

**School Newsletter**  
**August 12, 2018**



Dear St. Ann Families,

The God in me greets the God in you! Instituted from our former and much beloved principal, Ms. G., this has grown to be our school's common greeting.

Although I am no stranger to this school and parish, I am honored and humbled to join St. Ann School to serve as the principal. Thank you for choosing St. Ann School for your children. We will cherish your children as we work diligently to nurture their faith, challenge their minds, stimulate their critical thinking skills, and prepare them to be responsible Catholics who compassionately serve others.

During this school year, I am looking forward to meeting and working with all the wonderful families that make St. Ann School such an incredible place. May God continue to bless our students, families, staff, and school.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Tracy Sherrick

- We are very excited to begin the new school year, and we would like to welcome back all our returning and new families. Just a reminder that we have **minimum days this whole week with 11:30 a.m. dismissal.**

**Earthquake** - Since July 4 and July 5, earthquakes, safety, and earthquake preparedness are of primary importance to everyone. Please know that our staff is completely committed to ensuring the safety and education of your children. Classroom teachers will be discussing safety procedures with students on the first day of school, and we will practice an actual drill as well. Monthly drills have been planned and will be conducted throughout the school year. There is information in today's Monday envelope about preparing an **emergency kit** for your child(ren); it is essential that this kit be returned to the school by this Friday, August 16<sup>th</sup>.

- We want to welcome our **new faculty and staff members** to our Saint Ann School family:
  - Mrs. Tracy Sherrick - Principal
  - Miss Ashley Sherrick – Second Grade
  - Mrs. Jenelle Frey – Fifth Grade
  - Mrs. Kathleen Bauman- Seventh Grade
  - Mrs. Shelbie Firouzi- Moving from Second Grade to Sixth Grade
  - Mrs. Lauren Johnson – Moving from Sixth Grade to Eight Grade
  - Mr. Ralph Ureno – Facilities Manager
- **Mass**- Students in all grades will attend Mass this Thursday; a Holy Day of Obligation (Assumption of Mary) at 8:15 a.m. If you would like to join your child (ren) at Mass, you are most welcome to do so, but children are to remain seated with their class and prayer pal. **There will be no school Mass this Friday.**
- **Monday Envelopes** – please be sure to sign and date the front of the envelope and return it the next school day. If any papers need to be returned, put them in the Monday Envelope. The Monday Envelope is the process in which you will receive any important paperwork and news on a weekly basis. This includes permission slips, miscellaneous forms, etc.
- **Facebook**- Our school has a Facebook page – [www.facebook.com/StAnnsSchoolRidgecrestCA](http://www.facebook.com/StAnnsSchoolRidgecrestCA). You may also request to join the “Saint Ann Families” page, which is a closed group only open to our school families. If you do a search on “Saint Ann Families” you can request to join this group.

- We send weekly emails from **Gradelink**, our administrative software. Please see the flyer in today's Monday envelope to communicate to us if you are receiving these important emails.
- **Milk** will be available starting next Monday, August 19<sup>th</sup> for 20 cents per day or you may pay \$32 for the full year in advance. **Hot lunch** is available every Thursday and starts on September 6. Order forms will go home in the Monday envelope that week. Please refer to the flyer titled "Other General Information and Reminders" in today's Monday envelope.
- **Visitors to campus:** To help us maintain a safe educational environment and prevent classroom interruptions, it is crucial that on-campus visitors sign in at the school office and receive a visitor's badge. Teachers and staff will approach and question visitors who are not wearing a visitor's badge. If you need to visit the classroom, please make prior arrangements with the teacher.
- The **Extended Day Program (EDP)** will once again be available to provide care for your children. This program is particularly helpful on minimum days if your regular childcare arrangement cannot accommodate the additional hours. Please come by the school office or call and leave a message if you would like EDP information or a contract. Contracts need to be turned in to the office by this Friday.
- Please mark your calendar for **Back to School Night next Wednesday, August 21, at 6:30 PM** in the Parish Hall.
- **Parent-Student Handbook** - The **new updated** Diocesan *Parent-Student Handbook* will be emailed to parents today. Here are a few policies we want to highlight as we begin the school year:
  - **Crosswalk:** For the safety of all students and parents, you must use the crosswalk located by the Library to enter and exit campus in the morning and afternoons with your students. Please do not walk across the parking lot or down the sidewalk by the rectory.
  - **Cell Phones and eReaders:** A **cell phone contract must be on file in the school office** in order for your child to bring one to school. The phone will remain in the back pack and can only be used with permission from a staff member. The contract is available in the school office. eReaders may be used at the teacher's discretion. The school is not responsible if the electronic device or cell phone is lost, damaged or stolen.
  - **Office phone:** students will not be allowed to use the office phone except in an extreme circumstances. The phone will not be used to call for homework, forgotten supplies, sports Uniforms, instruments, etc.
  - **Attendance:** Consistent and prompt attendance is crucial to school success. Students should be in their desks ready to begin the day when the 7:30 AM bell rings. If your child is tardy, they need to check into the school office to get "Admit slip" to bring to their teacher. If your child is absent, please call the office by 7:45 AM on the day of your child's absence.
  - **Lunches:** Lunches are to be sent with students each morning. Parents are strongly discouraged from dropping off fast food or home-prepared food during the day. At most, this should be reserved as a special treat on a birthday. Soda is not allowed on campus and should not be sent in a student's lunch or snack.
  - **Uniforms:** We have a strict dress code policy. Please refer to the dress code packet in the Monday envelope and sign and return the sheet stating that you have read it.

**Upcoming Events -**

Tue. Aug. 13..... School Advisory Board Meeting 5:15 PM School Library  
 Thu. Aug. 15..... School Mass, 8:15 AM, Holy Day of Obligation  
 Wed. Aug. 21..... **Back to School Night- 6:30PM Parish Hall**  
 Thur. Aug. 22..... PTG (Parent-Teacher Guild) Meeting 6:30 PM School Library  
 Mon. Sept. 2..... No School- Labor Day Holiday

***God Bless and have a great first week!***

