

St. Agnes School Newsletter

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Principal's Corner

This weekend we will celebrate Memorial Day, a time set aside by our country to honor and remember all those you gave their lives for the noble cause of freedom and equality for all. As a Church we also remember all those who have died, those in defense of our country and all those we have known and loved. So, as we enjoy a day off let's not forget why we have it. It's important to remember.

This Sunday is also the beginning of "Ordinary Time". The season we call Easter ended last week with Pentecost. Our God is not ordinary but extraordinary. We must always remember how deeply our God loves us.

Two thousand years ago, St. Paul was sitting chained in a cell awaiting his death at the hands of the Romans. It was there that he wrote to the early church in Philippi his letter to the Philippians, in which he says, "Rejoice in the Lord always. I shall say it again; rejoice! And he ends by saying, "Then the peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus".

Perhaps this week, you can spend some time with St. Paul. His many words of wisdom come from the heart and a posture of forgiveness for he was, until knocked off his horse, someone who persecuted those who fell in love with Jesus. Spend some time reading from the many letters he wrote to the early Christians, his words still echo true today.

Important Dates, Information, and Update

Field Day

This Friday is our annual Field Day. We are hoping for a warming in the weather. So say a prayer. Enclosed in your family envelope is a Field Day Dress Code that Mrs. Timms has asked be sent out to all of you. It lists the type of attire she expects the students to wear for the day. Please go over it carefully with your child/children and make sure that they come to school appropriately dressed. Thank you for your help.

Spirit t-Shirts

We need Spirit t-Shirt sponsors. If your company is interested in having their name on the back of our t-shirts as a sponsor, please contact Nancy Wentworth at 676-3365 or by email at wents4@pacbell.net. Full sponsorship is \$500 and junior sponsorship is \$250. Please take a moment to consider becoming a sponsor, as we can't make it happen without your help. We would like to have the t-shirts available for purchase the first day of school next year and we need to secure all sponsors by the end of this school year. Thank you for your continued support.

Summer Reading Incentive

Borders Books wants your children to get into reading this summer. To that end they have created the following incentive. If your child reads 10 books over the summer, completes a log indicating the books read, takes the log to a Border's store, he or she will receive a free book of their choice. I hope you will encourage your children to read over the summer. A good book is a great way to spend a summer. If you have any questions about the program you are asked to contact Borders Customer Care Service.

SCRIP News

In everyone's family envelope this week is a letter called "SCRIP News". It can be found on the back of the SCRIP order form. It contains suggestions you might want to consider to help you meet or exceed your SCRIP participation obligation. If you go on line you will find new SCRIP forms to use too. One form is the Friends and Family Form. In order for you to receive credit, you need to list all those names of people who will be helping you meet your goal. Fill out the e-SCRIP form and register your debit, credit, or club cards so that you receive additional credit towards your goal. Also, you will find a complete listing of all available Vendors to the program.

If you exceeded the profit obligation for SCRIP and are eligible for a rebate, that form will be forthcoming when the new school year begins. Watch for it in the

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family envelope in September. The rebate can be applied to your October tuition payment or you may elect to not take it and donate it towards tuition assistance or Endowment.

Summer SCRIP Sales

SCRIP will be sold over the summer months. Parma Deli will sell SCRIP during the summer Monday through Saturday. Mrs. Veran will be selling SCRIP every Wednesday from 1:00 – 2:00PM in the Reading Room adjacent to the Library. And, in an emergency, you may contact her at her home for SCRIP as well.

Accelerated Reading

Several weeks ago we reached our goal of 25000 points. Today our total is 27, 437 points, which is 110% of our goal. Our actual points are probably higher because many children are continuing to read but are no longer taking the tests.

Read, Relax and Earn

Don't forget this wonderful program of reading over the summer. All the kids need to do is read and you sign their form, they bring it to the librarian and during the book fair, they get to pick out a book free. We hope you will encourage your children to read, read, read over the summer.

Ice Cream Social

Again, we hope you are gearing up for the last social event of

the school year, the Ice Cream Social. The Ice Cream Social will be held on Monday, June 7th from 5:30PM to 8:00PM. Come kick off the summer with friends, a BBQ dinner and your own custom-made ice cream sundae! We are only able to accept pre-orders for all food items so please return your order form no later than Friday, June 4th.

Help Wanted!

More volunteers are needed to help with set up at 4:00PM on June 7th. If you are planning on attending this event and are able to come early, you can get a jump-start on your hours for next year. Contact either Dave Afinowicz at 429-0478 or email tmdasilva@astound.net or Renee Seaton at 639-5250.

Tutoring

A former parent of two children in our school is a wonderful tutor. She has worked for the Mt. Diablo Unified School district for many years and has offered her services to us. Her name is Gloria Schafer. She is a member of this parish and might be of assistance to some of you. If you would like to speak to her about tutoring, please contact her at 209-6912 or by e-mail at gashafer@sbcglobal.net.

Volunteer Job Omission

In reading over the list of possible volunteer positions we found one that was accidentally omitted – that of “Christmas helper”. We ask that if you would like to volunteer for this position, that you

please either write it on your contract before turning it in to the office or contact Annette Anderson, our Volunteer Coordinator at 525-9633. If you have any questions about what the job requires, we ask that you speak with Annette Anderson as she will be able to answer any and all of your questions regarding the position.

Infant Care

If you have an infant/pre school child and are in need of care would like to recommend someone who might be of assistance. Her name is Zulecka. She was born in Brazil, immigrated here to the United States and married someone who always participates in our annual Golf tournament. She is licensed and loves working with the little ones. If you are in need of her services contact her at 639-2924.

Financial Information

If you are interested in beginning an investment program for your child's college education, a personal retirement IRA and annuity fund, life or health insurance, long term care insurance, debt reduction, or a loan for purchasing a home, I would invite you to contact Carlos deLeon, an independent agent of the World Financial Group. He is the uncle of three former students. He speaks fluent English and Spanish and would love to speak with you and be of assistance. Feel free to contact him at 200-2075 or be email at deleonwfg@live.com.

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Tuition Statements

All balances should have been paid in full by May 15th. If you find one in your family envelope, you need to see Mrs. Fitzpatrick and complete your financial agreement.

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 May, Tim Canevascini will be the PACE Representative. He can be reached at 672-7478. Jeanette Ward will be the School Board Representative and she can be reached at 360-9657. Please give either of them a call if you would like something to be shared. Thanks!

Words to Inspire

“In this world, it is not what we take up, but what we give up, that makes us rich.” (Henry Ward Beecher)

“The best place to find a helping hand is at the end of your arm.” (Robert Louis Stevenson)

And finally, Jesse Jackson reminds us, “Your children need your presence more than your presents.”

DATES TO REMEMBER

Thursday, May 27th

Spring Concert
1:30PM and 7:00PM performance in the Church

Friday, May 28th

Field Day
Minimum Day
lunch will be served
12:30 dismissal

Monday, May 31st

Memorial Day
No School today

Tuesday, June 1st

School resumes
Regular schedule