

30TH ANNUAL READERS' CHOICE AWARDS

2021

DAILY BREEZE
THE BEACH REPORTER

NEW PARENT ORIENTATION

May 25, 2023 6:30pm on Zoom



INVOCATION

We welcome all our New Families to the St. Anthony of Padua School and Church Community.

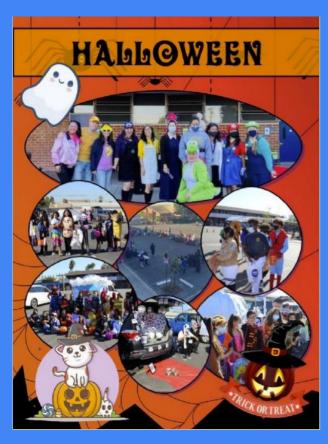
Keep them safe as they start a new journey in a new school soon with new Teachers in a new class with new children -

And Lord knowing that they are stepping out into the unknown We pray that You would be with each of them to watch over them and protect them.

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 DECADE!)
- Educating the WHOLE child: Physically, Spiritually, and Mentally (CPLA partnership)
- What are we preparing your kids for? College, Career and Heaven
- Stable Leadership: Teacher qualifications and credentials: Outstanding and Dedicated Faculty (see web blogs at www.stanthonygardena.org)
- 3 Pillars: Faith, Stewardship, and Excellence







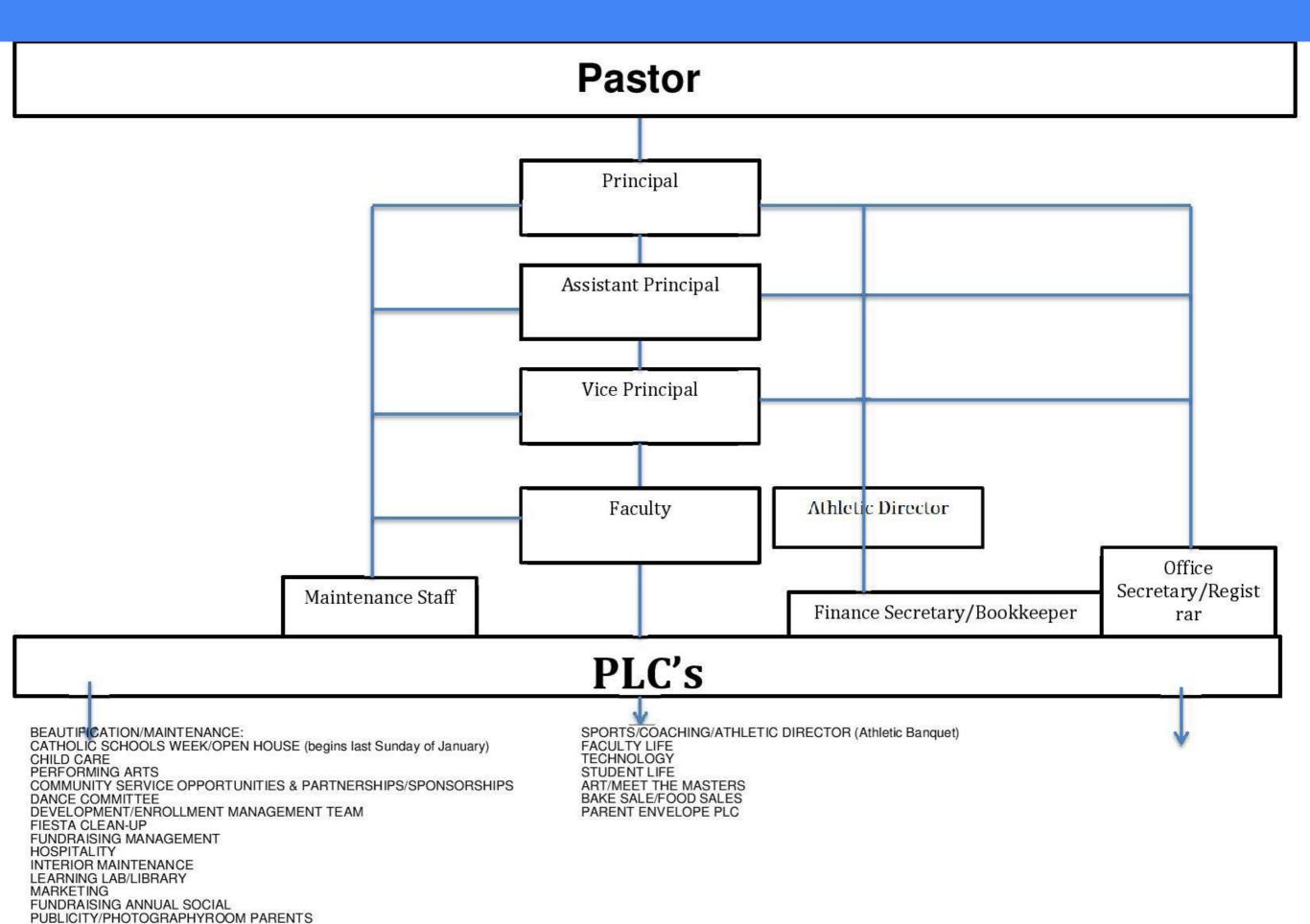
ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA SCHOOL Virtual Tour

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JGBcz QpsKZo&t=9s

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.."

Gravissimum Educationis (Declaration on Christian Education)



SAFETY/SECURITY

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 for grades 6-8, (researching high schools/trade schools/4 year colleges, guest speakers) Competitive students
- WASC/WCEA 6 years maximum accreditation (next visit 2027)
- STAR Testing 3 times a year (given at every report card), data-driven instruction
- C.I.P. (Core Instructional Practices) Research-based instruction, student-centered, Objectives, Methodology, Assessments
- Adaptive Software: Accelerated Reader (AR) and Freckle ELA and Math (Seesaw in K-2, Google Classroom 3-8) School-owned ipads and Chromebooks for K-2, 6-8, BYOD, 1-1 devices
- Differentiation (MTSS): ST Math, Words their Way
- Schoolwide Shared Language to reduce Fanning Effect: TRIBES, Rick Morris Sign Language, Active Reader, Self-Directed Learner, Digital Citizenship/CIPA Compliance

