



*Thursday, September 7, 2023*  
**BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT**  
**2023-2024**

**WELCOME BACK TO A NEW SCHOOL YEAR!  
THIS SLIDE SHOW WILL BE POSTED AFTER OUR  
MEETING ONLINE**

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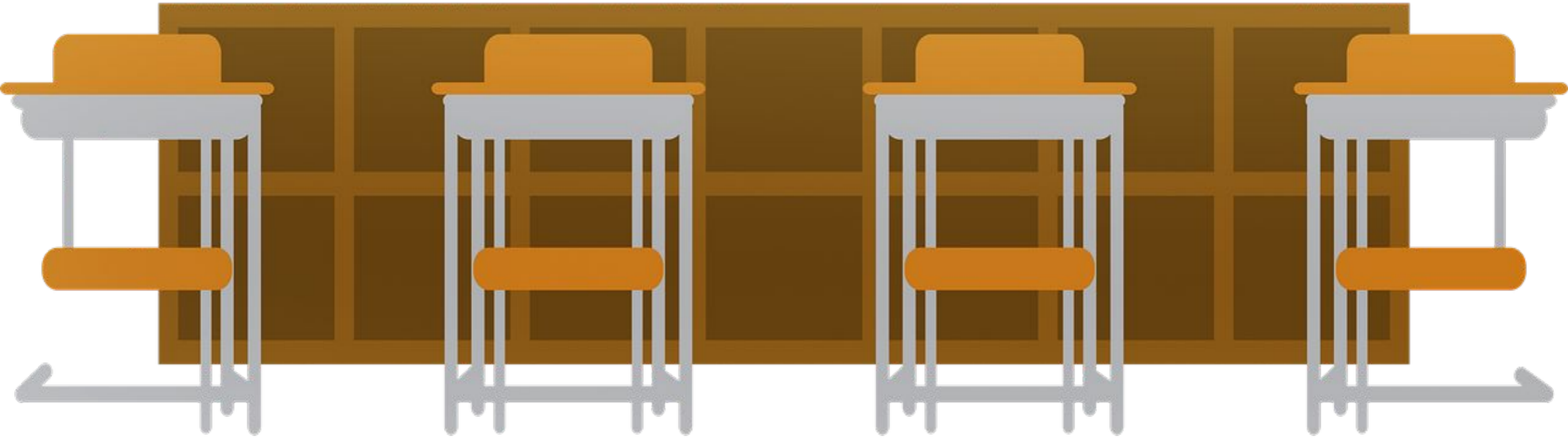
**After the General Session in the Hall, meet teachers in their classrooms. First session starts at approximately 7:20pm. Each teacher will have two 15-minute presentations (identical). Attendance will be taken for this 1st of 4 General Parent meetings (Nov. parent faith formation) through slips received at the entrance and given to teachers in the classrooms (for full credit). Parents must attend session in the Hall from 6:30-7:10 and then from 7:20-7:35pm with their children's classroom teachers. Junior high stays in Hall. We will finish by 8pm.**

**Teachers back to classroom  
to prepare**

**1st Session: 7:20pm-7:35**

**2nd Session 7:40pm-7:55**

*(Slide show from teachers will be  
emailed tomorrow)*



# 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 2005 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.***



# 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.

**Invocation** by Msgr. Sal Pilato, Pastor

**Welcome everyone!** Especially Kinder and NEW FAMILIES!

**Partners in Education: you are your child's first teachers**

**Chain of Command: teacher, admin, pastor, Asst. Supertintendent**

**Why a Catholic Education?** Preparing kids for College, Career, and Heaven

F.A.S.T./SLEs/Paduan Pledge interchangeable terms:  
Profile of a St. Anthony graduate



**FALL CANDY FUNDRAISER:**  
**PLC Chairs:** Monica Torres

Those who picked up Chocolates in the Hall on September 6-7 (and before 4pm today) earned 1 Raffle Ticket for today to qualify for tonight's \$100 Gas Card drawing. No more tickets given after 4pm today.

**If you have not picked up your candy, please stop in the school office to pick up by tomorrow, Friday, September 8. Monies due tomorrow for Early Birds to qualify for first Trojan Drawing on Wed, 9/14 (it's fast!)**

# Fundraising Reminders

## Fundraising PLC Lead

### Monica Torres



- Please pick up your chocolates by the end of this week to guarantee freshness and to get a good start to your candy sales. **All boxes still sitting in the school office by end of business on Friday 9/8 (tomorrow) may be invoiced early.**
- Look out for the Candy Letter that went out with deadlines and details. Each candy bar is \$1.00
- 2 Trojan Drawings for those selling 5 boxes and up. This info was emailed)
  - **1st Drawing on Thursday, 9/14/23 at 1pm**
  - Money for Drawing #1 due Friday 9/8 by 3pm to qualify for prizes
  - **2nd Drawing on Thursday, 9/28/23 at 1pm**
  - Money for Drawing #2 due Monday 9/22 by 3pm to qualify for prizes
  - **FINAL PAYMENTS DUE FRIDAY 10/27 to avoid any late fees.**
- 1st, 2nd and 3rd place sellers will earn gift cards valuing \$150 (or 4 Knotts Berry Farm tickets expires 12/2023), \$100, \$75

