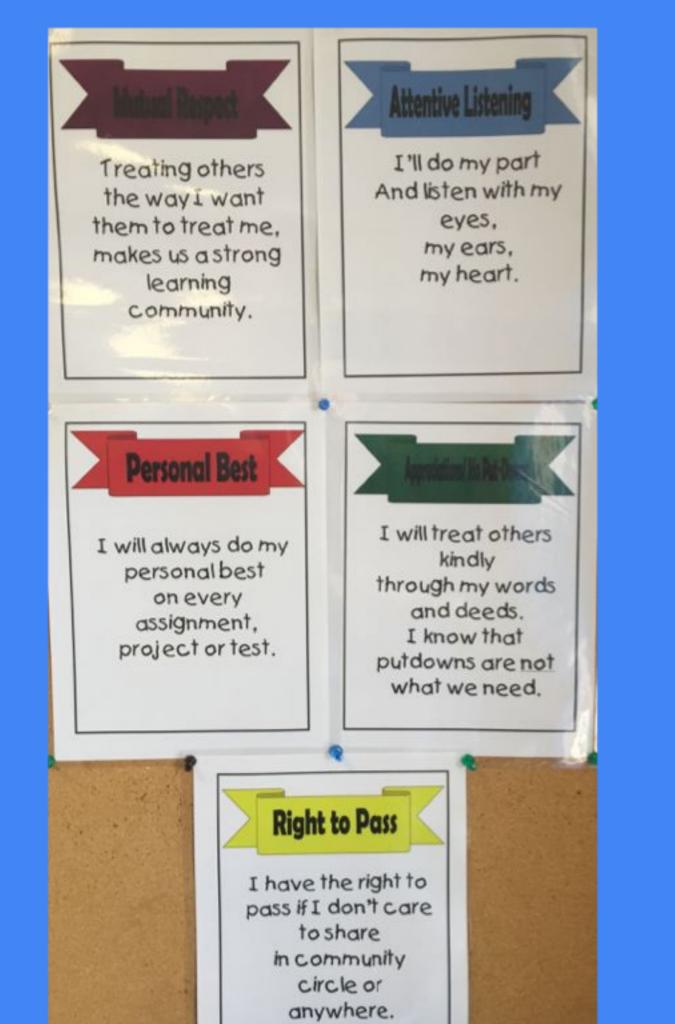


CONCERNS ABOUT YOUR CHILD?

- We want to work with you! 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, parents/teacher will **contact administration to assist with any situation**. Parent involvement and partnership is vital
 - School Meeting Norms: maximize our time together
 - **Presume "Positive" Intentions:** Teamwork/Trust
 - Christian Code of Conduct/Parent Student Pledge
 - Read Parent Student Handbook online annually



Our vision



















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F.A.S.T (SCHOOLWIDE LEARNING EXPECTATIONS/SLES)

- Followers of Jesus
- Academically prepared
- Socially aware
- Totally healthy in mind body and spirit

SAFETY AND LOGISTICS

- **Emergency cards:** please update all information at front office should anything change (name, address, telephone number, custody issues, court orders, TROs)
- Most important: yellow emergency card. Children will ONLY be released to those on this card.
- Routine emergency drills (once a month) for earthquake, lockdown (active shooter), fire
- All medical diagnoses/special needs must reported to the office and teachers to assist during school hours. Any allergies? Be specific please. Medication can be labeled and left in office, update it after expiration date.
- Your child is sick or absent? Call or email office. BE ON TIME...or it affects Work Habits grade, you can be considered truant for <u>excessive tardies</u>. See truancy policy in handbook for attendance policy (under Parents Tab online). Attendance register is a legal document
- Vaccinations and boosters are highly encouraged for all eligible children. We plan to FULLY REOPEN in the fall for 5 days a week in-person learning as we did this year.

