

St. Agnes School Newsletter

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Principal's Corner

Does scripture intimidate you? Do you feel unprepared for Sunday Mass? Wish you had more time to educate yourself or nurture your faith? We can help! Each week Mrs. Zywicki prepares and posts "**A Bible Bullet**" found in the Subject tab, on our website. This is not only an insightful reflection on the upcoming Sunday scripture but also gives a historical perspective as well. The Bible Bullet is a wonderful way to prepare for Mass each week. Your children's faith journey is nurtured here at St. Agnes School on a regular basis but do you take the time to nurture your faith? As adults we are responsible to seek out ways to strengthen our faith but time constraints often interfere. I hope this "Bullet" might be one way you can easily carve out a moment to prepare your mind and heart not only for Mass but for your spirituality as well. Take five minutes to read this Bible Bullet (aimed at the heart,) or better yet take 10 minutes read the scripture followed by the Bible Bullet and then reflect and prepare for Mass. Try it you might be inspired!

A MESSAGE FROM KAREN MANGINI

Dear Friends:

On behalf of my family and especially my brother Joe's family, I want to thank all of you for your love and support. It was a difficult journey but God's grace and peace were Joe's strength as he let go so peacefully of his life. We know he is in a better place and with God. Life has changed not ended.

Thank you for being there for us in so many ways. To all who helped serve the reception luncheon; to all who baked goodies for desserts; to all who sent cards with words of sympathy; to all who held us in prayer the last weeks of his life; and to all who continue to pray for us as we adjust to his physical absence - THANK YOU! We could not have walked this journey without your love and support. I wish there were a more profound way than simply "thank you" but there aren't. Just know that what you did for us means more than words. Thank you for caring! We love you for who you are and for what you did for us! God bless you!
With love, the Mangini Family

DID YOU FORGET?

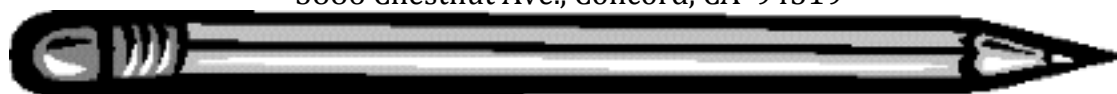
Thank you to all who turned in their pledged monies by Friday, Oct. 14th, if you were unable to do so; it is not too late! Did you volunteer for this year's Wheel-a-thon? If so, you will find in this week's Family Envelope, a receipt with the total number of hours your family worked for this event. For your convenience, a master list has been sent to the Volunteer Hours Coordinator. If you notice a discrepancy, please contact us at the phone number or email listed below. We are truly grateful for all the support given for this event, and cannot thank everyone enough for their tireless work. Jeanette and Michael Kren (925) 518-0890 or jkren@comcast.net

CHRISTMAS SHOPPING

I hope you took your giftwrap and cookie/dessert catalogue to work with you and shared them with your neighbors and friends. The sale ended today, October 19th. If you haven't already done so, please return your order to the school office so that it can be immediately processed. **Remember, you or a friend must pick up all orders on Wednesday.**

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November 16th after school in front of the church hall. If your child will be in Kid's Club, please make a note on your order form and we will send it there. Please contact Jennifer Groth at 672-8462 or Nancy Wentworth at 676-3365 with any questions. Thank you for supporting this fundraiser.

WHAT A NIGHT!

Next Wednesday, October 26th, St. Agnes is having a pizza day at Tavo's Pizzeria, located in the Clayton Valley Shopping Center. It's a minimum day, so take the kids to lunch or better yet call some friends and go to dinner. It's also Bowling Night at Clayton Valley Bowl, so head over there afterwards. Tavo's gives the school a percentage of the sale, so be sure to tell them you are from St. Agnes School. Take out orders count too. Hope to see you there! Please note that forms for the bowling are included in this envelope and due by October 21st.

KUDOS 4TH GRADE!

Over 50% of the class has already reached their AR trimester goal and we are only halfway into this grading period! This is the largest number of 4th & 5th grade

students to achieve this goal since we began our Accelerated Program 8 years ago. Good job to these dedicated readers and I'm sure their classmates are not far behind!

STUDENT SAFETY

Supervision does not begin on campus until 7:45 AM. Please do not drop your children off before then. Any students on campus prior to 7:45 AM will be sent to Kids Club and you will be billed accordingly. Thanks you for your cooperation.

CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS

Enclosed in this family envelope is a flyer from our St. Agnes Youth Group announcing their Holiday Evergreen fundraiser. Proceeds will help pay for their mission trip next summer with Catholic Heart Work Camp. Please give your support to our alums and enjoy beautiful holiday evergreens fresh from the Pacific Northwest! All orders must be received by October 27th. Any questions can be directed to Linda D'Souza in the Ministry Center at 689-0838.

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

If you are one of the adult volunteers chosen to work the Breakfast with Santa Event this year, you'll need to attend the mandatory planning meeting on Thursday, October 27th from 7:00 – 8:00 PM in the Ministry Center. Please contact Lisa or Theresa Christiansen with any questions.

HOMEWORK GOT YOU DOWN?

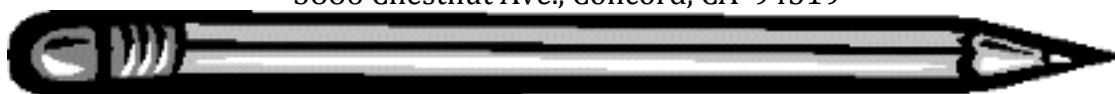
Did you know that the following five areas are showing up more frequently in children and can prevent a child from excelling in school?

- ADHD
- Dyslexia
- Autism
- Allergies
- Poor Reader
- Skipping Words

The Diocese is offering a workshop for teachers and parents on Thursday, October 27th at St. Isidore School from 8:30 am to 12:00 pm. Please see the enclosed flyer for more information. If you are interested in attending or have further questions please call the school office or contact Mrs. Zywicki.

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FINGERPRINTING ON CAMPUS

A representative from the Diocese MUST fingerprint all third grade parents attending Monte Toyon in February. Fingerprinting will be available in the Library and Reading Room on Thursday, October 27th from 3:30-6:60 pm. Please bring a check payable to St. Agnes School in the amount of \$35.00. Ms. VanHeel will have a sign-up sheet available during conferences.

B-6 OR G-29?

Bingo Night is back by popular demand and will be held on November 4th in Cauchi Hall! Two order forms for this event can be found in this family envelope. Free babysitting will be available but you must preregister your child(ren). Social hour begins at 6:00 PM, Bingo will begin at 7:00 and ends at 10:00PM. Please respond by November 3rd.

JUST A REMINDER

Yearbook Love Lines are due November 17th. Please see the enclosed order form so your message can be included in the 2011-2012 Yearbook.

CURIOUS?

If you have not attended our Annual Golf Tournament and want to know what happens at this event, check out this year's program in your family envelope. Listed you will find the schedule of events and the many volunteers and committee members who made the day possible. Many sponsors contributed so please take a look and support these businesses whenever possible. Let them know you are a St. Agnes family and are grateful for their support.

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

- 10/19
 - Parent Teacher Conferences 1:00-8:00 pm
- 10/20
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- 10/21
 - Minimum Day 12:30 pm dismissal
- 10/22
 - Work Party
- 10/26
 - Tavo's Pizza Day
 - Bowling Night