

St. Agnes School Newsletter

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Principal's Corner

This is the last newsletter for the school year. How quickly time has flown. As the year ends we feel a mixture of joy and sadness. We say good-bye to a wonderful group of 8th grade students and pray every success upon them and we welcome a new group of children who will never replace them but will fill the vacancy.

On behalf of the entire staff, I want to wish each of you a happy and relaxing summer. May the days be long and worry free, the nights be restful and peaceful. And may your activities bring you much joy.

My prayer for you as summer begins is to put into action some of the beautiful quotes that follow. Remember the ones you like, forgive the ones you don't and share them when you can.

"Pray all the time. If necessary, use words".

"God forgets the past. Imitate him".

"Greed I've often regretted but generosity –never!"

"Don't ask God to do what you want. Ask God to do what is right."

"No one is useless to God. No one!"

"Nails didn't hold God to a cross, love did."

"You will never forgive anyone more than God has already forgiven you."

"Don't take a vacation from Church get to Mass every Sunday."

Important Dates, Information, and Update

Thank You

On behalf of the almost 600 people who came to enjoy the Ice Cream Social, I want to thank Theresa and Dave Afinowicz and Renee Seaton for their wonderful leadership and diligence to detail. The dinner was delicious, the company superb, and the weather was the weather. By the volume of noise and laughter, I would say everyone enjoyed the evening. Thanks too to the wonderful committee for all they did to make the evening memorable.

Dennis Uniform

If you purchase uniform items between June 10th and July 10th you will be able to save an additional 10%. In the family envelope, you will find a flyer with all the details. Have fun shopping!

Medications

Please, do not forget to pick up any medication that you left for our safe keeping. We will need to dispose of all inhalers and other medications that have not been picked up in the office by tomorrow, Thursday, June 10th. Your cooperation in this matter is very much appreciated.

Registration Packets

If you have not returned your child/children's registration packet you need to do that before this Friday. We have waiting lists and need to create our classes so please return your forms ASAP. Thanks!

Office Hours

For your convenience, we want to post the hours the school office will be open during the summer months. We will be open for the entire month of June between the hours of 9:00AM and 2:00PM. The school office will be closed for the month of July but the phones will be checked several times each week and calls returned. The school office will re-open on August 2nd from 9:00AM to 1:00PM (and sometimes even later). I hope you will find this information useful.

Target Stores

In your family envelope, you will find an application for a Target card. Read the portion under the "Take Charge of Education" section in the pamphlet. When you use this Target card 1% of your purchases will be credited to St. Agnes School if you so indicate. We hope you will consider doing this as it is just one more way that helps PACE meet its goal of \$125,000.00 for lower tuition costs for everyone.

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SCRIP

Good news! We have some new SCRIP vendors. You can find them on the back of the green SCRIP order forms that are in this week's family envelope. The main inventory list on the school's website contains more vendors.

SCRIP will be sold all summer. Remember to special order large orders one week prior to when they are needed. As always thank you for shopping at your friendly St. Agnes SCRIP box/store!

Special Reminder

Tomorrow, Thursday, June 10th is our Kindergarten graduation. It will take place at 9:00AM in the Church. All are invited to attend. And, Friday is our last day of school. School will begin at 9:00AM in the classrooms and the children will then move to the Church about 9:35 for our concluding Prayer Service, Awards Assembly, and Moving Up Ceremony. New Kindergarteners for the next school year are welcome to attend the ceremony so they can move up as well.

Mathletics Program

I want to remind you that we are implementing a summer math program for our students. We want all of them will grow in their Math skills, aptitude, and possibly even fall in love with Math over the summer through this program called "Mathletics".

A packet of information outlining what each child is to do over the summer given the grade

they will be entering in the fall was sent home last week. The staff has met, discussed, and articulated goals for each child as summer progresses. Your child's success depends upon reading the packet of information and then guiding their progress as summer unfolds. Please, direct any questions you might have to the teacher prior to this Friday.

Every child has been exposed to the program. Many have gone home and played with it on their home computers. Everyone seems to have all that is needed – a computer and a printer. Again, read the packet and direct any/all questions to your child's teacher. Incentives when the children return to school in August will be a part of the program too.

Accelerated Reading

Several weeks ago we reached our goal of 25000 points. Today our school is over the 28,500 point level or a 115% of our goal. Some statistics: 2nd grade's goal was 25 points per student –they did 36. 3rd grade's goal was 33 points and they earned 30 points per student 4th grade's goal was 48 points and they earned 73 per student. 5th grade's goal was 114 points and they earned 149 per student. And, 6th, 7th and 8th grade in addition to earning 77 points (6th), 65 points (7th) and 77 points (8th) per student also had to read enough books to total 2200 pages each.

Maintenance Assignments

Mr. Amaya, the person in charge of our work hours, has provided your assigned work party dates. You will find them in your family envelope. Please put that paper where you can see it so that you keep your commitment.

DATES TO REMEMBER

2010 - 2011 Important Dates

Wednesday, August 25th

First Day of School
9:00AM to 10:30AM
No Day Care
Open House for grades
Kindergarten through 5th

Thursday, August 26th

School schedule 8:00AM to
12:30PM
Minimum Day
No Day Care
Back to School Night
Grades 6th through 8th

Friday, August 27th

First full day of school
7:55Am to 3:00PM
No Day Care
First Day of Uniform
School picture Day

Monday, August 30th

Regular schedule for school
7:55AM to 3:00PM
First Day of Extended Day Care