DROP OFF AND PICK UP

- One Entrance: Berendo St. (small parking lot: park and walk using crosswalks for Kinder and 1st grade families, drop off and pick up at classroom) or park on 163rd to walk students in and out.
- Please remember to stop and allow students and parents to cross 163rd Street
- **One Exit:** on 161st Street
- Be courteous please! SLOW DOWN! **5MPH, no parking in red zones or in crosswalks**
- Inform **relatives and friends** of our procedure if they are to drop off or pick up your child
- Get involved! This year is what you make of it for your child. Volunteer for Yard Duty to earn service hours (must be Virtus-trained and ADLA Fingerprinted and cleared)

VOLUNTEER REQUIREMENTS

If you are planning to volunteer on campus you need to be fingerprinted and Virtus trained.

Please refer to the following links for further information.

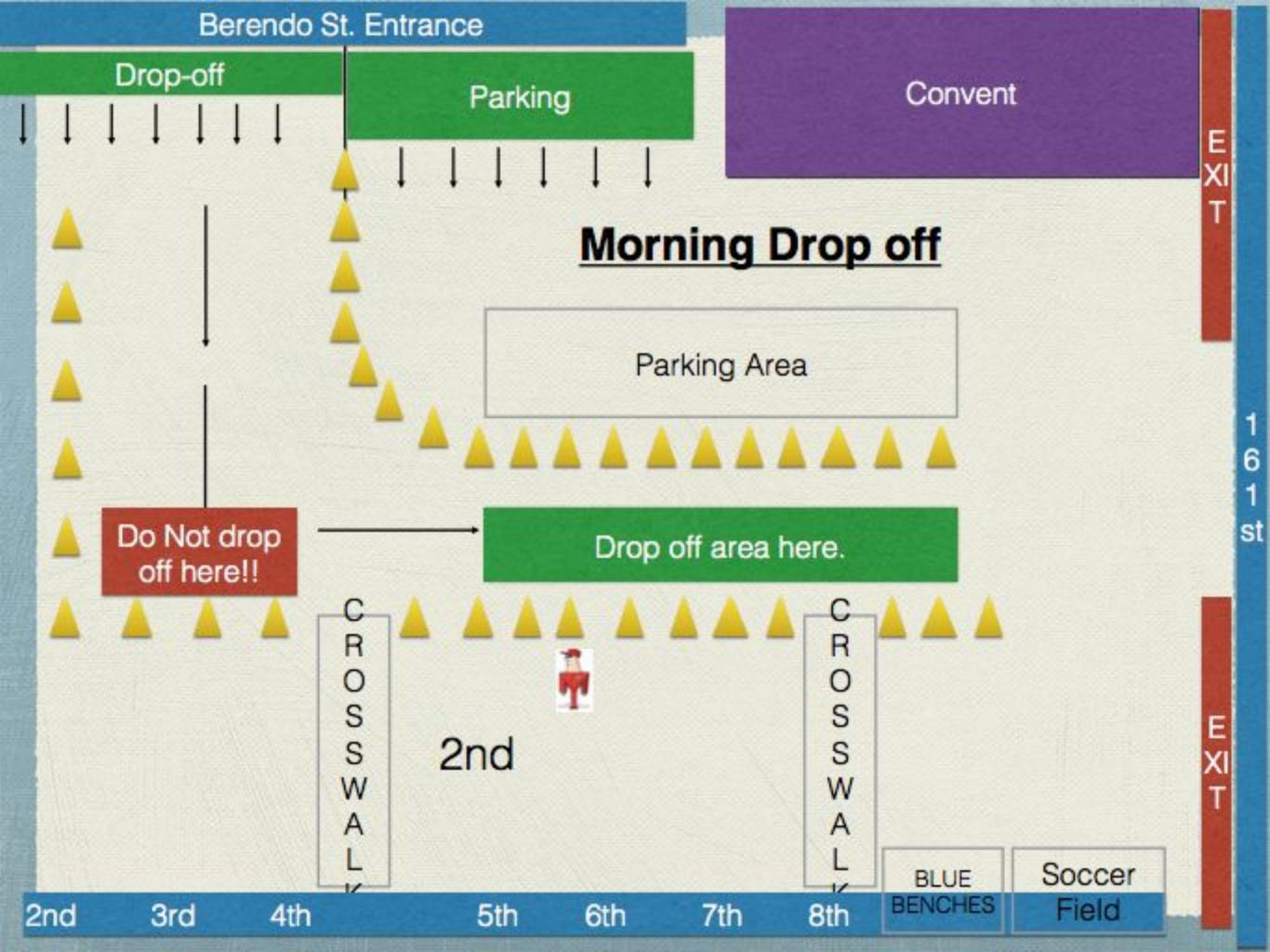
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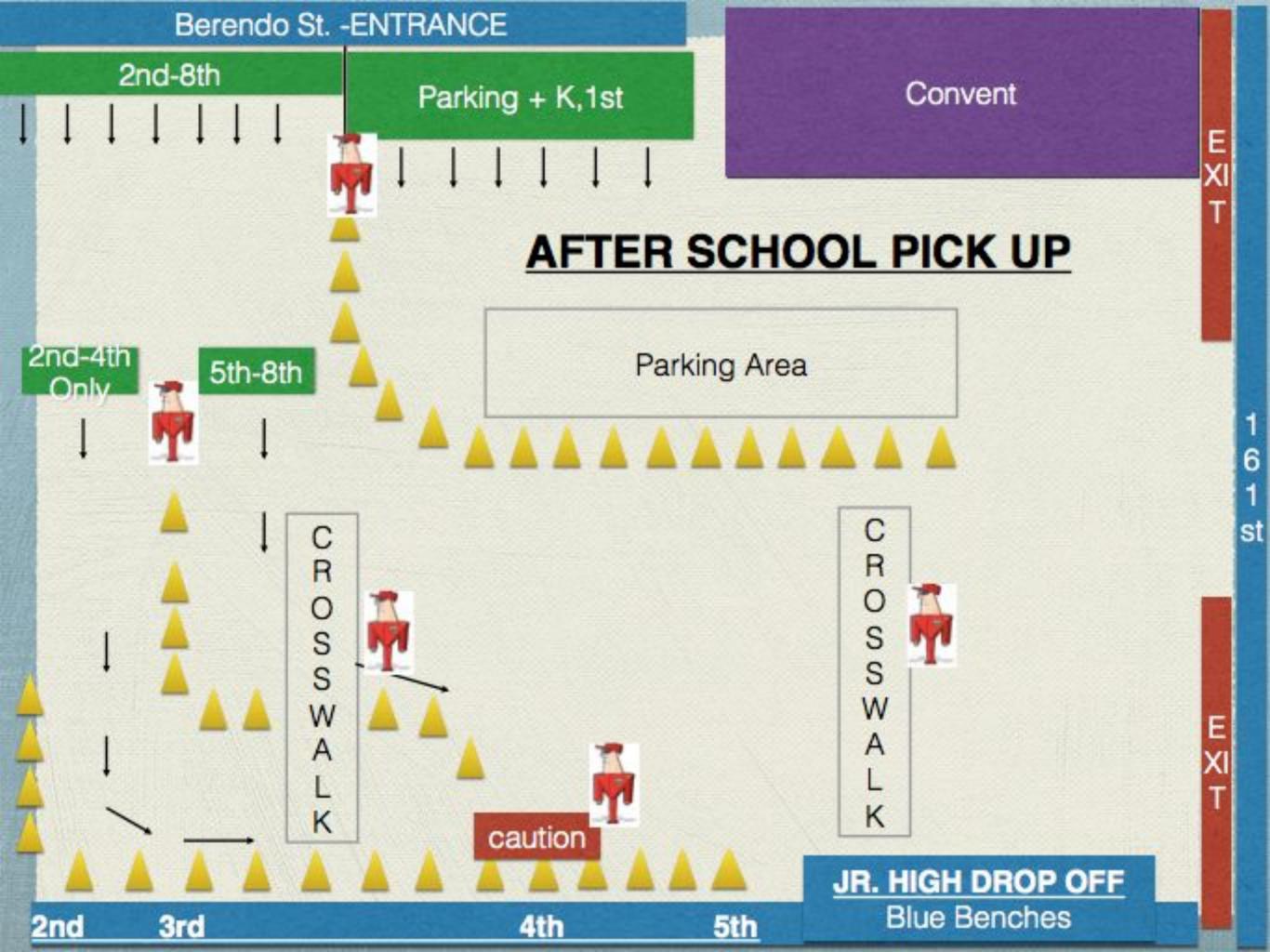
https://lacatholics.org/departments-ministries/safeguard-the-children/