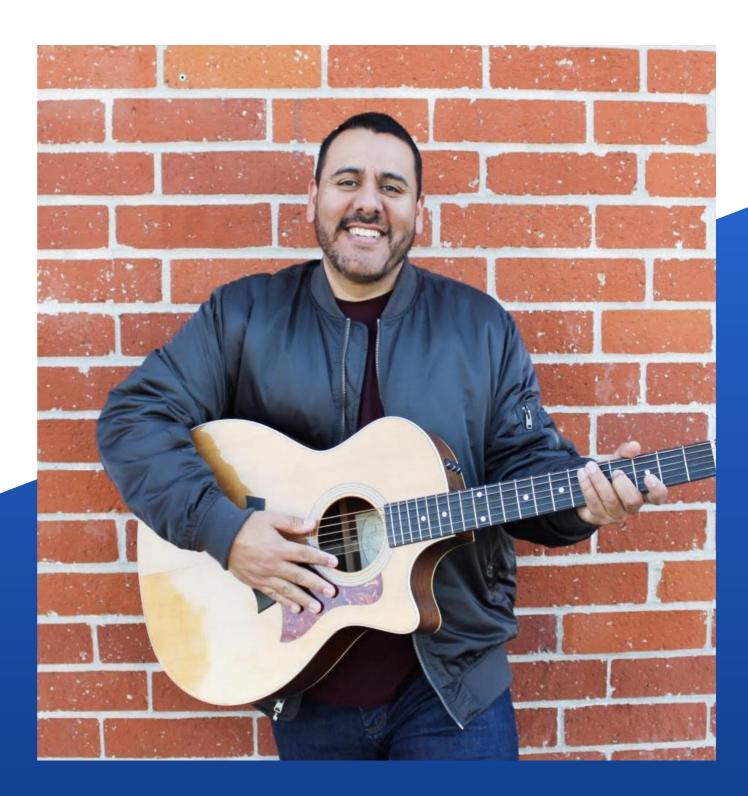
We welcome our new Onward Leader 2023-2024 Resident Principal Gabriel Reyes

Greetings! My name is Gabriel Reyes. I have worked in full time parish ministry since 2007 and Catholic Schools since 2017.

In the most recent 5 years I have served in various roles including theology teacher, Campus minister, Christian Service coordinator, coach and music ministry coordinator at St. Pius X - St. Matthias Academy in Downey. I have also worked in music ministry, as a musician and cantor, since 2012 and I currently lead music at weekly Mass.

I currently reside in Whittier with my wife.

Fun fact: We were married at the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels.



A PARTNERSHIP PARENTS AND SCHOOL

Partnership - Responsibility on both - mutual accountability. We want to work with you!

Here is the proper procedure:

- Chain of Command Procedures: Contact and Speak to your child's teacher first. (This includes P.E. teacher, Music teacher, etc.)
- Work with teacher to solve the problem or ask clarifying questions first (Open-door policy)
- If needed, parents/teacher will contact administration to assist with any situation. Parent involvement and partnership is vital. If additional assistance is needed, we involve the pastor and Regional Superintendent.

CONCERNS ABOUT YOUR CHILD?

We want to work with you!

Open, honest, respectful communication is best

- School Meeting Norms: maximize our time together
- Presume "Positive" Intentions: Teamwork/Trust
- Conflict Resolution, effective communication Encourage problem solving and being a part of the solution (offering suggestions).
- Christian Code of Conduct/Parent Student Pledge