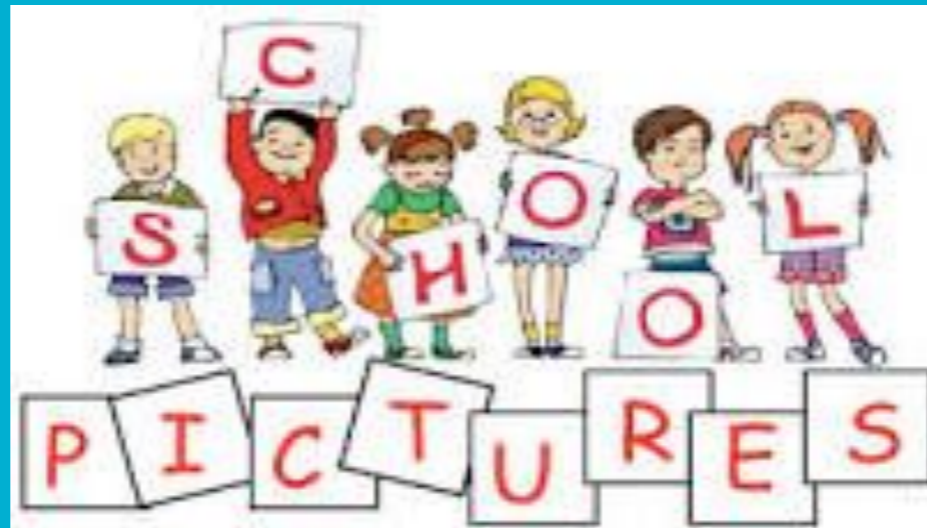


## 60 bars in one box:

12 Almond,  
12 Crisp,  
12 Dark Chocolate,  
12 Milk Chocolate,  
6 Caramel, and  
6 Wafer



# Keys Studios for Formal School Pictures



**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2023**

**STUDENTS** will be having their **FORMAL SCHOOL PICTURE TAKEN** on campus Tuesday, September 21 (*MAKEUP DAY TBD*)  
**COMPLETE FORMAL MASS UNIFORMS** (White Shirts, Ties, Vests, Cardigans, no sweaters or windbreakers)

Check your emails for additional information and how to purchase your photo package online [Keysstudios.com](https://keysstudios.com) for complete information  
**SAP school access code for ordering: 2316**

# Vicki Marsha Uniform

Located in Huntington Beach

Buy Vicki Marsha Scrip in the office  
before you buy Online or in-person.

Sale was from 4-6:30pm today in Rm 5,  
full Mass uniforms needed for Fall  
Picture Day on 9/21 (yearbook photos)  
Formal Mass Uniform: White shirts, ties,  
vests, cardigans, no sweatshirts or  
windbreakers



**VMU**





# Introduce Amy Lucas Palanca and Brenda and JC Pineda PLC Chairs

## PLC Leadership Committees

new service hour sheets located in the front office

Start your Service Hours early - don't wait until the last minute.

Donating gift cards to the school is a good way to meet this requirement and your Scrip Fundraising requirement at the same time!

See Mr. Aguilar for more information.

# **SERVICE HOURS: 10 PER TRIMESTER**

- **30 Service Hours per family, 10 per trimester**
- Will be invoiced after each trimester if hours have not been served. **GET INVOLVED.** Kids love it and will thank you!
  - Watch for email blasts about different opportunities from PLC Leads Amy Lucas Palanca and Brenda and JC Pineda to earn service hours

# **SERVICE HOURS: 10 PER TRIMESTER**

**Please complete your hours as soon as possible!!**

Any questions or concerns please email Amy Lucas Palanca at:  
[alucaspalanca.sap@gmail.com](mailto:alucaspalanca.sap@gmail.com)

→ Interior Maintenance Saturdays 1-2 times a month 12:30-3:30pm Sign up with Claudia Guzman and Priscilla Ortiz (9/9 is the first one, see email)

→ Sign up for Catholic Schools' Week and Open House or Welcoming and Hospitality Committee or Fundraising Committee (meet your leads tonight)

→ Help Mr. Pablo Flores with school projects and beautification or maintenance projects (Pablo out 9/13-9/22, come help out!)

