

St. Agnes School Newsletter

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Principal's Corner

As we journey through this 2nd week of Lent I found some thoughts to share from the author Max Lucado, in his book "Grace for the Moment". He writes, "Great acts of faith are seldom born out of calm calculation. It wasn't logic that caused Moses to raise his staff on the bank of the Red Sea. It wasn't medical research that convinced Naaman to dip seven times in the river. It wasn't common sense that caused St. Paul to abandon the Law and embrace grace. And it wasn't a confident committee that prayed in a small room in Jerusalem for St. Peter's release from prison. It was instead, a fearful, desperate, band of backed-into-the-corner believers. It was a church with no options, a congregation of have-nots pleading for help. And they were never stronger. At the beginning of every act of faith, there is often a seed of fear."

In another section of his book, Max Lucado writes, "Ponder the achievement of God. God doesn't condone our sin, nor does God compromise his standard. God doesn't ignore our rebellion, nor does He relax his demands. Rather than dismiss our sins, he assumes our sin and incredibly, sentences himself. God's holiness is honored. Our sin is punished, and we are redeemed. God does what we cannot do so we can be what we dare not dream: perfect before God."

Reflect on these thoughts and journey happily through this 2nd week of Lent.

Important Dates, Information, and Update

Father/Daughter Dance

Our annual Father/Daughter Dance will take place in April. There is a colorful flyer regarding the dance that you will be able to get on line. Go to the school website and download the flyer that can be found in the "Forms" folder. This year's dance is being dedicated to the 8th grade girls and their dads. Stay tuned for more information. For right now, all we want you to do is MARK YOUR CALENDAR and reserve, April 17th or the 24th. More to follow!

Accelerated Reading

Week Twenty of our Accelerated Reading reporting is here. I am pleased to announce that we increased our score to 18,026 points earned towards our goal of 25000 points by year's end. We are at almost 72% 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, you can 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 March

12th. Thanks for your help in completing these forms promptly.

Creative Dance

An after-school creative dance experience has begun for kinder and first grade boys and girls on Tuesdays and the instructor would like to offer this same experience for 2nd through 5th grade students on Thursdays. There is a flyer in the family envelope with all the details. Contact the instructor with any questions and then fill out your form and bring it to the school office ASAP. Dance would begin next week if there is enough interest, so check out the flyer that is the family envelope.

Lice Check

We will do our monthly head check tomorrow, Thursday, March 4th. All students need to come to school with clean hair free of all gels and sprays. If you can help us check the heads, you will receive double hours.

See's Candy

The See's Candy sale for Easter goodies ends this Friday, March 5th. All orders will be processed right away so that you have everything you need to help sweeten your Easter celebration. Get your orders in before the end of the day on Friday.

Basketball Updates

The two 8th grade girls Basketball teams have performed

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very well this year and have reached the finals. We are very proud of each of them. They have worked hard, practiced much, and their effort has paid off. They will be playing in the Basketball Playoffs on June 6th and 7th.

And speaking of Basketball, the 4th graders made the playoffs as well. They are Jacob O'Brien, Paul Paterson, Anthony Aliotto, and Joseph Keane. Congratulations boys – great job!

March Madness

The Development Committee will host the March Madness Basketball Pool again. This is our 2nd annual Madness event and all the proceeds will go towards the Endowment Fund for the School.

Here is all you have to do:

Go onto the school website and download the flyer that says March Madness. You will find it in the forms section. Then 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!

Ice Cream Sale

Towards the end of our last school year ice cream was sold after

school outside of Cauchi Hall. The proceeds of the ice cream sale goes towards additional tuition assistance. Ice cream will be sold beginning today, March 3rd and every Wednesday after that until school ends. All ice cream is \$1.00.

Soles 4 Souls

We are still collecting shoes for the people of Haiti. The Shoe Drive began on February 18th and will end on March 18th. Please bring gently used shoes and drop them off in the boxes located outside of the school office and/or faculty room door. Clean out your closets and donate shoes you are not wearing to a very good cause, as your extra pair of shoes could be their only pair.

Help Needed

We are in the process of cleaning our HVAC system in each classroom. One of our former parents, Dan Russell is heading this endeavor. If you can help him this Friday from 9:00AM to 3:00PM please contact Dan at 915-9508.

You will be given double the hours for your work. If you have a shop vacuum, cordless drill, screw drivers, or putty knife, bring them with you too.

Father Vince Needs You!

Father needs help in his backyard garden. He needs 3 volunteers during the day who can work on weekdays only. If you can help him next week could you let Mrs. Kelley

in the school office know. Father greatly appreciates your help.

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!

DATES TO REMEMBER

Thursday, March 4th

Lice Head Check
No gels, sprays or braids

Friday, March 5th

End of the 2nd Trimester
See's Candy Sale ends today

Saturday, March 6th

Work Party
9:00AM to 1:00PM

Tuesday, March 9th

Pace Meeting at 6:30PM
Cauchi Hall