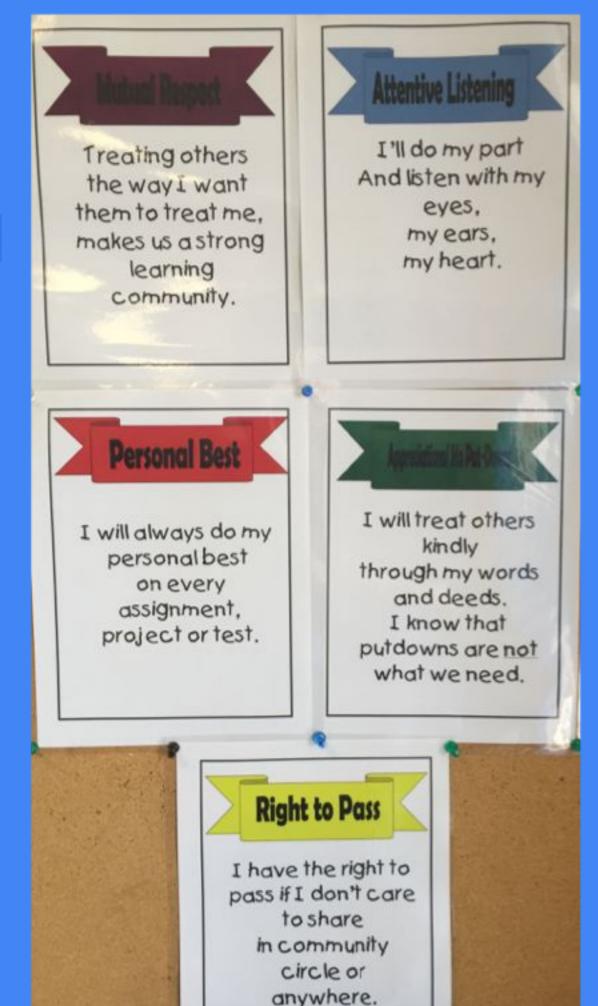


Our vision

Tribes Community Agreements

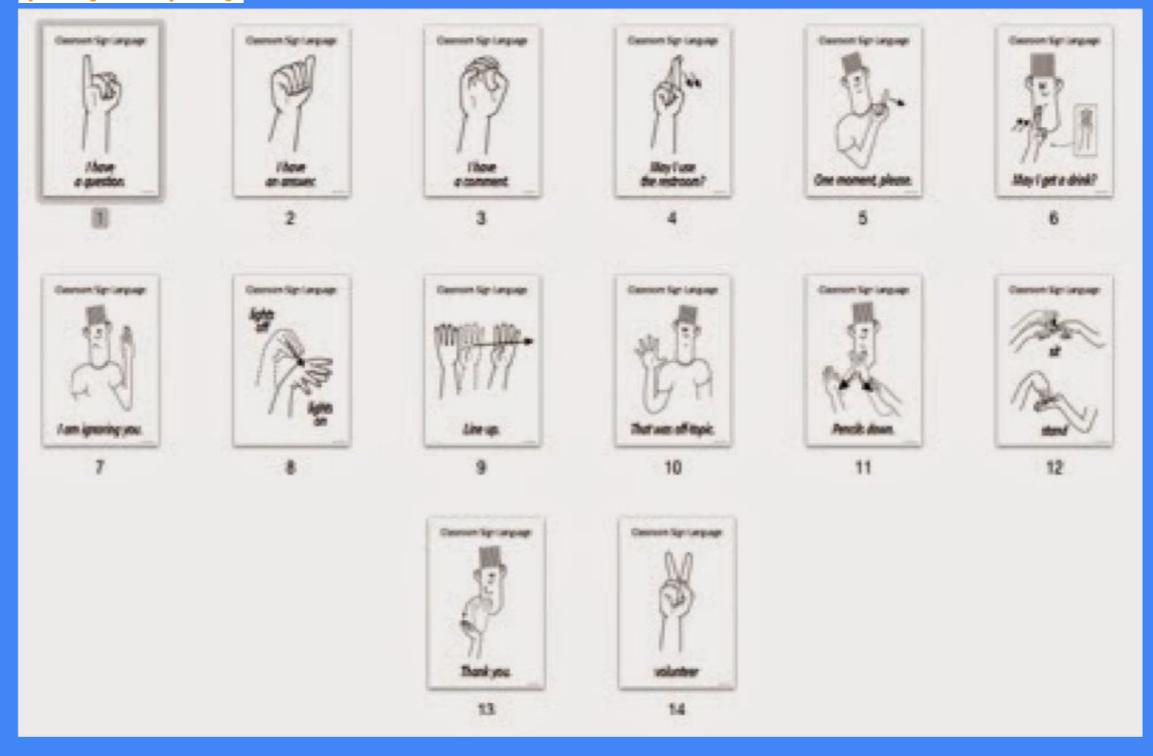
St. Anthony of Padua students follow these 5 Tribes Agreements:

Mutual Respect
Personal Best
Attentive Listening
Appreciation No Put Downs
Right to Pass



CLASSROOM HAND SIGNALS used in Kindergarten through 8th grade, Music and PE classes

Establishing a system of hand signals in the classroom is a great way for students to communicate their needs while their Teacher is teaching a lesson or during work time without disrupting the flow of learning. This is the simplest way for teachers to get a message across quickly and quietly.



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>
- FACTS will be our new SIS system for the 2023/2024 school year.
 More parent information will follow through office emails.
- YOU MAKE A DIFFERENCE! Get involved to earn service hours. Your child will thank you.
- Parent Interest Surveys December and May please take a few minutes to send your feedback.

F.A.S.T SCHOOLWIDE LEARNING EXPECTATIONS also known as the 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, <u>custody issues, court orders, TROs must be followed by law)</u>
- Most important: yellow emergency card. Children will ONLY be released to those on this card.
- Vaccinations and boosters are highly encouraged for all eligible children.

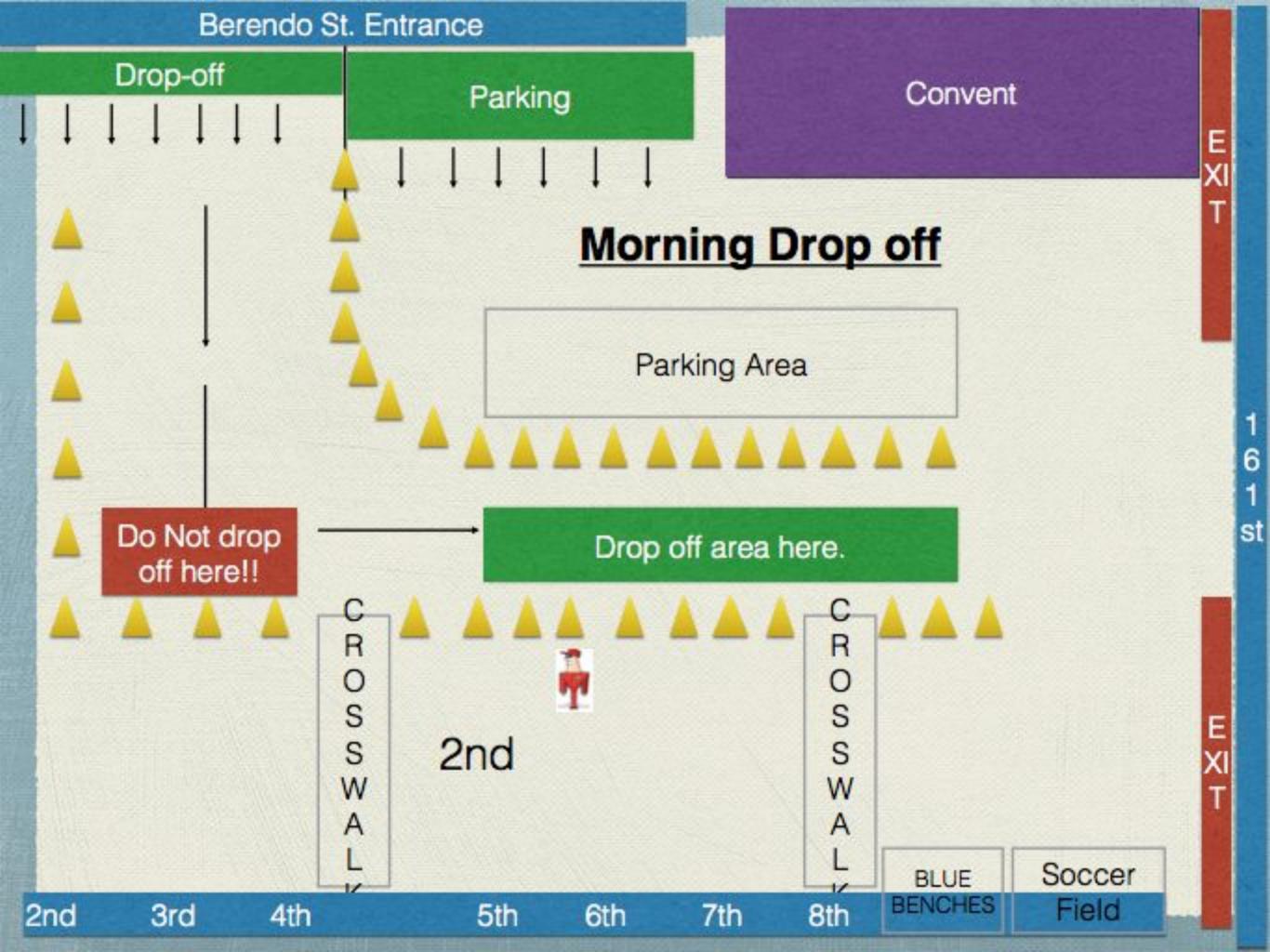
 Please refer to the California of Public Health website for updated information Kinder-8th grade