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to call us at 310-329-7170 or email at caguilar@stanthonygardena.org

Carlos Aguilar

Business Manager





DAILY SCHEDULE

- 7:30am: NO Morning Daycare, teachers on duty starting at 7:30am
- 7:30am-7:45am: Drop off (K-1st grade Park car in designated areas and walk your child to their classroom. Please use Crosswalks!)
- 7:50am: 1st bell (tardy): Morning assembly & prayer by St. Jude Statue (Wednesdays)
- Mass on Tuesdays: Grades 2-4, Thursdays, Grades 5-8, All school Mass on Fridays at 8am (all families are invited!) Kindergarten attends beginning October
- 8:00am: Instruction Begins, 8:05am gates close, campus secured
- Lunch: 12:00-12:45pm (grades K-3) and 12:15-1:00 pm: grades 4-8
- **3:00pm -** end of instruction, gates open and carline pick up. * K & 1st grade park and pick up child in their classroom (If there is an older sibling they will be there waiting as well)
- Wednesdays: 1:30pm dismissal (due to faculty meetings), sign up for daycare if needed
- Occasional noon dismissals (daycare offered on certain days. Check online calendar, emails, READ WEEKLY BULLETIN online or via email blast for updates)

Just a reminder...

- Lunch Program "Happy Lunch": is not returning, we are looking for another lunch vendor (or bring own lunch, silver tray drop off at front gate)
- All K-5 students need an ipad as supply and grades 6-8 need a Chromebook
- First Day of School is 8/29 grades 1-8. Kinder Meet and Greet 9/2 and First day is 9/6. First weeks are noon dismissal. NO Morning Care (7:30am teacher on morning duty) Any student dropped off before 7:30am will not be supervised by a staff member
- Formal Fridays, Formal Mass Uniforms! We attend Mass every Friday at 8am as a whole school (Mass 2 times a week) Next on-campus Vicki Marsha Uniform sale is on 9/21 if you missed today's sale 3-5:30pm at the school (warehouse is in Huntington Beach) Buy Vicki Marsha Scrip in office starting July 1!
- See Handbook for **Birthday Policy**
- Calendar for the year can be viewed online (see **Important Dates** on website)
- Let classroom teacher know if you want to be a Room Parent or volunteer (Back to School Night on 9/21/22 or earlier) Lorena Lakey is Room Parent PLC lead, teachers ultimately choose room parents and guide them through the year

A PARTNERSHIP PARENTS AND SCHOOL

Chain of Command – Start with Teacher – Trust in the school

- Partnership Responsibility on both mutual accountability
- Conflict Resolution, effective communicators Encourage problem solving and being a part of the solution (offering suggestions).

COMMUNICATION IS KEY

- Please be informed parents. You are your child's first teacher. Ask clarifying questions, get involved
- Check Website often <u>www.stanthonygardena.org</u>
- **Gradelink** (teachers will hand out login info and Back to School night packet in September) Get notifications on your phone. Work on settings.
- YOU MAKE A DIFFERENCE! Get involved to earn service hours. Your child will thank you.
- Parent Interest Surveys; Your child's year is what you make of it (after school activities: need 6 to sign up if the program will be viable).

