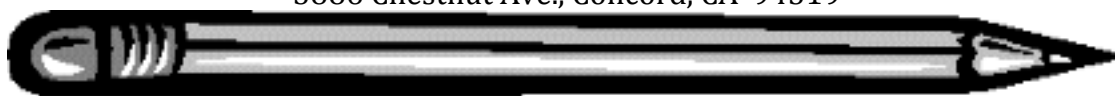


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Principal's Corner

PART IV: OUR PARTICIPATION

My nephew, when he was young, said to me: "How come all Catholics aren't skinny? You sure do a lot of standing, kneeling and sitting during church!" I smiled at his statement but then seriously questioned why **do** we have all "this activity" during Mass. Perhaps the attached explanation for these changes in postures and gestures will give you an added dimension to your Mass participation as the church enters this era of the New Roman Missal!

ADVENT IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER

Sunday, November 27th is the first Sunday of Advent and the introduction of the New Roman Missal. Coincidence? Not really! The first Sunday of Advent is the beginning of the new liturgical year in the Roman Catholic Church so... out with the old and in with the new! Don't forget to assemble your Advent wreaths and prepare for the true meaning of Christmas-celebrating the birth of Jesus. More thoughts will follow in the next newsletter.

A THANKSGIVING BLESSING

On behalf of the entire staff I would like to extend our blessings to each of you. May you travel in safety; may you cherish this time with family and may you find joy in each other's company. Each day you entrust your children to us and we take this very seriously. Each day you partner with us in the education of your most cherished gift from God. We are blessed to have the wonderful community that surrounds us at St. Agnes School. Together we create this atmosphere; thank you for choosing to be with us! This quote was sent to me and I share it with you this Thanksgiving: "Thank God for what you have. Trust God for what you need."

THANKSGIVING MASS

Mass is a wonderful way to begin your Thanksgiving Day. Both St. Agnes and St. Bonaventure will be celebrating Mass at 9:00AM.

DON'T FORGET

Today, November 16, giftwrap and cookie/dessert orders will be waiting for you on the patio nearest the Church Hall. If you made prior arrangements with

Mrs. Groth, your order will be delivered to Cauchi Hall.

HURRY: DON'T DELAY!

Due to the teachers' in-service this Friday and our upcoming Thanksgiving break, all hot lunch order forms for the next 2 weeks (11/21 & 11/28) are due **tomorrow** Thursday, November 17th! Orders forms and the menu for December are on our webpage.

THANKSGIVING ACTIVITIES

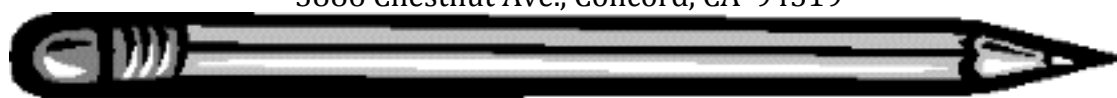
Tuesday, November 22nd will be busy! The first grade and kinders will gather for their traditional stone soup meal at 10:00AM. The entire school will meet in the church for the first trimester awards assembly. Finally we will end our day with the third grade class leading us in a Thanksgiving Prayer Service beginning at 12:00PM.

SUPPORT THE 8TH GRADE CADETTES

Girl Scout Troop 429 is having an Old-fashioned Candy sale December 5th -9th to raise money to support their Silver Award Projects. Please see our Literature Litter Board for more information or call Teresa Castle at 429-0470 for pre-order forms.

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SANTA NEEDS A CHAIR!

The Breakfast with Santa committee is looking for a chair Santa could use during this event. If you have just the right "Santa style" chair to lend for the day, please email Lisa or Theresa Christiansen. Pick up is available if needed.

HUNGRY FOR BREAKFAST?

Included in this family envelope is a reservation form for our annual Breakfast with Santa. On Saturday, December 10th from 9:00AM-12:00PM, you are invited to come stroll around Candy Cane Lane, have breakfast, make a holiday craft and get your picture taken with Santa! Early bird pricing ends November 30th, so don't delay mark your calendars now before the date is taken! Items for the Bay Area Crisis Nursery will be collected as well.

FREE DRESS?

Not really! An order form for the Free Dress Pass Stocking Stuffer can be found in this newsletter. This form must be returned by December 9th so Passes can be delivered to you Wednesday, December 14th!

LOVE LINES DEADLINE EXTENDED

Yearbook sales have not yet begun, however we are collecting Love Lines. In order for our yearbook editors to meet their deadlines the final date to turn in these Love Lines will be Monday, December 12th! The yearbook is a lovely keepsake, so don't miss out on this opportunity to order one for your child **and** why not personalize it with a Love Line as well! Yearbook orders will begin in January.

FRESH START KITS

Our very own St. Agnes Society of St. Vincent de Paul is partnering with us to provide Fresh Start Kits for the homeless in our area. Please see the enclosed flyer for ways you can help.

AUCTION PACKETS

Various components of this year's Auction are explained in your packet, please take the time to read this information and calendar any due dates. There will be no reservations taken after the deadline.

COMMENTS OR CONCERNS?

If you have any comments or concerns please contact:

Lisa Karmann, School Board President at 673-1635 or Cristina Pauline, PACE President at 672-6808.

Important Dates, Information, and Updates

- 11/17
 - Hot Lunch order forms due for 11/21 & 11/28
- 11/18
 - No school - Teacher's In-Service
- 11/22
 - 11:45 Awards Assembly
 - 12:00 Prayer Service
 - 12:30 dismissal
 - No Kids Club
 - Report Cards go home
- 11/23-11/25
 - Thanksgiving Break
- 11/24
 - 9:00 Mass