

**School Newsletter**  
**September 14, 2020**



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 serve as the principal at Saint Ann School. 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 and our students and families that have chosen to continue with on-line education.
- We want to welcome our **new faculty members** to our Saint Ann School family:
  - Miss Michelle Perry – Fifth Grade
  - Mrs. Kathleen McKinney- Sixth Grade
  - Ms. Soledad Gonzalez- Seventh Grade
- **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.
- **Music**-We are sad to inform you that Ms. Erica MacArthur has stepped down from here position in Music.
- Due to her departure, we will be looking for a new music teacher immediately. Thank you Erica for all your hard work and dedication to Saint Ann School!
- **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 use **Gradelink**, (our administrative software) to communicate with families throughout the year.
- **Visitors to campus:** As of right now, no visitors or parents are allowed on campus.
- **Office Visitors:** Only two visitors at a time will be allowed in the office and you must wear a mask and your temperature will be taken.
- 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. **EDP** will be held in the **Middle School Building** for now and pick up will be at the Middle School gate

- - **Crosswalk:** For the safety of all students and parents, you must use the crosswalk located by the Library to drop off students in the morning and pick up in the afternoons. 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 circumstance. The phone will not be used to call for homework, forgotten supplies, 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/Snacks:** Lunches and snacks 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.
  - **Water Bottles-** all students must bring their own water bottles. There is a filling station on campus for refills.
  - **Milk-** Milk will be available starting tomorrow and is now \$28.00 for the whole year or 20 cents a day. You can send money or check in the Monday envelope or pay in the school office.
  - **Uniforms:** We have a strict dress code policy. Please refer to the bright green dress code sheet in the Monday envelope for all the regulations.
  - **Special Note:** Please check out the new Mural on the wall between Fourth Grade and the Library.

**Upcoming Events -**

Tue. Sept. 17..... Star Testing Ends  
Mon. Oct 12 ..... **No school-** Columbus Day  
Fri. Oct 16 ..... Last day of First Quarter

*God Bless and have a great first week!*