→ Volunteer for Lunch Yard Duty from 12-1, Carline Drop off/Pick up with Safety PLC, or help with Bake Sale PLC, or Daycare PLC (must have a current VIRTUS certification and be ADLA-Fingerprinted at least once). or Donate gift cards to the office:

\$15/hour for Office Depot, Home Depot, Sam's Club, Starbucks or Target

**ALL-STAR TEAM  
INTRODUCTIONS!**

**Teachers to be dismissed to  
their classrooms after**

**Music and Theater –  
Mrs. Jessica Garcia-Rm 5**

**Physical Education –  
Mrs. Monica Rubalcava-Rm 6**

**Business Manager –  
Mr. Carlos Aguilar**

**Office Assistant - Mrs. Sarah Ray**

**Custodian – Mr. Pablo Flores**

**Classroom Teacher Aides –  
Mrs. Bernadette Claros,  
Ms. Gabby Mazariegos, Ms. Maria  
Rendon , Ms. Raquel Arreola, Ms.  
Stephanie Gomez**

**Daycare - Mrs. Pattie Padilla - Rm 7**

**Subs - Mrs. Veronica Patel  
Ms. Samantha Cisneros  
Ms. Mandi Thomas**

**Pastor –Msgr. Sabato “Sal” Pilato**

**Principal – Mrs. Angela Grey**

**Co-Principal – Mr. Gabriel Reyes**

**Kindergarten – Mrs. Kelli McCabe - Rm 2**

**First Grade – Ms. Nicole Martinez - Rm 3**

**Second Grade – Ms. Angelica Gomez-Rm 4**

**Third Grade – Ms. Jessica Sardina - Rm 15**

**Fourth Grade – Mr. John Farley - Rm 14**

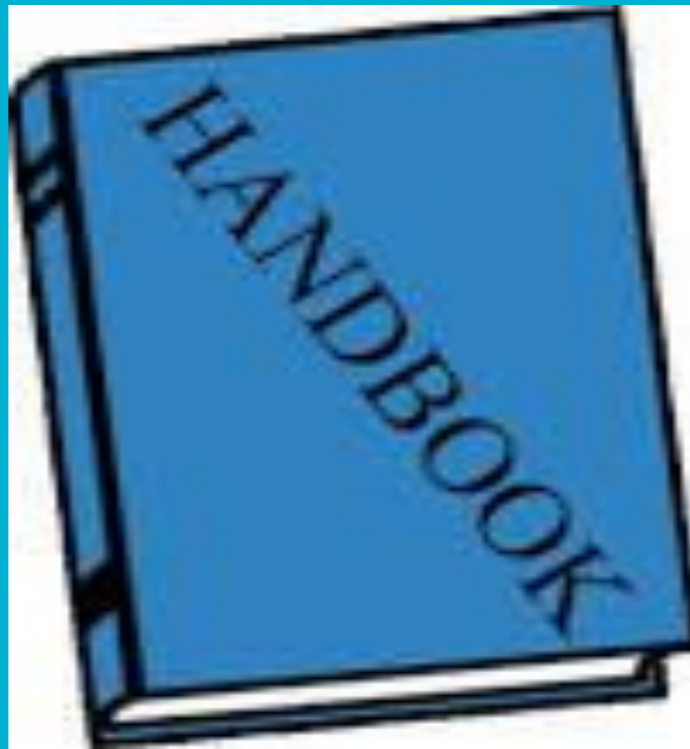
**Fifth Grade – Ms. Genesis Garcia - Rm 13**

