

St. Agnes School Newsletter

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Principal's Corner

The holiest week of the liturgical year is here and the end of the season of Lent is near. We are in the midst of Holy Week. As you read this newsletter, the season of Lent ends today. The simplicity and sacrifice of Lent are over and the "Triduum" of Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday begins. On Holy Thursday, we remember how Jesus washed the feet of his disciples as a sign of loving service, something Jesus expects his followers to do. We celebrate the sacred meal, the Eucharist/Mass in remembrance of that first Holy Thursday. On Good Friday, we gather to remember the redemptive sacrifice of Jesus' cross. And, on Holy Saturday, we celebrate the resurrection of the Lord. Alleluia, the tomb is empty and we are filled with joy!

I encourage all of you to enter into these three days of prayer. Bring your family to the table of the Lord Holy Thursday and remember. Attend the Good Friday stations and enter into them and remember. Join the Church on Holy Saturday evening and welcome into the fold all those who will join the Church as new Catholics.

And finally, I want to wish all of you a very happy and holy Easter. May you experience the power of the risen Lord in your life as we enter into the Easter. Easter time is about new life, and the signs of new life are all around us. Our natural world reflects this joy as springtime causes the earth to burst

with new life. So for the next 50 days we will keep the season of glory (EASTER) that completes our Lenten season of penance and discipline.

Important Dates, Information, and Update

Thank You

Last Saturday evening we enjoyed a wonderful Auction. Much time and talent went into its preparation. Countless hours were spent making sure that everyone would have cause to celebrate. The only glitch was that the three co-chairs and their committees were not thanked publicly. I apologize to our 3 key people. It should have been done when we began but everyone was so busy having a good time that we failed to recognize the giftedness of our leaders. So, to Beth Stagner, Angie Blackmon, and Joy Lopez, thank you for your outstanding leadership. We would have little to celebrate had you not done such an outstanding job. I know you did it all from your heart and we are so very grateful for your dedication and sacrifice. I know your family is glad to have you back! Thank you—small words but very heartfelt!

Auction Items

Special touches of this Auction still linger. If you were not able to attend, you can still participate. Our entire staff created lots of goodies and collectables that you can still purchase. Come to the school office and take a look. For \$10.00 you can buy a CD/DVD of your child and their class in living color. They make darling keepsakes. Or you can take a look at single picture proofs of your child/children. You can then special order a 4x6 glossy for \$5.00, a 5x7 glossy for \$8.00 or an 8x10 glossy for \$10.00. These shots will bring smiles to your face for years to come.

Father Daughter Dance

I want to inspire all dads to consider taking their daughters to the Father/Daughter Dance that will be held on Saturday, April 25, 2010, at St. Bonaventure's Large Hall. Consider this: It has been said, "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) Fill out the reservation portion on the flyer that is enclosed in the family envelope or go on line and fill out that form. It will be a time you will look back on and cherish.

Tuition Statements

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Please look in your family envelope this week for an updated report on the status of your tuition payments. All of these payments need to be to the bookkeeper by the May 15th deadline. Your cooperation in this matter is very important.

Easter Baskets

On behalf of the many people, that we will never meet, I want to extend our gratitude to each of you who so graciously donated items for our HIV/AIDS ministry. We were able to create Easter baskets for 55 children of families affected with the HIV/AIDS disease. All the baskets have been beautifully assembled. Yesterday (Tuesday) all the baskets were delivered.

Your generosity has again, given a beacon of hope for many. You have put a smile on the faces of children whose families are living in such hopeless situations.

Lice Check

The next Lice head check for our school will take place on Thursday, April 15th, which is the first Thursday after we return from our Easter break. Please remember that the children's hair should be free of gels and sprays. We appreciate your cooperation in this matter.

We would also love to have more help on the Lice Patrol. This group is doing a wonderful service for all of us. They would appreciate having more help.

Accelerated Reading

Week Twenty-four of our Accelerated Reading reporting is here. I am pleased to announce that we increased our score to 21,614 points earned towards our goal of 25000 points by year's end. We are slightly over 86.5% of our total goal. We hope your children will pick up some books and enjoy reading over the Easter Break. Please continue to monitor the bulletin board outside the school office. It is being updated weekly.

Golf Tournament

Don't forget! Our annual Golf tournament is just around the corner. The tournament takes place on Friday, April 23rd. 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 for Sponsorship. Please join us for a round of 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.

Volunteers Needed

The Golf tournament still needs help. Volunteers are needed to assist at various levels. Even if you don't need hours we still need help. It will be a wonderful day and, so I encourage each of you to consider joining us as volunteers if you are not a golfer. Your assistance will be invaluable.

Book Swap

If I were a betting person, I would wager that your child probably has a pile of books they have already read and enjoyed, just sitting around the house taking up space. We would like to encourage both parents and kids to check bookshelves and desks for gently read books. Put these books in bags and bring them to swap for books they have not yet read. There is no charge -- bring a book -- take a book! It is a great way to re-cycle books. The Book Sway takes place the week we return from Easter break, Thursday and Friday, April 15th and 16th. We would like to start collecting your used books now.

Also, if you can help in any way or need questions answered, contact Sharon Jenkins at 689-9812. Thank you for helping encourage your children to read, read, read!

Blood Drive

The parish will be sponsoring a Blood Drive. It takes place this Good Friday in Cauchi Hall. There was a flyer in the family envelope last week, with all the details. You can help save lives by donating the gift of life -- blood!

SCRIP

We have a new voucher we are adding to our inventory. Keith Jenkins, one of our dads, has opened up a restaurant called, "Smokin Oakies" Bar-b-que. The restaurant is located on Park Blvd in Pleasant Hill. When considering a place to eat, give him a try. SCRIP gift cards are available for his restaurant so eat

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out and earn SCRIP (10%) profit points too.

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 the 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 that his family is sponsoring. And, knowing John, I believe he would welcome something like 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!

Coins

A new coin has been minted. It is a gold color one-dollar coin. It

is bright, shiny, and does not have the words found on all of our other coins, namely, "IN GOD WE TRUST". We have been asked to encourage each of you to boycott accepting these coins as change. When given one of these coins, just ask them to give you a dollar bill instead. By doing so, it is hoped, we will be able to peacefully force this coin out of circulation. It is a small price to pay!

DATES TO REMEMBER

Thursday, April 1st.

Minimum Day
12:30 dismissal
Liturgy of the Last Supper Holy Thursday Mass at 7:30PM St. Agnes and St. Bonaventure

Friday, April 2nd

8th Grade Stations of the Cross at 12:00 noon at St. Agnes Church

Friday, April 2nd through Sunday April 11th

Easter Vacation and Spring Break

Monday, April 12th

School Resumes
Regular schedule

Tuesday, April 13th

PACE Free Dress Day
\$2.00
PACE meeting at 6:30PM in Cauchi Hall

Wednesday, April 14th

Development Meeting at 6:30PM in Room 8

Thursday, April 15th

Lice Head Check
No sprays or gels
In hair
School Board Meeting at 6:30PM in Ministry Center