WAYS WE COMMUNICATE

- Principal's Message: uploaded online every Monday morning on website, and emailed each week
- Weekly School Bulletin (sent home via email weekly)
- Teacher Blogs: Homework posted online by 5pm each night, in addition to child writing in planners
- **Progress reports and STAR diagnostic reports** sent out every trimester (3x a year)
- News & Events section on front page of website: <u>www.stanthonygardena.org</u>
- All-School Email blasts and reminders on the St. Anthony of Padua School CA App on iphone or Android
- Teacher emails: weekly newsletters from homeroom teacher, Google Classroom 3-8, Seesaw K-2
- Room parent Emails: Room Parents will contact you for your class events (30 service hours a year, 10 per trimester per family is required)
- HW folders/packets: sent home with your child (K-2)
- Need more info? Please email teacher and/or school office. Please follow chain of command.

TUITION FEES

- One of the most affordable <u>tuition rates</u> in the South Bay while offering the latest and greatest in terms of technology and services. Small tuition increase each year.
- **FACTS TUITION** is required of all families. (\$50 annual fee) By Fall 2023 we will change from Gradelink to FACTS completely.
- 8hrs of service required at the Fiesta in May 2023: oldest and largest festival in the South Bay. Different from the 30 service hours (you will be billed after each trimester if you have not done 10 service hours per trimester. There are many ways to do this!)
- All parents required to serve on a Parent Committee/PLC (choose up to 4 depending on interest: community building opportunity)
- **30 Mandatory Service Hours to benefit the whole school** (OPTION TO BUY OUT) Valued at \$15/hour

Please choose your top four committees to be able to serve your 30 hrs at \$15/hr or \$450 buy out.

When your child sees you volunteer at their school, they see how important service to others is in their community.

School Committees (15)

Beautification/Interior Maintenance

Child Care (After school/Parent Meetings/donations)

Christmas Program Decorating (setup/take down)

Community Service Opportunities/Outreach/Partnerships

Development/Marketing/Publicity/Church liaison

Dance/Cheer or Choreography

Faculty Life (decorate faculty room/celebrate bdays of faculty)

Hospitality (Open House/Muffins with Mom & Donuts with Dad)

Learning Lab & Library

Lunch Duty & Recess

Room Parents

Safety Morning Drop Off/Afternoon Pickup (163rd St., Berendo, 161st St)

Sports/Coaches/Dance (CYO)

Spring Play (props, costumes, makeup, ticket sales etc.)

Technology

Community Committees for both School and Church

FIESTA

School Mass Food Sales (monthly)

FIRST WEEKS OF SCHOOL

- Sept 2: Kindergarten Meet and Greet, Sept 6, first day for Kinders only (first week free dress and noon dismissal)
- August 29, 2022: first day of school for grades 1-8 (possibly on Zoom for first week, depends on renovation schedule, please be patient and flexible) First week free dress and noon dismissal
- 1st week: Free Dress/uniform optional First day of school for Kinder Sept 6, 2022
- Noon dismissal first weeks of school (grades 1-8 get one week, Kinder gets one week)
- 2nd week: Kindergarten Noon dismissal only, Full day grades 1-7 starting 9/6
- Lunch program (pending) and extra-curricular programs begin Second week (typically)
- Uniform Company: Vicki Marsha Order online or visit the plant in Huntington Beach take advantage of Gently Used Uniform sales at beginning and end of school year, 9/21 Back to School Night (back on campus in person)
- Starting July 1 you can purchase SCRIP from the office for VMU uniforms to start being credited to the new school year

SCRIP 101

- SCRIP purchases support St. Anthony of Padua School Thank you to ALL our families for supporting St Anthony of Padua School with your 2021-2022 Scrip purchases.
- Our new year for SCRIP purchases will begin on July 1st, 2022.
- New enrollment information regarding our school SCRIP program will be made available to our families through email. Updates will be made on our website starting July 1, 2022.
- Real examples (start with gas and groceries/daily expenses: Vons, Walmart, Sam's Club, Albertson's) Use Scrip vs. debit card. Incentives from your work/company: buy cards for your work, have others help you pay for your child's tuition!