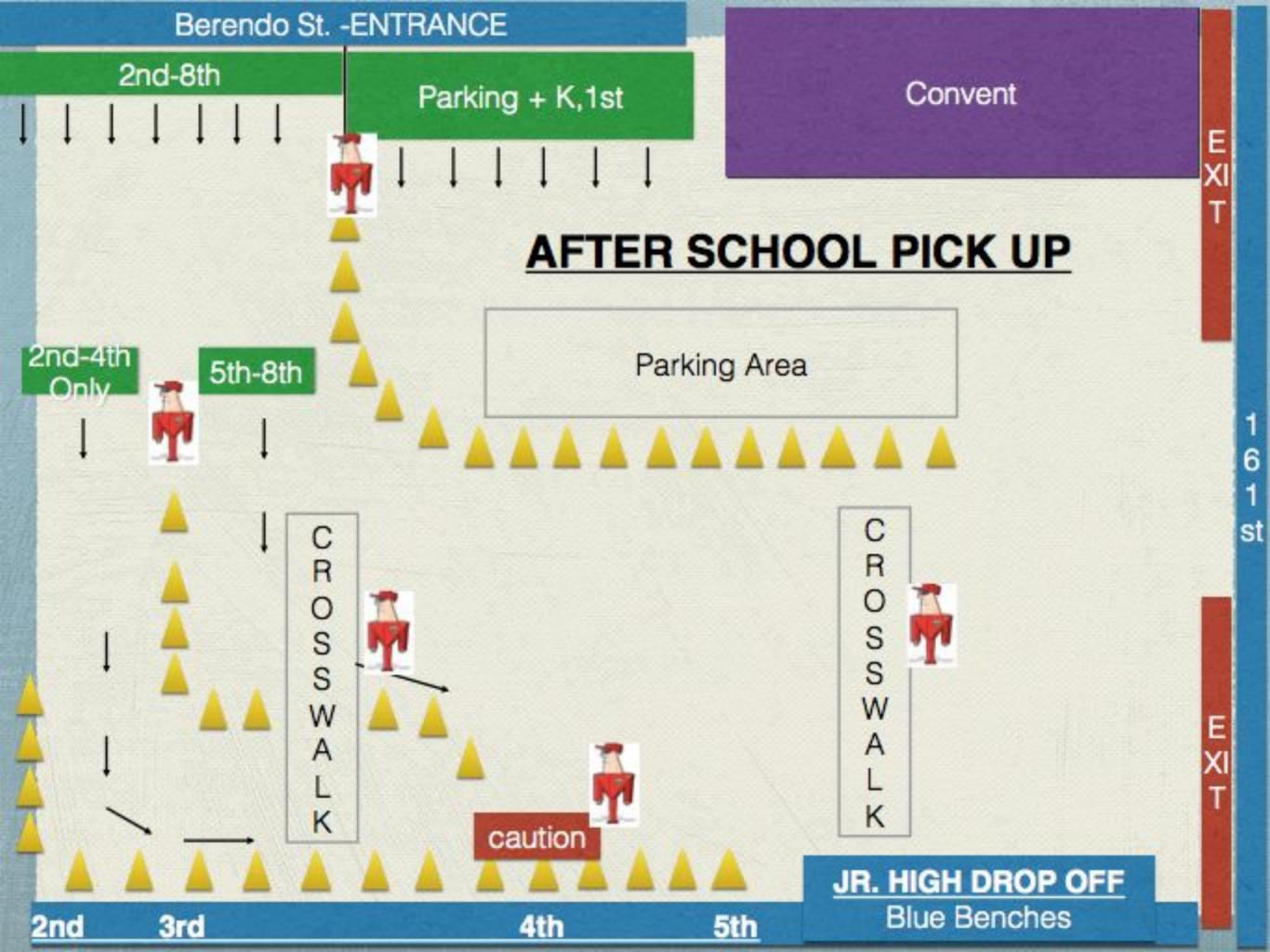
 https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/Immunization/School/tk-12-immunizations.aspx
- Routine emergency drills (once a month) for earthquake, lockdown/intruder alert (active shooter), fire drill (practice at home as well)
- All medical diagnoses/special needs must reported to the office and teachers to assist during school hours. Any allergies? Be specific please. Medication can be labeled and left in office, update it after expiration date. An email from the office will be sent home with the Authorization for Medication form. We need these in the office for field trips and overnight retreats.
- Your child is sick or absent? Call or email office and Alvarado Catering if you ordered lunch previously. BE
 ON TIME...or it affects Work Habits grade, you can be considered truant for excessive tardies. See Truancy
 Policy in handbook for our attendance policy (under Parents Tab online). Attendance register is a legal
 document.

DROP OFF AND PICK UP

Refer to the MORNING Drop off and AFTERNOON Pickup maps

- 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 in a PLC! 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)





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): All School Outdoor Morning assembly & prayer by St. Jude Statue (usually every Wednesday)
- All School Mass on Fridays: Grades 2-4 attend 8am Morning Mass 2-3 times a week during
 Religion time, <u>Grades 6-8 attend DAILY Mass</u>, All school K-8 Mass on Fridays or at least once a
 week depending on schedule at 8am in the church (all families are invited!) Kindergarten attends
 Masses beginning in October
- 8:00am: Instruction Begins, 8:00am ALL gates closed, campus secured, gates locked
- Lunch and Recess: 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 \$20/day per child till 6pm
- Occasional noon dismissals daycare offered on certain days. Check online calendar, teacher newsletters via email, READ WEEKLY SAP SCHOOL BULLETIN on website or via email blast for latest updates

Frequently Asked ...

