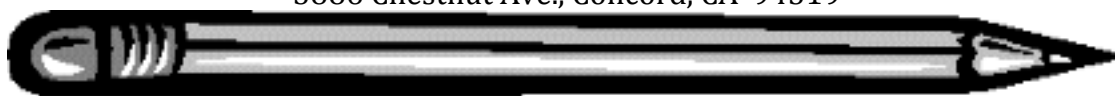


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## Principal's Corner

You have a choice in the school your child or children attend. I have heard many reasons why parents have enrolled their children in Catholic schools. Some want a safe environment or a small community; others feel the daily religious instruction is important while others value the strong academic programs Catholic schools offer. For whatever your reason you are not alone. According to the NCEA (National Catholic Educators Association) there are 6,980 Catholic schools in the United States with a total enrollment of over two million students. Thirty-four new schools opened in 2009-2010 and 26% of the school have waiting lists for admission. Not bad! This weekend marks the beginning of our annual Development Drive. The main focus of the Development Committee is to raise funds to create an Endowment Fund in order to provide families who desire a Catholic education that opportunity. In this current economy it is becoming more and more difficult for families to afford this education. Unfortunately many families don't even step

foot in our door, knowing there is no way for them to afford this type of educational experience. I hope you feel your sacrifices have been warranted. Perhaps, if you are able, you can support the goal of the Development Committee with your time, talent or treasure. Please help us fund this very important endeavor.

### **SR. RITA'S MEMORY LIVES ON!**

If you haven't had the opportunity to visit the school office this week, you might want to make time at Open House to stop by. Sister's last work of art is now a permanent fixture and on display. The Mendoza Family (son Matthew-Class of 2001,) had commissioned Sr. to create a stained glass window for a doors in their house. Upon her passing they decided this work should be in a place where many could enjoy it. We have replaced the inner office door with this wonderful work of art. One can't help but feel Sr.'s presence when you enter the office. Thank you to the Mendoza family for sharing this treasure with us!

### **OPEN HOUSE**

Don't forget Open House will be held this Sunday after the 9:00am Mass. Please join us as Bishop Cummins dedicates the new altar. We will have hospitality in Cauchi Hall and all the classrooms will be open for you to visit. It is always fun to see the latest projects on display and a trip to your child's classroom for next year will give you a glimpse of what to expect. Student Council will be providing tours to any new families needing help to navigate their way around campus.

### **THE BOOK FAIR IS COMING!**

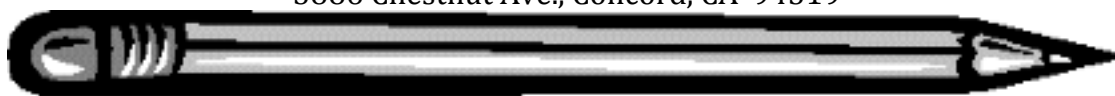
Our annual Book Fair takes place this coming week. Starting this Sunday the library will be open from 10:00am-12:00pm and Monday through Friday from 8:00am-4:00pm. A flyer is included in the family envelope explaining the many ways you can participate to promote the love of reading. Last week information was sent regarding the One for Books program. The flyer is available on our website.

### **CSW ACTIVITIES**

In the spirit of the Catholic Schools' Week theme: Faith,

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Academics, Service, many events and activities have been planned embracing each facet of this message. The staff in collaboration with the Student Council, decided to move Spirit Week traditionally celebrated in May to Catholic Schools' Week. A service project, which will benefit the Winter Nights Program, will challenge the students to earn money toward the purchase of three strollers. Themed attire has been planned for many days throughout the week, however the non-uniform dress rules still apply. Please keep this close by, as you will need to refer to it throughout the week! Here's the deal:

## Faith

Each morning at 8:00am, weather permitting, we will gather as a school at the flagpole for prayer.

## Service

### **Monday**

#### **Class Theme Day**

\*Student should dress according to their theme.  
8:15-Kick of Rally  
2:15 – Winter Nights Service Project Kick-off in the church.

## Service & Academics

### **Tuesday**

#### **Crazy Hair & Crazy Sock Day!**

In order to participate in the crazy socks activity each child must bring a pair of new socks to benefit our Winter Nights Project.

1:30 Brain Bowl in the church.

## Academics

### **Wednesday**

#### **Black & Yellow Color Dress Day**

1:30 Spelling Bee in the church

## Spirit

### **Thursday**

#### **Class Color free dress**

12:30 Peace Family Picnic  
Each child will bring their own lunch or buy hot lunch and sit with their buddies at lunchtime. Please no sharing; we have many children with allergies.