SCRIP INFO

Interested in learning how the Scrip Program works? Want to learn how to earn money towards your financial commitment with every day shopping? Check out this info on our website at stanthonygardena.org

We encourage you to set up your account There is no cost to sign up.

Mr. Carlos Aguilar, the school's Business Manager orders every Friday and gift cards come in on Wednesdays. Purchase wisely and plan ahead to start receiving proper credit for your family starting July 1 for the 2022-2023 SY!

Info will be updated on the website on July 1, 2022, as the window is now closed for the 2021-2022 SY.

EXTRA-CURRICULAR PROGRAMS: EDUCATING THE WHOLE CHILD

- Parker Anderson Enrichment: Spanish, STEM, art, etc. K-8
- LIFT Enrichment: Cooking classes K-8
- Ballet Folklorico K-8: Martha Zambrano
- Theater Group (Paduan Players: see website for photos): Frozen Jr in late May or early June (annual auditions in January)
- Band for Today: K-8 piano on Tuesdays
- Yearbook Club (Jr. High)
- Student Government (Sr. Tho): grades 5-8
- CYO sports: Mr. Zahn AND Sports PLC CYO competitive league (grades 5th-8th) Basketball, Volleyball, Flag Football, Soccer: parent volunteer coaches needed: Coaching Cards, PLC leads to earn service hours (Jaime Cruz is our Sports PLC lead)
- K-8 After School Daycare Program includes: Study Hall and assistance with homework and/or playtime \$15/day per child (see website for pricing and details) Email Mrs. Grey if interested in after school daycare for your child
- Theology of the Body Program (Chastity Education Program/Culture Project) in Junior High

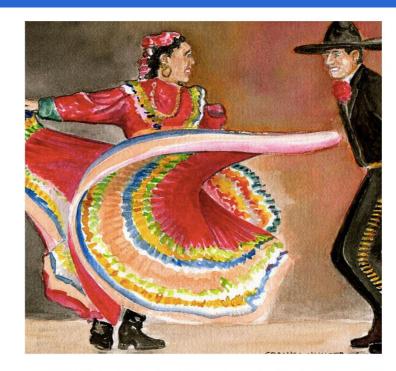
EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Registration is open Deadline to Register is Monday, Sept. 26, 2022



Classes are Monday and Thursday Cost per class per session \$119.00

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



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 <u>marthasfolklorico@gmail.com</u> 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.



"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



LIFT Enrichment COOKING

returns to St. Anthony of Padua!



Session: Fall Session
Day/Time: Wednesday's at 1:40pm-2:40pm
Dates: September - October - November
9/14, 9/21, 9/28, 10/5, 10/12, 10/19, 10/26, 11/2, 11/9 and 11/16
Number of Lessons: 10

LIFT Charges: \$330 per student/\$33per lesson

Contact--Monica Rodriguez Account Coordinator<u>, LIFT Enrichment</u> (310) 890-8704 Follow Me<u>@LIFTenrichment</u> Youtube <u>Tik Tok</u>

KINDERGARTEN

Teacher: Mrs. Kelli McCabe Aide: Mrs. Claros **Meet and Greet Friday, September 2nd 4:00pm-6:00pm**

Contact:

kellimccabe@stanthonygardena.org

(310) 329-7170



Kindergarten Teacher

Mrs. McCabe has been involved with St. Anthony of Padua since 2015 and is looking forward to her new role as Kindergarten teacher. She has been substituting at St. Anthony and most recently was the full time Kindergarten aide.

