

June 17, 2011

Dear Parents,

Greetings from Antonian College Preparatory High School!

Before moving onto information about the next school year, I want to pause and thank so many of you who have assisted with the execution of the Antonian mission. There are too many to list. However, I wish to thank our faculty and staff for the sharing of their talents which in turn provide our students with the sense of joy and hospitality that is theirs as they share with one another and grow to love one another.

I wish to thank Father John and Deacon Hilbert for the sharing of God's presence in Eucharist and through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. I also wish to thank those responsible for ACTS, both Mrs. Segura, Mrs. Valadez, parents and team members for helping us instill the love of Christ in our lives.

I also thank all of the various parent groups without which we could not manage - from the individual parent booster groups, to the PTC and the School Council and to Mrs. Thelma Hernandez of the Trading Post, Mrs. Darian Howarth who runs our concessions and Mrs. Debra Rodriguez who runs our Parent Airmark Team. Lastly, I wish to thank Mrs. Mary Jo Grundhoefer for her leadership with the Heritage Gala and her willingness to be its Chairperson again next year.

In partnership with parents is not only a part of our Mission Statement but also a part of what we do as a community. It was a tremendous year of excellence, achievement and success. Thanks to all of you who helped make the year a success. I pray that the next school year will be just as great!

STAFF APPOINTMENTS: As we prepare for the next school year, there are some staff appointments that I wish to make you aware of.

Mrs. Laura Rodriguez, who has served as Athletic Director and has been involved in the Antonian athletic program for the last fifteen years, has been appointed Dean of Students for the coming school year. For the last two years, Mrs. Rodriguez has had the responsibilities of Athletic Director, Registrar, and Acting Dean of Students. Understanding that these responsibilities are full time jobs in themselves, I began to have conversations about the need to separate some of these duties. After long consideration, she asked to be relieved of the Athletic Director duties to take on this more prominent role in the overall operations of the school. Thus, in the capacity of Dean of Students, she will be responsible for student formation and for assuring compliance with the various expectations we have of our students. In addition to these responsibilities, she will continue to serve as Registrar, being responsible for student scheduling and student records. In making this appointment, I am grateful for the tremendous work that Mrs. Rodriguez has done with the athletic program and credit her for having developed the success that the program has seen over the years including the winning of the TAPPS Henderson Cup.

Mr. Devlyn Lovell, who presently serves as Athletic Compliance Officer has been appointed Athletic Director for the 2011-2012 school year.

Ms. Misty Gonzalez, a new employee, has been appointed as the Antonian Web Master and will be responsible for the development of the Web page and auxiliary services.

THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR: The first day of school will be Friday, August 12, 2011. This day is a half-day and is used for in-processing activities. All students gather in assembly for opening introductions and messages, and then are assigned to a classroom where they will be assigned lockers and textbooks and provided a student handbook for review of policies. Then we will await students being called to have yearbook/ID card pictures taken. Instructions for the purchase of these pictures, should you wish to do so, will be provided after the pictures are taken, via the Internet. After pictures are taken, students are dismissed. The first full day of classes will then be Monday, August 15, 2011.

NEW UNIFORM POLOS ADDED: At the request of the Student Council, we have added some items to the existing uniform. Girls will now be permitted to wear Polo-type shirts (girl cut) - red, white and Columbian blue. These new shirts will be available at Parker after July 1st. The boys will also be permitted to wear the Columbian blue polo-type shirts.

For freshmen in particular, Antonian uniforms are to be obtained from Parker Uniforms. Students begin wearing uniforms on the first day of school and thereafter. Parker offers a sale during the entire month of June that you may find beneficial. Students will need to be in uniform on the first day of school.

SUMMER READING: Information for summer reading has been posted to the Antonian website on the link for the Library. Please be sure to have your son or daughter review the requirements.

SCHEDULES: In the next few weeks, we will mail a schedule for your son/daughter. If you find that there are schedules to be amended, please e-mail lrodriguez@antonian.org. Please do not stop by as this will delay our response to your needs. On the e-mail please be explicit and we will make every effort to get to your request as soon as is possible. During the summer we do not maintain regular hours but will be working on schedule requests.

The schedule has been pre-determined based on courses completed as well as those necessary to meet Antonian's graduation requirements. While this schedule should not change, some course load changes may take place over the summer. As a result, all students receive a fresh copy of their schedules on the first day of school.

The School Uniform is as follows:

Male School Uniform:

- Parker navy blue or khaki slacks
- Parker white or red polo-style shirt (short or long sleeve)
- **NEW!** Parker light blue polo-style shirt

Female School Uniform:

- Parker navy blue, khaki or hound's-tooth pleated skirts
- Parker white blouse with hemmed bottom - short or three-quarter-length sleeve
- Parker navy blue or khaki tie
- **NEW!** Parker red, white, or light blue polo-style shirt

When it is a Mass day, the Antonian Mass uniform includes the following:

Male School Uniform:

- Parker navy blue slacks
- Parker white oxford dress shirt
- A tie of the student's choice

Female School Uniform:

- Parker navy blue pleated skirt
- Parker white blouse with hemmed bottom - short or three-quarter-length sleeve
- Parker navy blue tie

We do expect students to meet full dress and grooming standards from the start, so it is a good idea to review the student handbook on-line for such information prior to the first day.

SUPPLIES: There is not a list of school supplies provided in advance. On the second day of school, when students attend all classes for the first time, each teacher will instruct the students what will be required for the class. For that day, it would be best if students simply bring a small binder with loose-leaf paper, a pen, and a pencil.

CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS: We encourage all students to become active in Antonian life; enclosed you will find a variety of flyers on opportunities to become involved in extracurricular organizations. Most clubs and organizations will advertise upcoming meetings through morning and afternoon daily announcements.

ORIENTATION FOR NEW FRESHMAN AND TRANSFER STUDENTS: An orientation for new freshman and transfer students will be held on Wednesday, August 3, 2011 from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. Students may come casually dressed. The event will cover some staff introductions, expectations of students, uniform options, and a schedule walk-through to locate classrooms. If your son or daughter will not be able to attend, please inform Mrs. Montemayor via e-mail at dmontemayor@antonian.org.

SCHOOL CALENDAR: The school calendar for 2011-2012 is posted at the top right of the web-page.