- Lunch Program **ALVARADO CATERING** is our **lunch vendor** (or bring lunch, silver cart drop off at front gate)
- All K-5 students need an ipad as a school supply and grades 6-8 need a Chromebook (student devices provided at school for grades K-2 and 6-8). Grades 4 and 5 may also ask for a Chromebook to use at at school (see the supply list passed out at Crossover day on June 7 for each grade level found in the grade level folders)
- Kinder Meet and Greet: 8/11/2023 tentatively at 4pm (Email will go out to confirm) Bring supplies, Scavenger Hunt, 6th grade Meet and Greet/Supply Drop off 8/11/23
- First Day of School is 8/16/2023 grades K-8. First 2 weeks are noon dismissal for KINDER Only.

 NO Morning Care (7:30am teacher on morning duty)

 Any student dropped off before 7:30am will not be supervised by a staff member Hot lunch service starts the first full week of school for grades 1-7.

- Formal Fridays, Formal Mass Uniforms! We attend Mass every Friday at 8am as a whole school,

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 Students wear their Forma Mass Uniforms
- Vicki Marsha Uniforms will be on campus sale 8/8/23 3-5:30pm in the Hall (warehouse is in Huntington Beach) Buy Vicki Marsha Scrip in office starting July 1!
- See Handbook for Birthday Policy (treat bags may be passed out, healthy snacks encouraged, put in backpack, no class parties/cakes, donuts, or balloons brought to school)
- 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 9/20/23) **Lorena Lakey is Room Parent PLC lead**, teachers ultimately choose room parents and guide them through the year (we need at least 1 per class and 4 max per grade)
- **Parent Conferences** Once a year in October. Schedule more as needed with the teacher throughout the year.

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) and posted online at stanthonygardena.org
- Teacher Web Blogs on school website: Homework posted online by 5pm each night, in addition to child writing in planners, or info sent on a weekly newsletter or on Google Classroom/Seesaw
- Progress reports and STAR diagnostic reports sent out every trimester (3x a year), principal checks
- News & Events section on front page of website: www.stanthonygardena.org
- All-School Email blasts: moving from Gradelink to FACTS next year (Student Info System and online grading)
- 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 at \$15/hr, may go up next year)
- **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. Recent Renovations SFC.
- FACTS TUITION is required of all families. (\$50 annual fee) By Fall 2023.
- 8hrs of service required at the Fiesta in May 2023: oldest and largest festival in the South Bay. In addition to 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

FIRST WEEKS OF SCHOOL

- August 11: Kindergarten Meet and Greet 4pm-6pm, 6th Grade Meet and Greet
- August 16, 2023: first day of school for grades Kinder-8th grade
 1st week: Free Dress/uniform optional (Wed-Friday)
- Noon dismissal first week of school 2nd week: <u>Kindergarten Noon dismissal only</u>, full days for grades 1-8
- Lunch program, Alvarado Catering will begin the week of August 21, 2023
- Extra-curricular programs will begin the week of August 28 (Professor Egghead August 30) Title Services start after Labor Day.
- Uniform Company: Vicki Marsha Will be on campus Tuesday, August 8 from 4-6pm. You can also order online or visit their store in Huntington Beach.
- Gently Used Uniform Sale June 6 and June 7 from 7:30-8am and 1:30-2pm August 9 times to be determined
- Starting July 1 you can purchase SCRIP from the office for VMU uniforms to start credit for the new school year

SCRIP 101...Raise Right SCRIP company

- SCRIP purchases support St. Anthony of Padua School
 Thank you to ALL our families for supporting St Anthony of Padua School with your 2022-2023 Scrip purchases.
- Our new year for SCRIP purchases will begin on July 1, 2023.
- 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, 2023.
- The office always has \$25.00 Scrip on hand for Home Depot, Starbucks, Vons, Walmart/Sam's Club, and Vicki Marsha Uniform
- 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!
- If you have any questions please see Mr. Aguilar

VOLUNTEER REQUIREMENTS

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

MARK your CALENDARS...ADLA FINGERPRINTING in the Hall

Thursday, July 6, 2023 * 12-6:30pm OR Tuesday, August 15, 2023 * 12-6:30pm

To Register call the school office 310-329-7170

Space is limited

Please refer to the following links for further information.

https://lacatholics.org/fingerprinting/

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

Mr. Carlos Aguilar, Business Manager caguilar@stanthonygardena.org or

Mrs. Sarah Ray, Office Secretary sray1@stanthonygardena.org

Please choose your top four committees to be able to serve your 30 hours 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."

PLC link is available on our school 3 https://www.stanthonygardena.org/plc-parent-leadership-committee/

School Committees (16)

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

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

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

Library

Lunch Duty & Recess

Room Parents

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

Sports/Coaches (CYO) Dance/Cheer

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

Technology

Community Committees for both School and Church

FIESTA

School Mass Food Sales (monthly)

EXTRA-CURRICULAR PROGRAMS: EDUCATING THE WHOLE CHILD

- Professor Egghead: Wednesdays for Kinder-3 AND 3rd-5th grade flier available in the office and through email for registration which is now open for Fall 2023
- Ballet Folklorico K-8: Martha Zambrano marthasfolklorico@gmail.com
- Band for Today: K-5 Piano and Guitar will be offered on Tuesdays registration will be held in August 2023
- Theater Group (see website for photos): Newsies will be June 2 & 3 (annual auditions in January 2024)
- Yearbook Club (Jr. High)
- Student Government (Mr. Richardson: Advisor): grades 5-8
- CYO sports: Mrs. Patel AND Sports PLC, Jamie Cruz CYO competitive league (grades 5th-8th) Basketball, Volleyball, Flag Football, Soccer: parent volunteer coaches needed: Coaching Cards, PLC leads to earn service hours (depends on interest)
- K-8 After School Daycare Program includes: Study Hall and assistance with homework and/or playtime \$20/day per child (see website for pricing and details) Email the office if interested in after school daycare for your child
- Theology of the Body Program (Chastity Education Program/Culture Project) in Junior High

Professor Egghead AFTER SCHOOL STEM class

ST ANTHONY

Egghead EXPLORERS

8/30, 9/6, 9/13, 9/20, 9/27, 10/4, 10/11, 10/18, 10/25, 11/1, 11/8, 11/15, 11/22, 11/29, 12/6 (15 weeks)

Wednesday 1:45 - 2:45

Kinder - 3rd grade

minimum 8 maximum 14

\$315.00 (just \$21.00 per class)

Strap on your gear, grab your binoculars, and join the Egghead Explorer Squad as we fizz, pop, mix, and experiment our way around the Earth!