She created St. Anthony's Accelerated Reading Library and with the Steinmetz Foundation brought Vision to Learn to its students. Passionate about books, Mrs. McCabe worked as interim librarian and taught Great Books at American Martyrs Catholic School, established St. Lawrence of Brindisi 9,000 volume library and has been on the executive board of the Friends of the Manhattan Beach Library since 2006.

As a previous researcher with the National Science Foundation, Mrs. McCabe highly values education and nurturing a curious mind. She has extensive experience working with nonprofits and foundations to better underserved and charter elementary schools. She also has worked in the corporate world, including the Walt Disney Company.She earned her BA from Stanford University having double majored in Economics and Sociology. She also received her Master's Degree from Stanford University. A resident of the South Bay, she and her husband are long-time parishioners at American Martyrs where their three children attended elementary school.

Having grown up in Hawaii, she can't wait for the next family reunion to swap stories with her brother, also a Kindergarten teacher. She feels truly blessed to be a part of the St. Anthony of Padua community.



Bernadette Claros: Kinder Aide

Bernadette is a St. Anthony of Padua parishioner, who has volunteered for Edge and Life Teen Programs as a Core leader.

She previously worked for the Archdiocese of Los Angeles and Divine Providence Preschool and Kindergarten as an Administrative Assistant.

Bernadette is a mother of 4, who is passionate about early childhood education and excited to be a part of the 2022-23 Kindergarten class.



KINDERGARTEN

Summer Assignment

Supply List

Getting Ready for Kinder

Kinder Events



SUMMER ASSIGNMENT

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Parents are asked to assist their child in keeping a log of the books read A form for this purpose is attached. A parent signature is required acknowledging that the student has read each of the books listed. Students should bring their drawings along with their list of books read to their classroom teacher on the first day of school.	Book 2: Title: * Author: * Parent's Signature:	* 19. 	ר ר ר ר ר
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Optional Workbook Available on Amazon: <u>https://amzn.to/3ducOIP</u>

KINDERGARTEN SUPPLY LIST

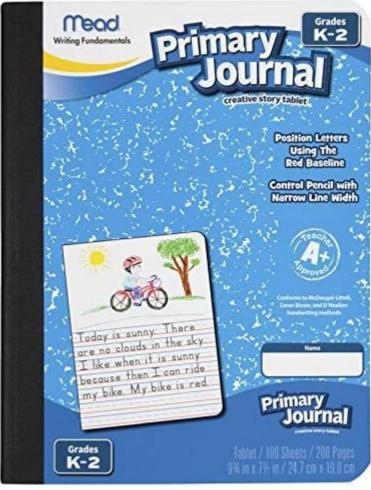
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- SeeSaw Class App
- ST Math
- Freckle (ELA/Math)

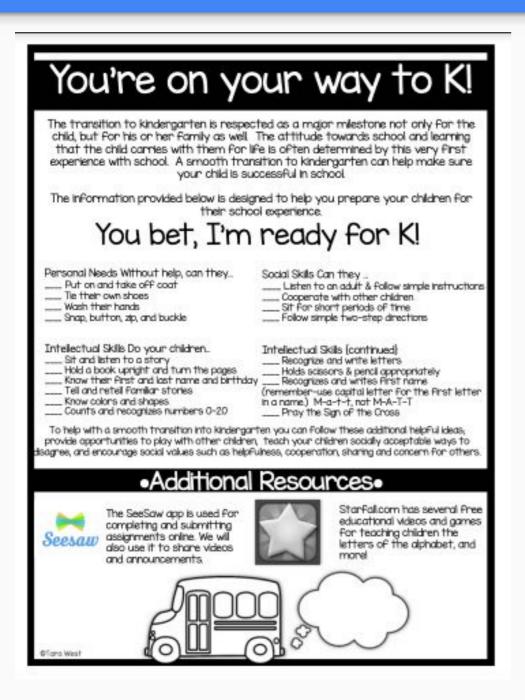


Primary Journal

- Primary handwriting lines and a space to draw



GETTING READY FOR KINDER



Open snack, lunch containers, and water bottle independently.

