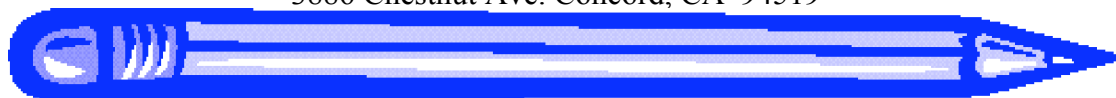


# St. Agnes School Newsletter

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## Principal's Corner

There is an Irish Proverb that reads, "It is in the shelter of each other that the people live." I think that is a wonderful saying and a good definition of the word compassion. True compassion is that essential activity that helps ensure our vitality, our reality, and our sense of meaningfulness. It has been said "that the circle of grace is the place where the presence of God in us meets the presence of God in others". I think that is another way of expressing real compassion.

The German mystic, Karl Rahner, was once approached by a young man asking for some books to help him strengthen his faith, and Rahner surprised the man with this response, "No books, instead, go out and help the poor of Munich." Rahner believed that compassion would allow the man to find the answers to his questions and his doubts. That is true for us today as well.

Sometimes, on a really down day, there may be very little we can do for others. But, what about the other 364 days of the calendar year? God's circle of grace nears its completion when we keep a compassionate eye open to the world around us.

Lent is a perfect time for fostering the art of compassion. Compassion is not only reaching out to others, it is also an act of prayer, an act of faith and trust, an act of love and acceptance. Living compassionately welcomes God into

our souls and hearts in new and mysterious ways.

We are at the mid-point of Lent. This week, try letting God catch you reaching out and being compassionate to those you meet in the course of a day's work.

## Important Dates, Information, and Update

### Tick Tock

It's time to follow the old saying, "spring forward, and fall back". This weekend, as we approach the springtime of the year, we need to turn our clocks forward one hour. So, on Saturday evening change all your clocks by moving them ahead one hour.

### St. Patrick's Day

Next Wednesday is the feast of St. Patrick and the school is hosting a St. Patrick's Day dinner in Cauchi Hall. We have a great menu to share with adults and children alike. Look in your family envelope for the flyer with all the details. You can buy your tickets here in the school office, in the parish ministry center and out at St. Bonaventure's. So catch the St. Patrick's Day spirit and come join us for dinner!

### Auction Alert

Every St. Agnes family is expected to make a minimum donation of \$50.00 in either money

or actual item for the school auction. These family donations need to be turned in so the booklet for the auction can be competed and go to press. We have a little more than two weeks until our Viva Las Vegas event. The Auction Committee appreciates your cooperation in this matter as they need to create the evening's program and want to include everyone's item/items.

### Hot Lunch

We are now in the 3<sup>rd</sup> and final trimester and our hot lunch program needs your help. We need parent volunteers to serve and clean up. If you can help us by either serving or cleaning up after lunch, please contact Ana in the school office (689-3990). Thanks for helping us take care of your children.

### Last Chance!

The PACE See's Candy sale has been extended to this Friday, March 12<sup>th</sup>. So, get our Easter candy order forms and money into the school office any time tomorrow or by 3:00PM Friday. Thanks for your support of this fundraiser.

### SCRIP

For the remainder of the month of March, the SCRIP Coordinator will begin the work of filling orders at 9:00AM in the Ministry Center. Please remember to pre-order large amounts of SCRIP so that the inventory you want are available when you want or need it.

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## **Father/Daughter Dance**

Don't forget that our annual Father/Daughter Dance takes place on April 24<sup>th</sup>. Check the colorful dance flyer on line. Go to the school website and download in the "Forms" folder. This dance is being dedicated to the 8<sup>th</sup> grade girls and their dads. Mark your calendar and stay tuned for more information.

## **Accelerated Reading**

Week Twenty-one of our Accelerated Reading reporting is here. I am pleased to announce that we increased our score to 19,362 points earned towards our goal of 25000 points by year's end. We are at almost 77.4% of our total goal. Please continue to monitor the bulletin board outside the school office. It is being updated weekly.