As Egghead Explorers, students will make a sundial to keep track of the time, a flashlight to see in the dark, fake tar pits, fossils, volcanoes, snow, magnetic cars, and tons more. The best part? They get to take it all home!

All Eggheads will also get their Explorer ID card and an Egghead Explorer Degree authorizing them to use real

science to explore the globe!

ST ANTHONY

LEGO Engineering: Super Structures

8/30, 9/6, 9/13, 9/20, 9/27, 10/4, 10/11, 10/18, 10/25, 11/1, 11/8, 11/15, 11/22, 11/29, 12/6 (15 weeks)

Wednesday

3:05 - 4:05 PM

3rd-5th grades

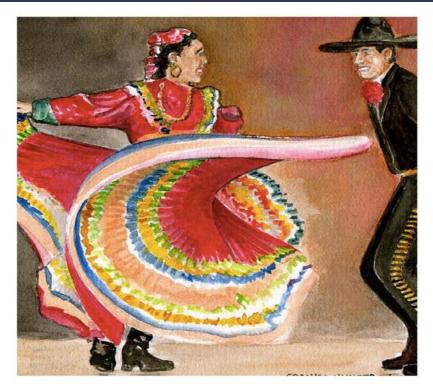
Minimum of 5 Maximum of 14

\$315.00 (just \$21.00 per class)

Come join the Egghead Engineering Team this session as we design and build huge structures!

Using LEGO™ students will build mega bridges that can withstand over 4 lbs. of weight, 4 foot tall skyscrapers, awesome lighthouses, and tons more. Then, we'll try to knock em down, crush them, and put them to the test! At the end of the session, students will receive an Egghead Engineering Super Structures Degree proving they're ready to build anything they can dream up!

FOLKLORICO DANCE TEAM



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.



GUITAR AND PIANO CLASSES

COMING THIS FALL!

Grades K-5

Team building and fun with fellow students
Recitals

Age-appropriate curriculum and instruction
Classes meet weekly

http://www.bandfortoday.com

More information will be sent home in August.

IMMUNIZATION RECORDs

will need to be current to enter Kindergarten, 7th grade and all students *new* to St. Anthony of Padua School





The TK/K-12 school requirements apply to students who:

- Previously had a valid personal beliefs exemption filed before 2016 upon entry between TK/Kindergarten and 7th grade, or
- Are new admissions, including from out-of-state; applies to all grades.
- California schools are required to check immunization records for all new student admissions at transitional kindergarten (TK)/Kindergarten through 12th grade and all students advancing to 7th grade before entry. Parents must show their child's Immunization Record as proof of immunization.
- An email will be sent to ALL new Kindergarten Families, as well as our new families in
 1st-8th grade as a reminder to submit their child's Update Immunization Record.

https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/Immunization/School/tk-12-immunizations.aspx

KINDERGARTEN

Teacher: Mrs. Kelli McCabe

Catapult Learning Instructional Aides
Will be in the classroom Morning and
Afternoon.

Meet and Greet Friday, August 11th 4:00pm-6:00pm

Contact:

kellimccabe@stanthonygardena.org (310) 329-7170



Kelli McCabe

Kindergarten Teacher

Mrs. McCabe has been involved with St. Anthony of Padua since 2015. Most recently as the 2022-2023 Kindergarten teacher.

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 's 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 with a double major in Economics and Sociology and minor in Comparative Political and Social Institutions. She also holds a 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.

KINDERGARTEN

Summer Assignment

Supply List

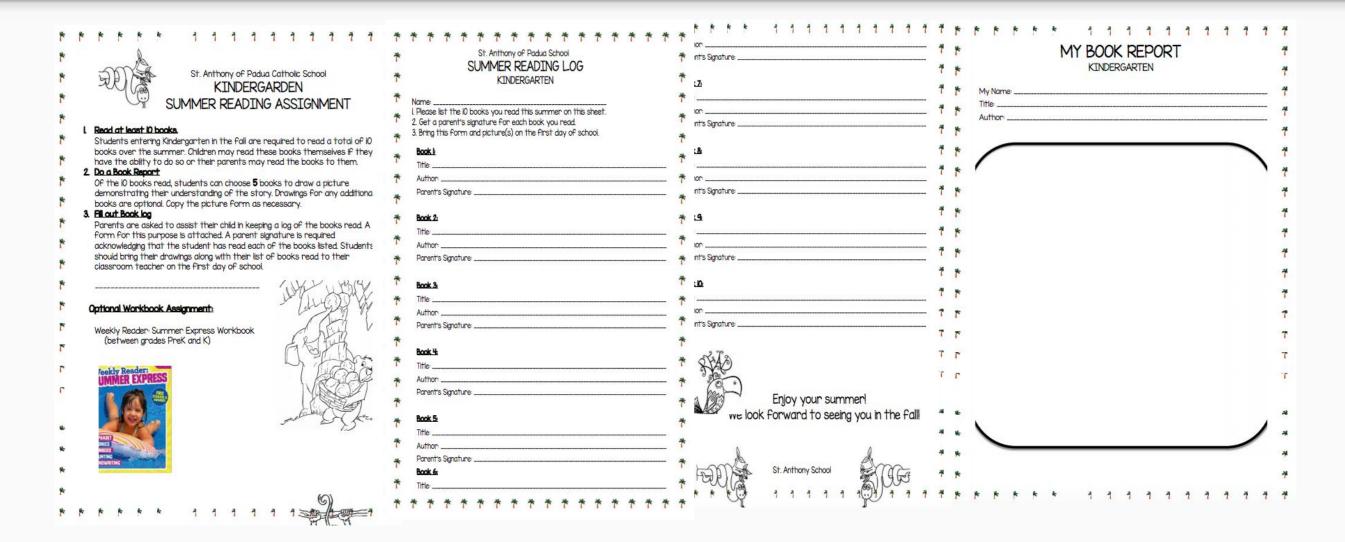
Getting Ready for Kinder

Kinder Events





SUMMER ASSIGNMENT



Optional Workbook Available on Amazon: https://amzn.to/3ducOIP

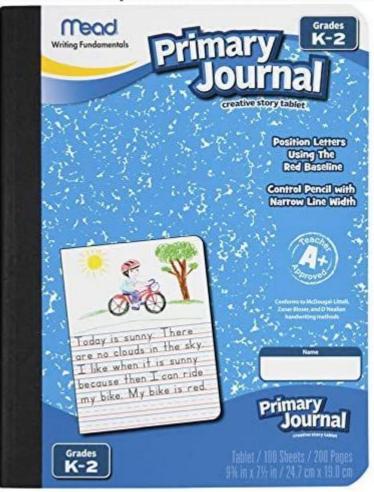
KINDERGARTEN SUPPLY LIST

- SeeSaw Class App
- ST Math
- Freckle (ELA/Math)
- iPad/Tablet for use at home



Primary Journal

- Primary handwriting lines and a space to draw



GETTING READY FOR KINDER students should...

