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June 3, 2009

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COMING EVENTS AT SAOP...

Thursday, June 4

- T-shirt & Blue Jean Day
- Last Day of school for PreK-7th!
- 4th Quarter Awards Assembly, 8:15 MS & 8:45 Elementary
- EARLY RELEASE**, Dismissals at 10:30, 2:15 & 2:30
- Extended Day Closes at 2:15 pm for the summer!

Friday, June 5

June 29 – July 3

- Staff Development Day
- School Office Closed

[Moms & Dads—sign up for the PTO Family Ambassador Program—info. on the web.](#)

Check Lost & Found for missing items. Items left will be discarded or donated to charity.

QUICK NOTES & REMINDERS...

- First tuition payments for '09-'10 were due on June 1st. Payments will be subject to a late charge on June 8th.
- Meet the Teacher Open House for '09-'10 is Tuesday, August 18th.
- If you are returning in the fall, look for an early August mailing along with postings on the website with important information on the start of the year.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CLASS OF 2009



We celebrated our Graduation Mass today recognizing and acknowledging our graduates. We are very proud of all of them. We know that

they will represent our school well as they move on to high school in the fall. Congratulations to – Christine Aubert, Sarah Bennett, Steven Bernard, Sean Bernardo, Caden Buckley, Jacob Burks, Chris Calhoun, Kendall Daniels, Sergio David, Nathaniel Devlin, Jenaya Ferguson, Matthew Flanagan, Mark Forestier, Jessica Gooch, Rachael Gooch, Aaron Graeve, Gaby Guerrero, Nick Hackett, Keli Haub, Elijah Hodges, Landon Howes, Travis Hunter, Blake Juszczak, Stephanie Lamotta, Tyler Lawrence, Brian Moleris, Catie Monks, Carah Nunez, Joe Primavera, Vicky Rodriguez, C.J. Seeman, Luke Shappard, Martha Todd, Al Wagner, Thomas Wheeler and Heather Williams.

LAST DAY FOR PREK-7TH!

Thursday, June 4th is the last day of school for PreK-7th grade students. 4th Quarter Awards Assemblies will be at 8:15 for 6th-7th and 8:45 for 1st-5th. There are no end-of-the-year classroom celebrations. Please pick up students through regular dismissal procedures – carline or personal pickup. This is an Early Release day with dismissals at 10:30, 2:15 & 2:30. Extended Day will close at 2:15.

FUN IN THE SUN/FIELD DAYS ARE A HIT!



Thanks to PTO and all of our wonderful volunteers for making Fun in the Sun and Field Days a big hit despite the hot weather. We appreciate all that you do for our students and staff!

DELINQUENT ACCOUNTS

Report cards will be held for students whose accounts have not been cleared. This includes tuition, Extended Day, hot lunches, library, drill team, athletics, etc.

SAYING GOOD-BYE TO...

Our best wishes go with staff members who will not be returning this fall. We appreciate all they have done to make this year such a success. Best wishes go to Megan Truman, Cindy Rodriguez, Jeanette Valore, Kelly Rodgers and Jessica Martiny. They are leaving behind "big shoes" to fill. We wish them all the best in whatever their next adventure might be.



WEDDING BELLS...

Best of luck go to two of our staff members who will be married this summer. Ms. Jennifer Pearl will be marrying

Mr. Ryan Rees. Ms. Laura Nixon will be marrying Mr. Chip Fahey. We wish both couples many years of wedded bliss.

MAY WRITING TEAM – CONGRATULATIONS TO...

3rd Grade - Roch Aubert, David Bat, Ricky Bayon, Claire Cleveland, Mariana David, Zachary Fishman, Michael Judkins, Gabby Loyo, Alex Maier, Reilly O'Hare and Liam Sullivan

NURSE'S END OF YEAR NOTES

- ***If your child has any medication that has been stored in the Clinic, please pick it up on or before the last day of school. All medication that is not picked up will be disposed of the last day of school.***
- If your child is scheduled for a well visit this summer and they receive vaccinations, please ask for a copy of the updated

records. We need a copy of updated vaccinations.