**Sixth Grade – Ms. Helen Klute - Rm 11**

**Seventh Grade - Ms. Jessica Griggs-Rm 10**

**Eighth Grade – Mr. Steven Richardson-Rm 9**



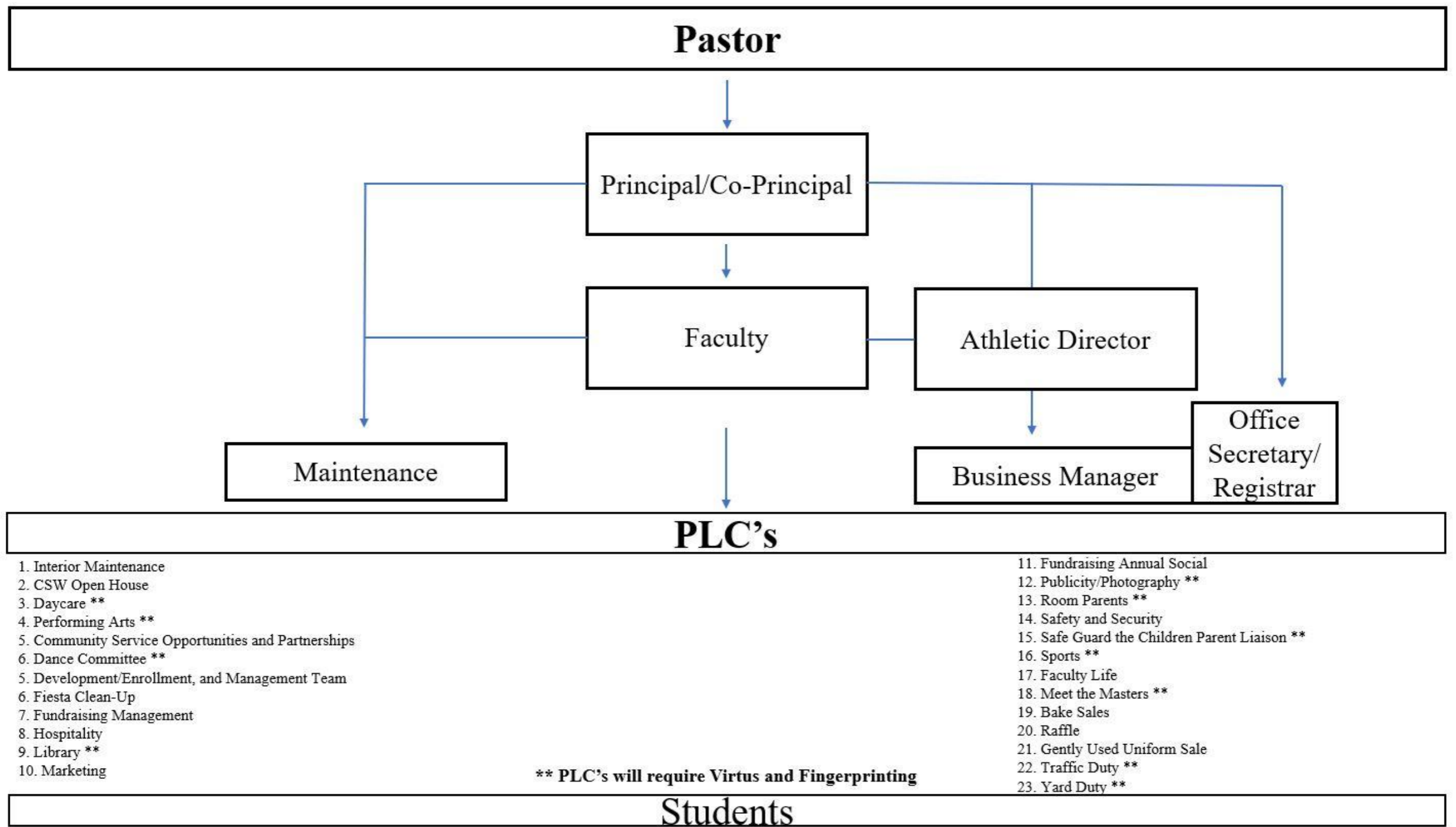


# SAP Parent Student Handbook

Here is our current online link:

<http://handbook.la-archdiocese.org/schools/0882>

# CHAIN OF COMMAND



# COUNSELING PARTNERS of LOS ANGELES (CPLA)

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



## ALEXIS MORA

**Tuesdays and Thursdays, 7:30am-3pm**

**Email: [amora@stanthonygardena.org](mailto:amora@stanthonygardena.org)**

*“My name is Alexis Mora. I graduated from UCLA in 2020 with a B.S. in Psychobiology. After graduating, I gained experience as a behavioral therapist for children with autism spectrum disorder. I am currently enrolled in Pepperdine University’s MA program in Clinical Psychology”*



## KARINA VERDUZCO

**Mondays and Fridays, 7:30am-3pm**

**Email: [kverduzco@stanthonygardena.org](mailto:kverduzco@stanthonygardena.org)**

*Mrs. Verduzco graduated from UC Merced with a degree in Psychology in 2018. After earning her undergraduate degree she worked as a behaviorist, substance abuse counselor, mental health worker and special education aide. Currently, Ms. Verduzco is on track to earn her Masters Degree in Rehabilitation Counseling from Cal State LA*

# FINANCIAL PICTURE OF SAP

**Mr. Carlos Aguilar and Mr. Gabriel Reyes**

We currently have a balanced budget and are operating in the black.

Thank you for continuing to support our school!



# SCHOOL UNIFORMS

## Regular SAP Dress Code Examples



Reminders:

Solid black, gray, navy blue or white school shoes, no designs or big logos as part of the uniform.

Socks must be in solid white, navy or black.

No dangling earrings, extreme hairstyles,

Vicki Marsha Uniform Company accessories

# SCHOOL UNIFORMS

## Formal Mass Attire Examples



# CAR LINE & SAFETY

- **Patience and respect** towards our students, staff, and other drivers, give each other grace, please.
- **NOT** the time to conference with teachers about your child
- Car line needs to **move steady** to avoid “bottlenecks” & traffic jams
- **Safety** always comes first
- Special thanks to **Jeah Avila, Froilan Alvarez**, and all our **Traffic and Safety PLC** volunteers; **Sandra & Joshua Tellechea**, and **Jane Ninson**

