Dear 8th Grade St. Anthony of Padua Families,

Welcome to St. Anthony of Padua Catholic School (SAP) and the 2022-2023 school year! I hope you are enjoying your summer vacation. My wife and five children have had many adventures including river rafting on the Truckee River and making several beach trips to escape the heat. My two oldest boys Isaac and Evan (incoming 5th/4th graders at SAP) just returned from a week-long overnight summer camp with the Norbertines at St. Michael's Abbey.

My name is Steven Richardson, your child's new 8th grade homeroom teacher. I will be teaching History and Religion for grades 6-8 and moderating Student Government. I want this last year at SAP to be a memorable one for your child. I know if we are working together, your child will have a strong sense of accomplishment this coming year and be confident heading into high school.

Welcome Phone Calls: August 3rd-5th (8th & 11th)

I would like to have a brief phone conversation with you to learn about your child, discuss his/her needs and answer any questions. I have included morning, afternoon and evening times to accommodate parents. If you need a time not listed, please feel free to email me.

Save the Date: September 11th for "8th Grade Families Welcome Back Potluck"

Keep the afternoon of Sunday, September, 11th open for a fun and relaxing afternoon at El Dorado Park, Long Beach (location pending) with 8th grade families. I look forward to meeting all of you and enjoying delicious, homemade dishes together! Again, a shout out to our room moms that are spearheading this event. More details to come soon!

8th Grade Reminders

For your convenience, the 8th Grade supply list and summer assignments are available on our <u>Class Blog</u> under Quick Links. The summer assignments are due on August 29th, the first day of school. If your child has not started these yet, now is a great time to begin! *Please note: Summer assignments become the first grades of the 1st trimester.*

The first day of school is August 29th with dismissal at 12:00 pm all week. Students may come in free dress during the first week of school.

Blessings, Mr. Richardson srichardson@stanthonygardena.org