## Faith

### **Friday**

#### **Formal Dress**

9:00 am Close of Catholic Schools' Week Mass and Blessing of the Throats

## NEW FOCUS FOR THE SUPERBOWL

I know many of you were very disappointed by last Sunday's playoff football game. The Development Committee is offering a way to redirect your frustration by creating an opportunity for you to participate in the annual Superbowl Fundraiser. A flyer and order form has been enclosed for your information.

## New Student Testing

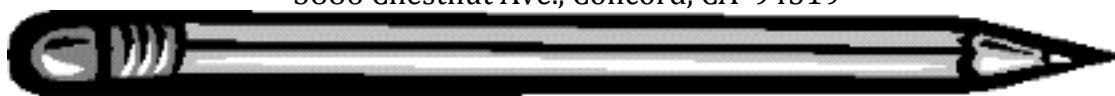
Please remind, inform and promote St. Agnes School. We will be testing all new students for grades K-6 next Saturday, February 4<sup>th</sup> beginning at 8:00am. The application is on our website. A time for testing will be assigned when the completed application is delivered to the school office.

## TUITION ASSISTANCE

Basic Fund (Bay Area Scholarships for Inncity Children) and FACE (Family Aid for a Catholic Education) are two opportunities for families to apply for tuition assistance for the 2012-2013 school year. Both of these scholarships are based on need, however Basic Fund is only open to new families. An application is required and the

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deadlines are approaching quickly. Please see Mrs. Fitzpatrick, Mrs. Kelley or Mrs. Lucia for further information.

Deadlines:

FACE: March 15, 2012

BASIC: Feb. 10<sup>th</sup>

Mar. 9<sup>th</sup>

Apr. 13<sup>th</sup>

## **NEED HOURS?**

We need more parent volunteers to assist during the lunch hour serving our hungry students. If you are available please contact Janice Andrews (925) 212-8663 for more information.

## **AUCTION UPDATE!**

### **LOOKING FOR A FEW GOOD**

#### **HOSTS:**

We are so excited for this year's Auction and the amazing donations coming in from the families. Some of the most popular items at the Auction are the parties that allow for a set amount of buyers at a set price. These parties usually fill up quickly and are a blast to attend. Unfortunately this year we haven't had anybody donate parties for the parents and we are reaching out to ask for some help. SO . . . gather your friends and consider hosting a party.

Some ideas:

St. Agnes Scavenger Hunt

Flip Flop & Lemon Drop Party

Card Sharks & Cocktails

Billiards & Beer

Please check the Auction Ideas

page on the St. Agnes website

for more information or

contact one of the Auction

Chairs. You can always email

us:

[stagnesauctioninfo@yahoo.com](mailto:stagnesauctioninfo@yahoo.com)

## **GET THOSE BABIES FLYING!**

Two flyers have been enclosed for your convenience. There is still time to Flock a Friend the deadline is February 17<sup>th</sup>.

New this year is an opportunity to flock that special someone or an entire table at the Auction. In order to guarantee availability please have all orders in by February 10<sup>th</sup>.

## **CHECK IT OUT**

Thank you to our Pace Publicity Chairs, Karen McDonald and Jane McCormick, for creating such a wonderful newsletter to highlight the many special moments experienced by our school community. We can be proud to share this with our guests at Open House so they can get a glimpse of many

happy times. As with any calendar, they are always subject to change so please take note of some items in the "What's Happening" section:  
Mass: 2/3 @ 9:00  
Reconciliation 3/20  
Ice Cream Social 6/4

Please be sure to mark your calendars accordingly.

## **SCRIP STATEMENT**

Your scrip account statement has been included in this envelope. Thank you u for supporting this program. There are three months left in order for you to fulfill your commitment, so keep on shopping!

## **WE PRAY**

Please pray for the Estrada family (Danielle 8<sup>th</sup>) as they mourn the loss of Danielle's grandmother; may they find comfort in their memories of time spent together as a family.

## **COMMENTS OR CONCERNS?**

If you have any comments or concerns please contact: Lisa Karmann, School Board President at 673-1635 or Cristina Pauline, PACE President at 672-6808.

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## **Important Dates, Information, and Updates**

- **1/28**
  - **Work Party 9-1**
- **1/29**
  - **Mass 9:00am**
  - **Open House &  
Book Fair  
10:30-12:00**
- **1/30-2/3**
  - **CSW Activities**