

**May 3, 2021**  
**School Newsletter**

**Today begins Teacher Appreciation Week.** I would like to extend my personal gratitude to each teacher (and teacher aide) at Saint Ann School. I am humbled to work with such loving and dedicated professionals. Teachers do not enter the education field for the money, and our teachers see their work here as a vocation instead of just a job. Many of our teachers are students themselves as they are taking classes to pursue advanced degrees. Especially during these trying times with COVID, our teachers have worked harder than ever to deliver a quality Catholic education in unprecedented times. Please join me in making our teachers feel loved and appreciated with prayers and simple notes of thanks. May God continue to bless our faculty and staff at Saint Ann School.

In Christ's Love,  
Mrs. Sherrick

- St. Ann School is pleased to welcome Ms. Irma Sandoval as our school's new office manager. Please make her feel welcome!
- The Diocese of Fresno, in consultation with all the schools, will not offer distance learning for the 2021-2022 school year. This decision was based on the stress and the increased workload placed on teachers. Should our schools be mandated by the CDC or the state of California, St. Ann will resume distance learning for the entire school in the case of an emergency
- **STAR Testing** started last Monday and continues through Friday, May 14th. All students from K-8th will participate. Please make sure your children eat a good breakfast, get plenty of sleep, and are in school on testing days. Please do not make any doctor appointments or schedule out of town trips for the students during testing weeks. Attendance is important.
- **Parent Hours:** Deadline to log parent hours is Friday, May 14<sup>th</sup>. Please make sure all hours are recorded so your family isn't charged. \$30= 1 hour
- **Opportunity to advertise your business:** We are looking for potential business owners to purchase space on the backside our St. Ann folders for the 2021-2022 school year. Please contact the school office by Wednesday if you are interested in this opportunity.
- **MAY THE 4<sup>TH</sup> BE WITH YOU:** Students can wear Star Wars apparel with school shorts or pants.
- **First Holy Communion:** Second grade will have their First Holy Communion on Saturday, May 15<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM.
- Our students will celebrate this **month of Mary** by praying the rosary daily.
- **Memorial Day:** No school on Monday, May 31st
- Be sure to visit our website for great information about our school! And be sure to pass along the website address to prospective new families. The website address is: [www.school.parishofsaintann.org](http://www.school.parishofsaintann.org).
  - **Remember to check out our Facebook** page [www.facebook.com/StAnnsSchoolRidgecrestCA](https://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.

**Reminders:**

- **Used Uniforms** are available anytime during the school day, or before and after dismissal. If you need to browse through the used uniform inventory to prepare for the upcoming school year, please let the school office
- **Rice Bowls-** Please return your rice bowls to the school office

- **All accounts** must be cleared by the end of the school year. Please log in to your FACTS financial account to pay any unpaid balances.

**Upcoming Events**

Sun. May 9.....Happy Mother's Day!!  
Tues. May 11.....Advisory Board Meeting  
Wed. May 12.....PTG Meeting 6:30PM (via Zoom)  
Thurs. May 13.....Pizza Factory Fundraiser

***Have a blessed week!***