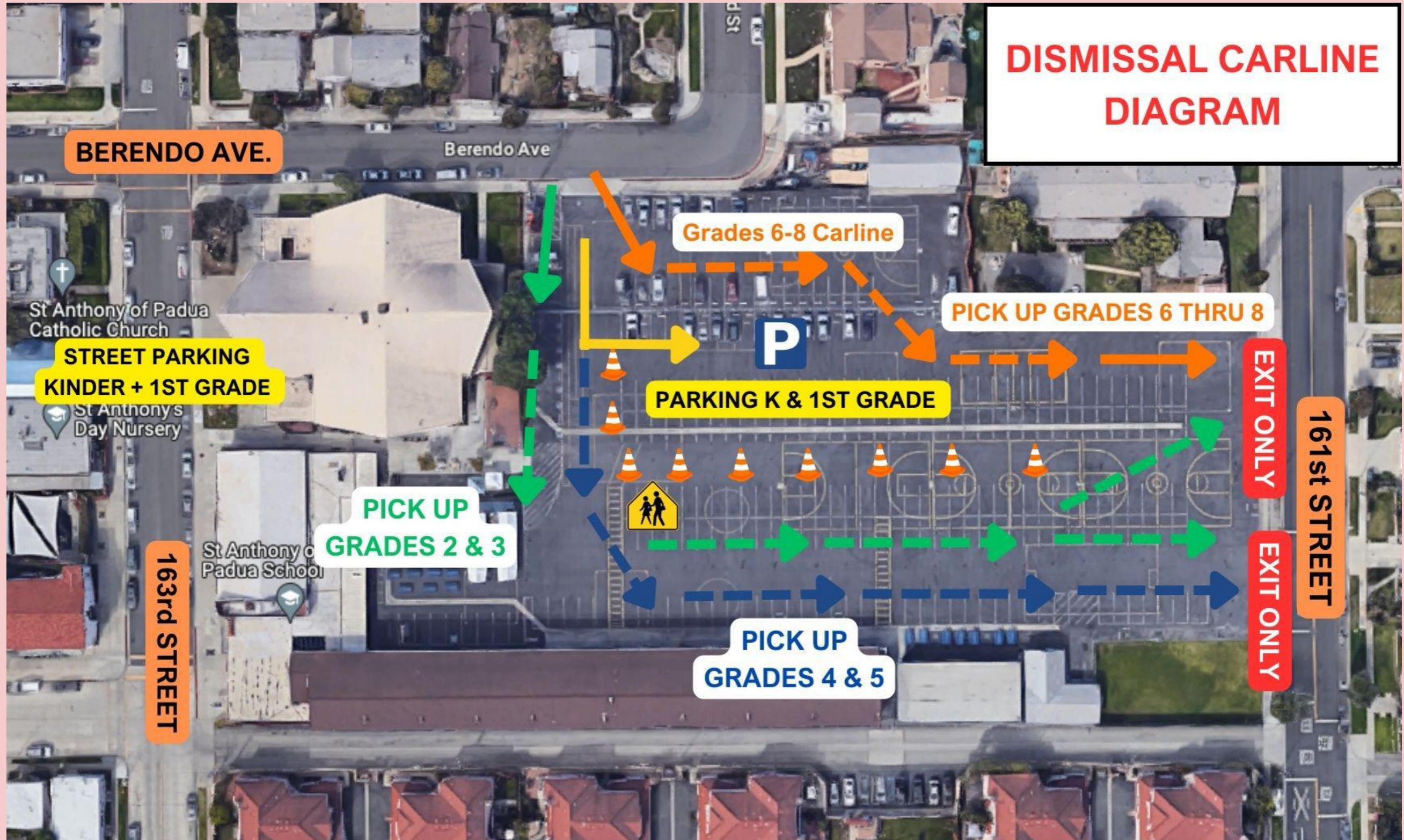


# CAR LINE DROP OFF MAP

**AM DROP-OFF  
CARLINE DIAGRAM**



# CAR LINE DISMISSAL MAP





# Car line Safety Reminders

Thank you for **driving safely no more than 5 MPH** on campus.

**Safety First**, wear seatbelts while driving on campus, keep kids seated.

- We are looking for **traffic guards**. Earn service hours! -
  - **[SIGN UP HERE](#)**
- **NO Parking** in the alley to drop off students
- **NO Parking** in the **RED ZONES** on 163rd Street
- Drivers, please **ALWAYS** yield to pedestrians

**Officer Carlos Gutierrez** is our **School Resource Officer**, they may issue tickets, so please drive carefully!

**REMINDER:** Don't speed when you enter and exit campus: please share this info with all who come to campus.



## Additional Safety Reminders

Thank you for maintaining a safe environment for everyone.

**Safety First**, please be aware of your surroundings when entering and exiting the school.

- **DO NOT** leave doors propped open when entering/exiting
- **DO NOT** let someone onto campus without office staff permission

Please be welcoming while also being aware. When in doubt, Ask

**REMINDER:** If you SEE something SAY something

# Emergency Cards and other forms



- Emergency Cards were completed during Registration for the 2023-2024 school year through FACTS. We are changing to Gradelink ADLA systemwide in 2 years, so we are sticking with Gradelink now for report cards and our Student Info System

If your contact information, address, phone numbers, etc. have changed, please contact the school office via email with the new changes.