## **Re-registration**

Forms for re-registration were sent home. If you have misplaced your form go onto the school webpage. You will be able to print one out by clicking on forms. The forms need to be brought into the school by the Friday, March 12<sup>th</sup>. Thanks for your help in completing these forms promptly.

## **Golf Tournament**

Our annual Golf tournament will take place on Friday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>. Go on the school's website and download the forms for the tournament. More information will follow.

## **Work Parties**

Since all volunteer hours must be completed prior to April 30<sup>th</sup> you need to know that there are only three more work parties left that will go towards your family hours for this school year. So, if you have not done your maintenance hours, the following dates only are available: Saturday, March 20<sup>th</sup>, Saturday, April 10<sup>th</sup>, and Saturday, April 17<sup>th</sup>. Please contact Carlos Amaya at 689-1937 if you are available on one of those dates.

## **Basketball**

We congratulate the St. Agnes 5<sup>th</sup> grade American Girls Basketball team. They took 2<sup>nd</sup> place in their league and advanced to the playoffs. After a win over St. Catherine in the first round they lost a tough game to Santa Maria. Congratulations to Anika Oledan, Adriana Pitto, Lauren Schmidt, Juliana Riva, Judy Audas, Jaclyn Aragon, Fiona Dolan, and Sofia Daly.

## **March Madness**

The Development Committee is hosting the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual March Madness Basketball Pool again. All proceeds go towards the Endowment Fund. Just go onto the school website and download the flyer that says March Madness. It is in the forms section. Follow the directions on the form to register for the event. The entry fee is \$25.00 and you can send in your entry fee in the family envelope or give it to the office marked NCAA Entry Fee.

The Development committee will also send e-mail invitations to all the families who have e-mail addresses in the school directory. Have fun and help the school by playing March Madness!

## **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 March, Jennifer Groth will be the PACE Representative. She can be reached at 672-8462. Jill Malone will be the School Board Representative and she can be reached at 686-9207. Please give either of them a call if you would like something to be shared. Thanks!

## **Quotable Quotes**

I found these quotes and thought them to be helpful for our Lenten reflections. Mark Twain once said, "Kindness is a language which the deaf can hear and the blind can see." Bob Hope said it this way, "If you haven't got any charity in your heart, you have the worst kind of heart trouble." And John Rockefeller Jr. said, "Giving is the secret of a healthy and happy life. Not necessarily money, but whatever a person has of encouragement, sympathy, and understanding."

## **Easter Outreach**

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Every year, the children and staff of St. Agnes School prepare special Easter baskets for children who have family members affected with HIV/AIDS. This is an outreach project that we have done for many years. This year we have been given 55 families whose children will only get an Easter basket if it comes from us. Please look in your family envelope today and pull out the list of items needed. They are listed by grade level. After we collect all the goodies, students will stay after school and create the baskets and several of the adults will deliver them to our contact person who will in turn distribute them to the children. I know these economic times are difficult for many of us. Please be as generous as you can. Give with joy and God will bless you for your goodness. All the goodies need to be turned in by March 24<sup>th</sup> so that we can get them organized and to the children prior to our Easter break. Thank you again for making a difference in the lives of people you will never meet. FYI: The list of goodies can also be accessed on line. Go on our website and you will find it in the "FORMS" section.

## **Alert! Alert!**

Children are being dropped off prior to adult yard supervision. The teachers go on duty at 7:45AM

## **REMEMBER**

### **Wednesday, March 10<sup>th</sup>**

Development meeting at 6:30PM

### **Thursday, March 11<sup>th</sup>**

8:00AM Mass

Early arrival at 7:45AM

Formal Dress (no shorts)

6:30PM School Board meeting in Ministry Center

### **Friday, March 12<sup>th</sup>**

Report Cards go home

### **Saturday, March 14<sup>th</sup>**

Daylight Savings Time Begins

### **Tuesday, March 15<sup>th</sup>**

No School

## **DATES TO**