You're on your way to K!

The transition to kindergarten is respected as a ragior milestone not only for the child, but for his or her family as well. The attitude towards school and learning that the child carries with them for life is often determined by this very first experience with school. A smooth transition to kindergarten can help make sure your child is successful in school.

The information provided below is designed to help you prepare your children for their school experience.

You bet, I'm ready for K!

Personal Needs Without help, can they...

- . Put on and take off coat
- Tie their own shoes Wash their hands
- . Snap, button, zip, and buckle

Intellectual Skills Do your children.

- Sit and listen to a story
- Hold a book upright and turn the pages
- Know their First and last name and birthday Tell and netell Familian stories
- Know colors and shapes
- Counts and recognizes numbers 0-20

- _ Listen to an adult & follow simple instructions
- Cooperate with other children.
- Sit for short periods of time
- . Follow simple two-step directions:

Intellectual Skills (continued)

- Recognize and write letters Holds scissors & pencil appropriately
 Recognizes and writes First name
- (remember-use capital letter for the first letter in a name) M-a-t-t, not M-A-T-T
- _ Pray the Sign of the Cross

To help with a smooth transition into kindergarten you can follow these additional helpful ideas; provide apportunities to play with other children, teach your children socially acceptable ways to agnee, and encourage social values such as helpfulness, cooperation, sharing and concern for others



The SeeSaw app is used For completing and submitting Seesaw assignments online. We will also use it to share videos



Starfall.com has several free educational videos and games For teaching children the letters of the alphabet, and



Open snack, lunch containers, and water bottle independently

Use the restroom independently

Zipper/button sweaters

Tie shoelaces

Pack and zip backpack & Lunch Bag

<u>Independence builds confidence in</u> students and helps with a smooth transition into kindergarten.

Kinder Events throughout the year

- Meet and Greet August 11
- Weekly Mass beginning in Oct
- Kinder ornament sale Dec
- Las Posadas Dec
- Christmas Program Dec
- Open House Jan
- Special Person's Day Feb
- 100th Day of School Feb
- Lenten Retreat March
- Kinder Picnic June
- Kinder Promotion June



Daycare Reminders



After school Care begins

3:15_(after carline)-6pm Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday

Wednesday 1:40 (after carline)-6pm

12-6pm on minimum days

NEXT YEAR \$20.00 per day/per child Billed monthly

Rate will increase \$20 per child next school year (includes snacks) to keep up with minimum wage rising and inflation

SUMMER DAY CAMP at SAP

Open to SAP families Kinder through 8th grade, run by Ms. Pattie Padilla

Camp Registration \$25.00 includes camp T-shirt

Camp enrollment still open will be capped at 40 students

if you are interested in signing up your child \$150/week 7/10-7/28

SUMMER STAFF: Pattie Padilla, Maria Rendon, Gabby Yesenia, Bernadette Claros, Raquel Arreola

Themed Weekly Activities flier will be sent to those who register



NEW Faculty Member for the 2023-24 school year

John Farley 4th grade Teacher

My name is John Farley, and this will be my first year as the Fourth Grade Teacher.

I am excited to be joining the faculty at St. Anthony of Padua School and community! Through my past work in tutoring and working with the students on the autism spectrum, I discovered my passion for teaching.

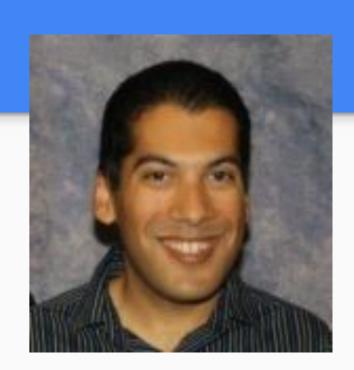
As an educator, I offer a mindful, collaborative, and empathetic approach to teaching. I also believe in giving students responsibility for their own learning (with my guidance of course). I am also a huge proponent of character education and Social-Emotional Learning. I believe that the role of a teacher is not only to develop minds, but hearts as well.

As Aristotle wrote, "educating the mind without educating the heart is no education at all."

I received my Associate's Degree in Liberal Arts at West Valley Community College in Saratoga, CA. I went on to receive a double major in History and Humanities at California State University, Sacramento. I then attended UC Davis and earned a Post-Baccalaureate Certificate in Classics (Greek and Latin). I am currently enrolled in a teaching credential program through Cal State TEACH which I will finish this year.

In my free time, I enjoy playing music particularly singing and playing the African Djembe drums. I am a classically-trained vocalist, and have sang and performed various church and university choirs. In 2006, I was blessed to receive the opportunity to perform solo at Carnegie Hall in New York. I also enjoy reading, hiking, and traveling.

I look forward to continuing to share my passion for teaching at St. Anthony of Padua school!



NEW Faculty Member for the 2023-24 school year

Jessica Griggs 7th Grade Homeroom/Jr High Math & Science



My name is Jessica Griggs and I was born and raised in Torrance, CA.

I am excited to be joining the St. Anthony of Padua School community as the **middle school Math and Science** teacher.

I earned my Bachelors of Arts in Psychology from Loyola Marymount University (LMU), and will soon be receiving my Masters of Urban Education from LMU as well.

I have been working as a educator since 2019 and I am passionate about nurturing and challenging my students so they can become well rounded leaders.

NEW Faculty Member for the 2023-24 school year

Helen Klute



6th Grade Homeroom/ELA

My name is Helen Klute, and I am honored to be joining the St. Anthony of Padua School community as the middle school English Language Arts teacher.

I grew up in Granada Hills, California and attended Mount St. Mary's University. I graduated with a bachelor's degree in English literature and business administration followed by my master's degree in education.

I currently hold four California teaching credentials, and have taught and tutored students in a wide variety of grades, most recently at another local Catholic elementary school.

