

St. Agnes School Newsletter

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Principal's Corner

There are still several weeks until Lent ends. We still have time to prepare our hearts and minds for an Easter/Resurrection experience. Consider this possibility – Lent is a time for God to do some remodeling or restoration.

Max Lucado in his book entitled, *Grace for the Moment* offers this insight. “God loves to decorate. God has to decorate. Let God live long enough in a heart, and that heart will begin to change. Portraits of hurt will be replaced by landscapes of grace. Walls of anger will be demolished and shaky foundations restored. God can no more leave a life unchanged than a mother can leave her child’s tear untouched. There is discomfort involved. Remodeling of the heart is not always pleasant. We don’t object when the carpenter (God) adds a few shelves, but he’s been known to gut the entire west wing. He has such high aspirations for us. God envisions a change, a complete restoration. He won’t stop until he is finished. God wants us to be just like Jesus”.

God did not save us so we would fret. God did not teach us how to walk just to watch us fall. God did not allow Jesus to be nailed to a cross for our sins to disregard our prayers. And, Scripture isn’t teasing us when we read, “He has put his angels in charge of us to watch over us wherever we go”. (Psalms 91:11) St. Paul to the Ephesians (1:19) echoes these Lenten words of encouragement;

“You will know that God’s power is very great for us who believe.”

Important Dates, Information, and Update

SCRIP

Don’t forget that 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 on Thursday and Friday mornings. And, please remember to pre-order large amounts of SCRIP so that the inventory you want are available when you want or need it.

SCRIP Accounting

You will find an accounting of your SCRIP usage thus far in the family envelope. It is important to remember that the year of credit ends on April 30th. If you have not met your goal by that date, fees will be levied. So, check your report for accuracy. And use SCRIP for all your purchases. Also, remember that eScrip, for some reason, lags behind in it reporting about 2 to 3 months. You will receive credit but that will not come until the following school year.

Auction Alert

This is meant to be a reminder that every St. Agnes family is expected to make a minimum donation of \$50.00 in either money or actual items for the school

auction. These family donations need to be turned in by this Friday so the booklet for the auction can be completed and go to press. We have a little less than two weeks until our Viva Las Vegas event.

We hope you are planning on attending the Auction as this event benefits every family and every child and therefore it’s important for everyone to support it by our attendance. RSVP should be in by this Friday, March 19th.

Free dress passes are in the family envelope if you turned in your family donation by last February 5th.

March Madness

The 2nd annual March Madness Basketball Pool is about to again. All proceeds will go towards our Endowment Fund. Go on the school website and download the flyer that says March Madness. It in the forms section. Follow the directions on the form to register. 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. Things begin this Thursday. So, have fun and help the school by playing March Madness!

Easter Baskets

For many years, our school has worked with the HIV/AIDS ministry in the Deanery of Concord to create Easter baskets for all the children of families who are affected with the disease. In order to do this, we create an Easter Basket list of

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goodies by grade. Please consult this form and send in your donations to the classroom. We will assemble all the baskets prior to Holy Thursday, which is our last day of school prior to the Easter Break. Your generosity helps bring hope and a smile to the faces of children whose families are living in a hopeless situation.

Accelerated Reading

Week Twenty-two of our Accelerated Reading reporting is here. I am pleased to announce that we increased our score to 20,008 points earned towards our goal of 25000 points by year's end. We are slightly over 80% of our total goal. Please continue to monitor the bulletin board outside the school office. It is being updated weekly.

Golf Tournament

Please mark your calendar now. Our annual Golf tournament takes place on Friday, April 23rd. It will be held at the Boundary Oaks Golf Club. In this week's family envelope you will find two flyers. One is a player package and the other is for Sponsorship. Please read them over and join us for golf. If you have a company affiliation, please solicit their support as a sponsor. You can also find all of this information on line by going onto the school's website and download the forms for the tournament.

Work Parties

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

Father/Daughter Dance

Don't forget that our annual Father/Daughter Dance takes place on April 24th. Check the colorful, bright, pink dance flyer that is in the family envelope. This dance is being dedicated to the 8th grade girls and their dads. So we hope all of the 8th grade families will be in attendance. Mark you calendars now and stay tuned for more information.

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!

Shoes for Kids

There is a blue container near the front of the school on the first grade side for shoes to be delivered for children in Afghanistan. All you need to do is put your shoes inside the container and they will be taken away for delivery to these children. This is being done as a memorial to Captain John Hallett, a former student of St. Agnes School, who was killed seven months ago by a roadside bomb. I encourage your support of this effort.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Wednesday, March 17th

Happy St. Patrick's Day
Dinner is served from 6:30 to 8:00PM in Cauchi Hall

Thursday, March 18th

7th grade Graduation planning meeting
7:00PM in Cauchi Hall

Friday, March 19th

Feast of St. Joseph
Prayer Service at 9:00AM in the Church

Saturday, March 20th

Work party
9:00AM to 1:00PM