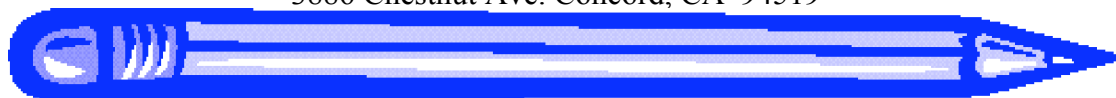


# St. Agnes School Newsletter

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## Principal's Corner

Easter is over but the season is not. The Church gives us time to appreciate the impact of Christ's resurrection and to come to an understanding of the event on our life of faith. The Easter season lasts for the next 50 days. May we each have the opportunity to savor the reality that He (Jesus Christ) who was dead is now risen from the dead and that each of us, as his followers, will also rise on the last day.

May the alleluia acclamation that has returned to our worship also become the way we accept and acclaim each experience we encounter daily. Because, as Scripture reminds us, "God so loved the world that he sent his only begotten son to "take upon himself the sins of the world" and then by his death and resurrection to redeem and restore our once, broken relationship with a loving, forgiving, and patient God.

For the next fifty days of this Easter season, each of us needs to get in touch with how our God sees us. Isaiah says it this way: "He has covered me with the clothes of salvation and wrapped me with a coat of goodness, like a bridegroom dressed for his wedding, like a bride dressed in jewels." St. Peter says, "You are a chosen people, royal priests, a holy nation, a people for God's own possession." In the book of Psalms we are told, "He has put his angels in charge of you to watch over you wherever you go." Start now to allow God's love to change the way YOU look at YOU!

## Important Dates, Information, and Update

### Survey

The Diocese of Oakland has begun a process of planning for the future of Catholic Schools. An on-Line survey has been developed and I want to strongly encourage all of you to go to the following website to access the survey and then complete it. Your thoughts, hopes, and concerns need to be expressed. The survey is available in both English and Spanish. (For English go to: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/dioceseofoaklandcatholicschools>) (For Spanish go to: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/dioceseofoaklandcatholicschoolsspanish>). I know how very busy everyone is but I also believe in the importance of working towards a system of instruction that is viable. So, please share your ideas. It will only take a few minutes of your time, so do it now! Thanks!

### Father Daughter Dance

The date is getting closer. Have you decided to take your daughter/s to the Father/Daughter Dance. It will be held on Saturday, April 25, 2010, at St. Bonaventure's Large Hall. Consider this: "that a daughter may out grow your lap, but she will never out grow your heart." (Author unknown) and "I love my

father as the stars – he is a bright shining example and a happy twinkling in my heart." (Adabella Radici) And remember, 8<sup>th</sup> grade dads and daughters are our guests. Cost is \$20.00 in advance and \$25.00 at the door. Go to the website for forms and details. And there will be raffle prizes too.

### Golf Tournament

Calling all Golfers! Get those forms in because we need you to golf with us! Our annual tournament is on Friday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>. It will be held at the Boundary Oaks Golf Club. Flyers were sent home several weeks ago. One was a player package and the other, Sponsorship. If you have company affiliations, solicit their support as a sponsor. You can find all the information on line by going onto the school's website. Please join us for a round of golf.

### Accelerated Reading

Week Twenty-five of our Accelerated Reading reporting is here. I am pleased to announce that we increased our score to 22,300 points earned towards our goal of 25000 points by year's end. We are at 89.2% of our total goal. Please encourage your children to pick up a good book and enjoy reading. Monitor the bulletin board outside the school office. It is updated on a weekly basis.

### Be Inspired!

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St. Augustine reminds us “to leave the past to the mercy of God, the future to the providence of God, and the present to the love of God.” Bishop Fulton J. Sheen once said, “Unless there is a Good Friday in our lives, there will never be an Easter Sunday.” And Helen Keller reminds us thus: “I thank God for my handicaps, for, through them, I have found myself, my work, and my God.” Keep these thoughts in mind and have a wonderful week!

## **Book Swap**

For several weeks, we have been inviting all of our families to donate gently used books to the Book Swap—a great way to re-cycle your books. The Book Swap takes place tomorrow Thursday, April 15<sup>th</sup>. I hope to see many children at the Book Swap tomorrow!

## **Lice Check**

The monthly Lice head check takes place tomorrow, Thursday, April 15<sup>th</sup>. Please remember that the children’s hair needs to be free of gels and sprays. We appreciate your cooperation in this matter.

We also need to have more help on the Lice Patrol. This group is doing a wonderful service for all of us. PLEASE HELP IF YOU CAN!

## **Spirit Shirts**

We are gearing up for the next school year and the Spirit t-Shirts and Jean day every Tuesday. Would you or your company be interested in having your name on

the back of the t-shirts? Enclosed in this week’s family envelope is a Spirit t-Shirt Sponsorship flyer. Please take a moment to consider becoming a sponsor as we can’t make this happen without your help. We would like to have the shirts available for purchase the first day of school next year, so if you are interested please do not wait to get your money and form in. Thank you for your continued support.

## **Shoes for Kids**

I hope you have spotted the bright blue container near the front of the school on the first grade side of the building. It is the container for shoes for kids in Afghanistan. Put your shoes inside the container and they will be taken for delivery to them. This is being done in memory of Captain John Hallett, a former student of our school, who was killed months ago by a roadside bomb. I encourage you to support his family’s effort. And, knowing John, I know John would welcome this being done in his memory.

## **Contacts**

Each month, a representative from PACE and School Board make themselves available to speak with you regarding any concerns, ideas, compliments, suggestions etc., you might have. For the month of April, Sylvia Arnold will be the PACE Representative. She can be reached at 383-0320. Bruce O’Brien will be the School Board Representative and he can be reached at 689-4870. Please give either of them a call if

you would like something to be shared. Thanks!

## **DATES TO REMEMBER**

### **Thursday, April 15<sup>th</sup>**

Lice Head Check  
No gels or sprays  
Book Swap

### **Saturday, April 17<sup>th</sup>**

Work Party  
9:00AM to 1:00PM

### **Wednesday, April 21<sup>st</sup>**

3<sup>rd</sup> grade leaves for Camp

### **Friday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>**

3<sup>rd</sup> grade returns for Camp

### **Saturday, April 24<sup>th</sup>**

Parent Child  
First Eucharist Retreat  
9:30 – 12:30 in Cauchi Hall  
Father Daughter Dance at St.  
Bonaventure starting at 6:30PM

### **Monday, April 26<sup>th</sup>**

5<sup>th</sup> Grade leaves for Caritas Camp

### **Wednesday, April 28<sup>th</sup>**

Minimum Day  
12:30 dismissal  
Rocco’s pizza night  
PROGRESS REPORTS GO HOME  
TODAY

### **Friday, April 30<sup>th</sup>**

5<sup>th</sup> grade returns from Camp