Please email: [sray1@stanthonygardena.org](mailto:sray1@stanthonygardena.org)  
or [caguilar@stanthonygardena.org](mailto:caguilar@stanthonygardena.org)

# CIPA Compliance

1. Both staff and all parent general meetings scheduled
2. Review and update the school's current Internet Use Policy
3. Review or create a monitoring routine plan with staff responsibilities and consequences
4. Adopt a Digital Citizenship program for immediate use with students
5. Check for the school's current firewall subscription
6. Collect the documents mentioned above and them merge into one PDF by December 2, 2023.



**Eucharistic Renewal:  
Weekly Family Mass  
encouraged  
9/17 Catechetical  
Sunday at 11am**



# Music and Theatre Arts

## Mrs. Jessica Garcia



- Sign the music class syllabus if you have not already done so.
- Music classes on Tuesday and Thursday (1 hour a week)
- Christmas Show: Wednesday, December 13, 2023 at 6pm
- Talent Show: Thursday, March 7, 2024, 1-3pm
- Spring Classroom Musicals: Weds. May 29, 2024 at 8:15am (K,2,4), Thursday, May 30, 2024 at 8:15am (1,3,5)
- Mainstage Musical: Beauty and the Beast Jr. (4 shows) Thurs. May 30th 6pm, Friday, May 31st at 7pm, and Saturday, June 1st at 1pm and 7pm! Please come out and support our students!



# PE Class

## Mrs. Monica Rubalcava



- Sign and Upload the class syllabus on Seesaw or Google Classroom.
- Be On-Time, Come Dressed in PE uniform, including proper running shoes, Participate in class.  
(Schedule on the PE Blog)
- Alternative Assignment - If you are physically unable to participate in class and have a signed excuse you will be given an alternative assignment for equal credit.
- Have fun and be Active!



## **After School Activities**

can only be offered if there are students enrolled for these activities. Please check your emails for additional information especially re: drop off and pick up at the gate on 163rd St.

**Folklorico  
Theater**

**Professor Egghead  
Sports**

# Saint Anthony de Padua Folklorico Team



## Open Enrollment for Folklorico!

Join our fun dance team of Mexican Folklore. Students will learn the art of the culture through dance skills and technique. Represent your school by joining this team.

Dates: Fridays

Beginners: K-2nd 3:15pm-4:15pm

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

Price: Monthly payment of **\$50** per student. (Sibling discount available).

Sign up instructions: Email [marthasfolklorico@gmail.com](mailto:marthasfolklorico@gmail.com) with the following information:

- Student's name
- Grade level
- Parent name
- Phone number
- Class level interested

**CYO Sports for 2023-2024 SY**  
**Mrs. Veronica Patel, AD**  
**[vpatel@stanthonygardena.org](mailto:vpatel@stanthonygardena.org)**



Fall team sports with CYO (Catholic Youth Organization)  
Girls Volleyball A and B Teams coached by Mr. Anthony Layug

If you are interested in Coaching a CYO Sport, please contact  
Ms. Patel or Sports PLC Lead Mr. Jaime Cruz,  
**[cruz.jaime@yahoo.com](mailto:cruz.jaime@yahoo.com)** or the office for information.



You will need to be VIRTUS certified AND fingerprinted.  
CYO holds Coaches clinics and coaches need to have a  
coaches' card.





**Freckle**<sup>TM</sup>  
by Renaissance<sup>®</sup>



- **STAR Renaissance Early Literacy, Reading and Math Diagnostic Testing: new, upgraded website** (3 windows a year, will go home at each reporting period, once a trimester) first one to go home via email at Parent conference in October: See STAR Renaissance Home Connect Letter from teacher (new website)
- **Freckle Math and ST Math offered as part of Math Curriculum, AR is part of ELA curriculum)**
- Character traits and Tribes agreements posted on banners on 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, Rick Morris Sign Language used at home and at school (see website under Character Education tab)
- Meet the Masters Art program, once per trimester PLC Leads are Laura Marquez and Esperanza Jacobs

# News & Updates

**-Lunch Program - Alvarado Catering is our school's *hot lunch program*.**

Lunches for \$7/day for K-8 Students. Order lunches in advance using the monthly menu.

Please provide your child's First and Last NAME & GRADE and circle the Dates child is to receive lunch. (one menu per child)

Pay with Zelle, please provide that information to your child AND in an email to the office

**-Virtus Certification and ADLA Fingerprinting:**

**must be current for any volunteering where there is contact with students, 9/19 (in English) and 9/20 (in Spanish) 40 spots available for each date in the Hall. (See website under Parents tab: Safeguard the Children with FAQs)**

<http://www.stanthonygardena.org/safeguard-the-children/>

**-Room Parent meetings:** Lorena Lakey Room Parent Lead, Zoom meeting next Wed, 9/13 at 6:30pm for all Room Parents. All classes need room parents: at least 1 and no more than 4 per class (start planning for upcoming Trunk or Treat and Class Bake sales)