Use the restroom independently.

Zipper/button sweaters

Tie shoelaces

Pack and zip backpack & Lunch Bag

Independence builds confidence in students and helps with a smooth transition into kindergarten.

Kinder Events

- Meet and Greet September 2nd
- Weekly Mass beginning in October
- Kinder ornament sale (pending)
- Las Posadas
- Christmas Program
- Open House
- Special Person's Day
- 100th Day of School
- Lenten Retreat
- Kinder Picnic
- Kinder Promotion





Food Vendor:

LUNCH VENDOR

for the 2022-23 School Year

We are in the process of securing a Lunch Vendor that will be able to provide our students with an Affordable, Healthy and Delicious daily meal.

We will provide this information to you before the start of the new school year.

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 29 for grades 1-7, and on September 6 for Kinder

Please mark your calendars. They will be in Rm 6 on 9/21/22.

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

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.

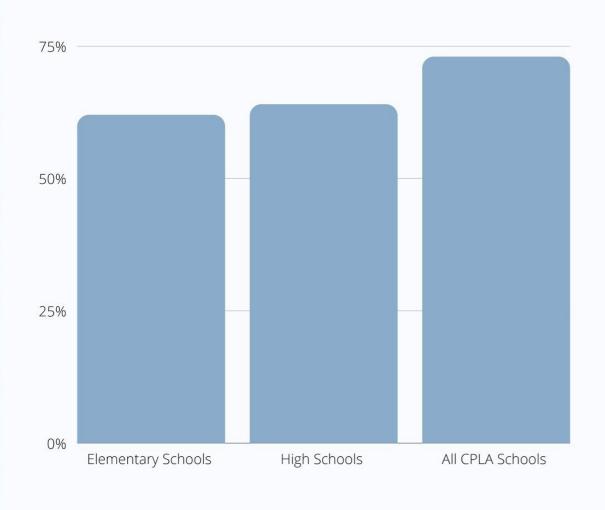
In its 8 years of service, CPLA counselors have provided almost 100,000 counseling sessions to over 10,000 students.

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.

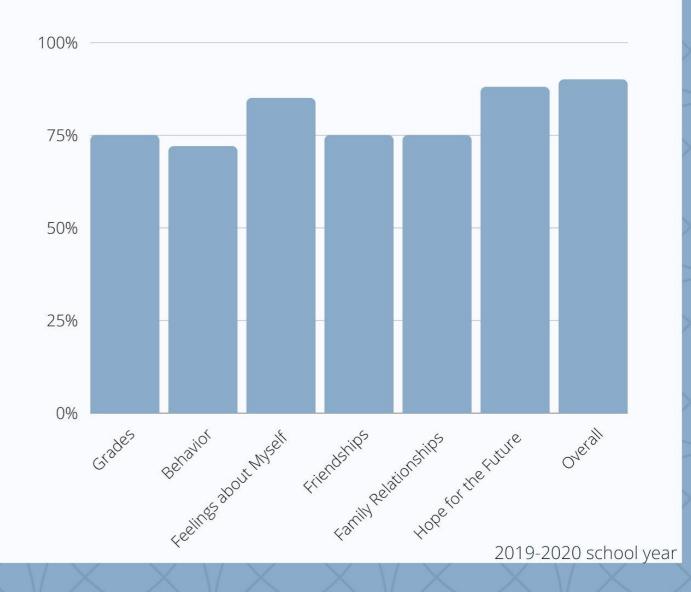
CPLA (continued)

HOW COUNSELING HELPS CHILDREN EMOTIONALLY AS WELL AS ACADEMICALLY



Student GPA Increases

Student Self-Evaluation



CPLA (Continued)

HOW CPLA SUPPORTS PARTNER SCHOOLS



Counseling



Outreach Calls to Families





Faculty Support

Parent Workshops

CPLA (Continued)

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http://www.counselingpartnersofla.org

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