With over 20 years of experience in education, and my love for teaching reading and writing, I am well prepared to support your child's academic growth and development.

SUMMER PACKETS AND CLASS SUPPLY LISTS

- All Grade Levels have a Summer Work Packet to complete and return the first week of school.
- Teachers will be providing students with these summer packets and supply lists for next year on Crossover Day, June 7, 2023 at 1pm.
- Please contact the office to schedule a time to pick up your child's packets(s)
- You can also find their Summer Packet on our website under the "Teacher Blog"
- Supply lists will be included with the Summer Packet information provided by grade level teachers

ALVARADO CATERING Lunch Vendor

Alvarado Catering provides St. Anthony of Padua School healthy delicious lunches for \$7.00 per day.

Monthly menus are sent home via email for parents to pre-order their child/children's lunches.

Daily orders are accepted and need to be paid with Cash or via Zelle before 10am in the school office. Please let the office know you have paid for their daily lunch.

St. Anthony of Padua is not responsible for credits. We ask you to please communicate directly with Alvarado Catering.

Vicki Marsha Uniform Company (VMU)

Vicki Marsha Uniform will be on campus to sell new uniforms August 8 from 4-6pm in the Hall

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

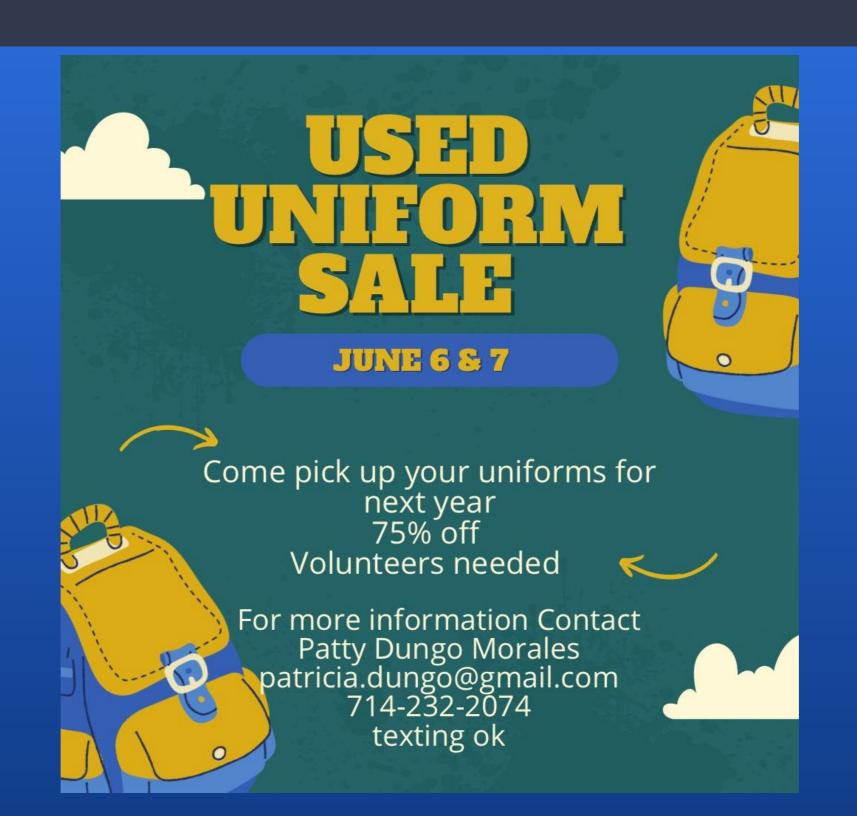
Vicki Marsha is located in Huntington Beach

Scrip for Vicki Marsha is usually available in the school office in amounts of \$20 please call the school office to purchase

VICKI MARSHA ONLINE UNIFORM SALE May 27 - May 29, 2023



USED UNIFORM SALE is held twice a year



CPLA Counseling Services will be available to our students beginning in Fall 2023

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 Counselor Ms. Dana Nassau and Ms. Karina Verduzco



Dana Nassau, AMFT

Ms. Nassau will be with us again in the Fall of 2023 through December 2023 Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Prior to becoming a therapist, I worked as a birth doula for 15 years. It was my work with clients, who had experienced birth trauma and postpartum depression, that led me to pursue further training in psychology. I earned my Master of Science Degree in Marriage and Family Therapy from Mount Saint Mary's University in 2022 and am currently an Associate Marriage and Family Therapist. I trained in psychodynamic therapy is from the Maple Counseling Center, where I did my student internship. I trained in EMDR (Eye Movement Desensitization and Reprocessing) Therapy through The Institute of Creative Mindfulness.

I am so happy to be working with the children of St. Anthony of Padua. As a mother of three children, I understand what an important role school counselors play. It is an honor for me to partner with families in supporting your children's mental and emotional health.

Fall 2023 we will welcome *Karina Verduzco* to our campus Mondays and Wednesdays. We are so grateful for our partnership with CPLA.

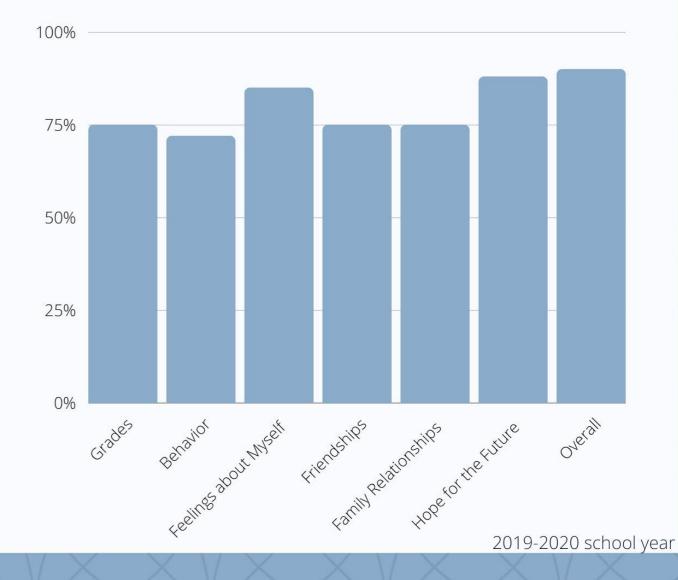
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Student GPA Increases

50% 25% Elementary Schools High Schools All CPLA Schools

Student Self-Evaluation

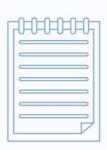


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