-Maui Fundraiser from now till 9/15

-Blue Mass 9/29 (St. Michael's Feast Day) First responders invited

# News & Updates (continued)

- **Parent Conferences October 2-5** (Sign up Genius with teachers tonight in classroom) Give your attendance slips to teachers in the classroom. Parents with multiple children will email teachers to get slideshow presentations/packets tomorrow and sign up for conferences.
- **November 29:** Parent Retreat/Mandatory Faith Formation with Msgr. Sal (more info to come) **SAVE THE DATE!**
- **College bound mentality! COLLEGE FAIR:** For Jr high students Led by Mrs. Klute (Jr. High ELA class) Culminating event on **October 26**
- **Theology of the Body/NET retreats:** Jr. High students (Religion class with Mr. Richardson) Service hours for students required, DC and Thousand Pines trips
- **WEDNESDAY 1:30pm DISMISSAL for ALL GRADES K-8**

# Daycare Updates

Mrs. Pattie Padilla is our Daycare Director

Maria Rendon, Gabby Mazariegos, Bernadette Claros, Stephanie Gomez, Raquel Arreola hired by Catapult Learning (federal funding)

After School Daycare M, T, Th, F 3pm-6pm  
Wednesdays 1:30pm-6pm

**\$20/day per child** - Please be on time to pick up your child or you will be charged after the grace period. Your child should never be unsupervised or left unattended. Once you check them out you are responsible for your child.