- The State of Texas has made changes to the immunization schedule that will go into effect in August. Information can be found at www.immunizetexas.com.

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS



The office will be open from 8:00 - 3:00 pm through June 19. From June 22 – August 1 the hours will be 8:00 to 12 noon. The office will be closed June 29 - July 3. It will reopen full-time on Monday, August 3 for the fall.

GETTING READY FOR 2009-2010...

- **REQUIRED SUMMER READING -** Students entering 1st through 8th grades in the fall are required to participate in the Summer Reading Program. Grade level teams have created the summer reading requirements. Look for the information pertaining to your child's grade level in report card envelopes and on the school website.
- **GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATIONS -** Students entering K through 8th grade in the fall will be given a sheet with Grade Level Expectations. Please take time to review the sheet so that your child is prepared for what the next grade level will bring. These will be coming home on the last day of school.
- **WHAT DO I BRING TO SCHOOL NEXT YEAR?** School supplies will be purchased in bulk and be in the classrooms when your child arrives in August. Students need to bring a zippered backpack and lunch box if bringing lunch to school. Storage space is limited in our classrooms. Backpacks & lunch containers need to fit into wall cubbies or middle school lockers. **PLEASE, AVOID oversized backpacks and bulky lunch containers.** Please label all items clearly with your child's name.



- **ARRIVAL & DISMISSAL TIMES** – Middle school will return to an 8:00 am start for the day and 4th-5th grades will move to a 3:30 dismissal to accommodate for all instruction.

GOALS FOR 2009-2010

Our annual school improvement goals come from our long-range strategic plan, local and Archdiocesan initiatives along with goals from our accreditation. In '09-'10 we will:

- ➔ Strengthen curriculum & instruction by adding grammar texts in 2nd-5th, adopting a new math series for algebra, implementing a new Archdiocesan math curriculum guide and increasing physical education minutes for K-8th in compliance with new state requirements
- ➔ Enhance communication between home and school through the launch of a new school website and the posting of weekly grades for 1st-8th in Edline©
- ➔ Focus of staff training will be on Love and Logic, gifted and talented education, the National Directory for Catechesis, Singapore Math, Spelling for Writers and writing instruction
- ➔ Expand extracurricular opportunities for middle school students including a Jr. Thespian Society and participation in academic rallies
- ➔ Enhance middle school Spanish and Speech electives to follow state high school guidelines
- ➔ Increase technology resources through the installation of ten (10) classroom SmartBoards, a school-wide broadcast

system, document cameras, handheld interactive chalkboards, an interactive classroom response system and computer lab monitoring software

- ➔ Enhance campus security through the installation of security cameras in hallways and stairwells
- ➔ Enhance physical plant and beautification through the installation of an outdoor prayer garden, hedges and water fountain near the current playground
- ➔ Complete and submit an application for the 2010 U. S. Department of Education's No Child Left Behind Blue Ribbon Schools Program
- ➔ Plan for the school's ten year anniversary, which will be celebrated in 2010-2011

THANKS FOR A GREAT SCHOOL YEAR!

It has been a great year thanks to the dedication and support given by all in our school community. Thank you to Fr. Tom for his leadership and guidance. We appreciate all the volunteer hours that have gone into programs and special activities. PTO and the Booster Club have been awesome in helping us to reach many of our goals! We also appreciate the support and work of the Parish Education Council & School Finance Committee. Special thanks for all of the end-of-the year goodies, gifts, and surprises. The generosity from our school community is overwhelming. We look forward to seeing everyone back in the fall!

St. Anthony of Padua Catholic School Staff

Have a great
SUMMER!



Save the date

for the



2009 St. Anthony of Padua



Golf Tournament &
Dinner/Dance
“Denim & Diamonds”

Friday, October 23rd



Where: Woodforest Country
Club @ 9 am

La Tranquila Ranch @ 7pm

Why: PTO & Booster Clubs
Fundraiser

All parents/guests of SAOPCS are invited to
participate. Please mark your calendars!