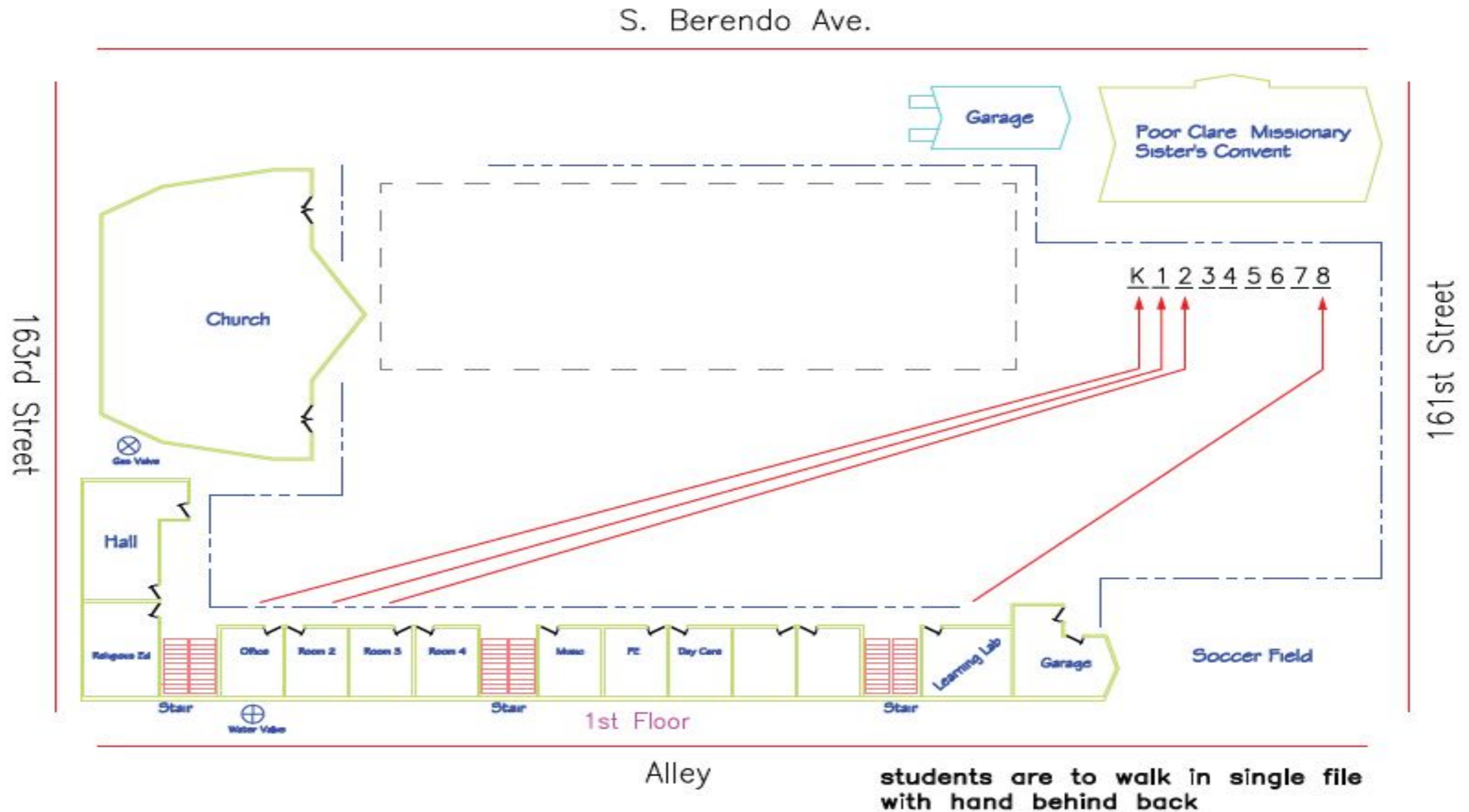




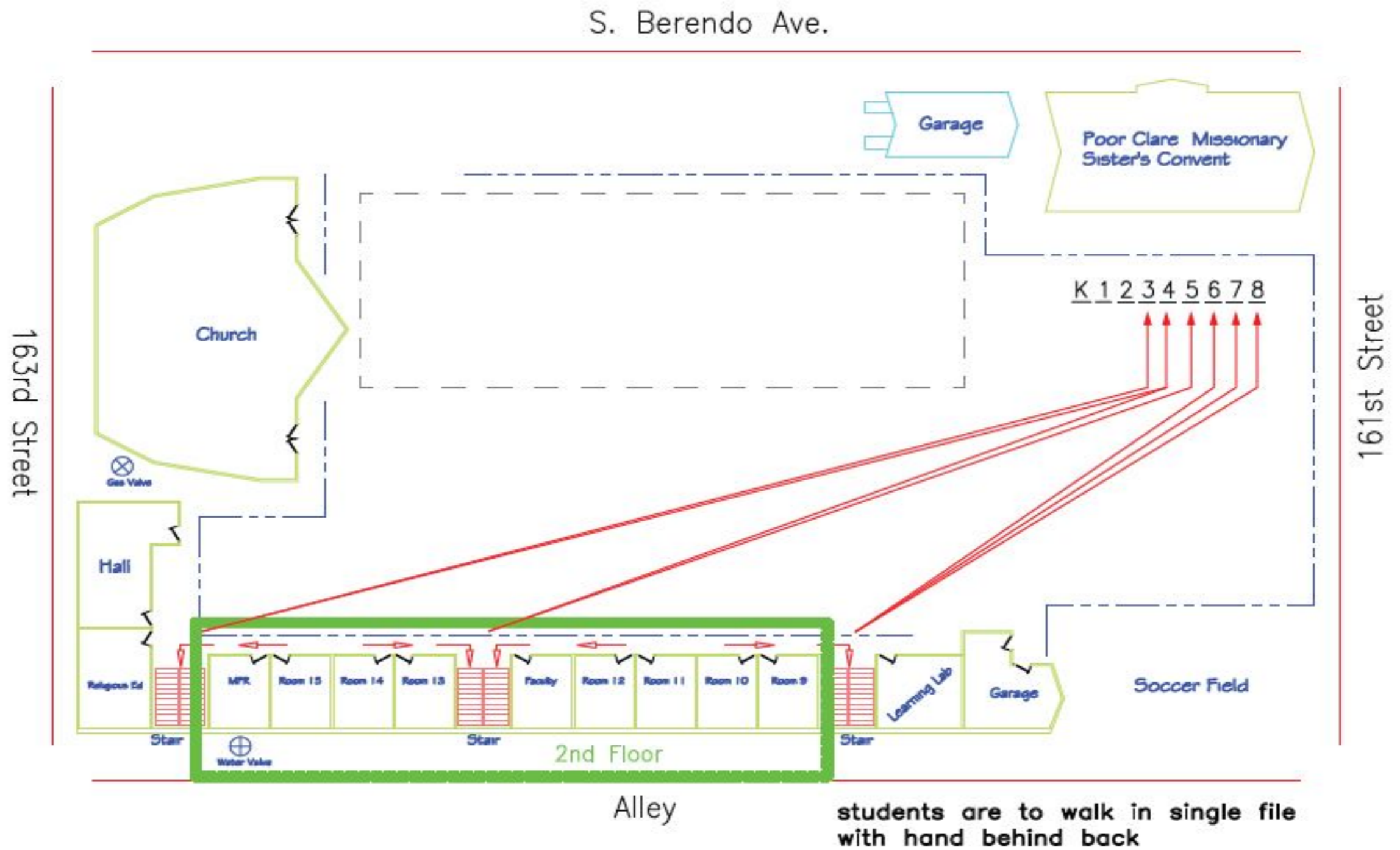
- Check Website often [www.stanthonygardena.org](http://www.stanthonygardena.org) - News and Events
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- **Gradelink pw** (emailed to all families in August. Please contact office with any questions or issues with your Gradelink pw)
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- **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.
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- **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 and lockdown drills once a month, please also practice safety drills at home)
- **Update info** and turn in any **court orders** if applicable especially if there are **custody issues** we need to be aware of (copy must be in office and with the teacher)
  - **Family Income Surveys for Title Services and CPLA Consent Forms**



# 1st Floor Evacuation Plan



# 2nd Floor Evacuation Plan



students are to walk in single file with hand behind back

**1st Session: 7:20–7:35**  
**2nd Session 7:40pm–7:55pm**  
**ends at 8pm sharp**

**Meet your child's Homeroom teacher in  
their classroom.**

**Jr. High (Grades 6–8) meets in Hall (one  
session only at 7:20pm)**

**Good Night! Thank you for  
choosing SAP School!**



