

# St. Agnes School Newsletter

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## Principal's Corner

### Why DQ we test?

We are now in full swing of administering the ITBS (Iowa Test of Basic Skills) to students in grades 2-8. According to Riverside Publishing Co. "The Iowa Tests offer educators a diagnostic look at how their students are progressing in key academic areas, and offers diagnostic data that can be used to create intervention groups and to drive curricular decisions." Information is valuable when used for reflection and improvement. We may or may not like the information we receive but it is what we do with that information which is important. I would like all of us to keep this in mind during these testing days. Diocesan policy states: "The purpose of these tests is to improve student learning and support instructional

improvement." As a staff we use this information to do the same. The results we are given are truly a snapshot of how a child performs on any given day; many factors can affect these results. We look for trends, gaps and strengths. Discussions then take place to adjust instruction in order to strengthen the curriculum set forth by the Diocese.

To that end, so what? What about your child(ren)? It is valuable to compare your child's individual results over time. Do you see trends, gaps in achievement, or strengths? It is important to focus on the big picture. We all have areas of strengths; we all have different gifts. We need to identify these gifts and strengths and then focus on how to utilize them so we can be the best person we can be. As parents our job is to help nurture and celebrate each child's

gifts. We need to teach them how to use these gifts to give service and glory to God!

### CALLING ALL YOGURT LOVERS

TODAY IS THE DAY! See you at the Yogurt Shack, located in the Clayton Valley Shopping Center. Come enjoy a tasty treat with friends and family. All you have to do is tell them you are from St. Agnes School when you are paying and the school will get a percentage of the sale. Hope to see you there!

### E-RATE SURVEY

Enclosed in this family envelope is the annual E-rate Survey. Please take a moment to complete this survey and return it to the office by October 7<sup>th</sup>. This paperwork is crucial for us to qualify for reduced rates on our telecommunication bills. We need 100%

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cooperation in order to be considered for this special rate. Please read the letter of explanation on the back of the flyer regarding reporting information and confidentiality.

## **GRACIAS!**

Once again, I would like to extend a big heartfelt thank you to the Kren family. The smiles and the laughter were a testament to the joy the students experienced during our wheel-a-thon. God blessed us with fabulous weather and happily there were no serious injuries. The Kren's devoted many hours and energy to ensure the success of this event. Their diligent planning and organization was evident throughout the day. When you get the chance you may want to express your appreciation to them for making field trips a reality for our children.

## **WHEEL-A-THON UPDATE**

Pledge sheets are included in this week's family envelope. The final due date for pledge payments is Oct. 14<sup>th</sup> which will ensure proper credit for the awards assembly. This was one of our safest Wheel-a-thons to date partly due to the 100 parent volunteers who were present. Bike drop off and pick-up continues to improve.

## **A NOTE FROM THE KRENS**

Thank you to all who helped this event run so smoothly. We cannot extend enough thanks to St. Agnes School, the faculty, PACE, and all the parent volunteers. Once again thank you to Mrs. Veran for providing lunch. The Wheel-a-thon would not run half as smoothly without all the cooperation from the families and faculty of St.

Agnes School. If you acquired service hours for this event, a master list has been forwarded to Mrs. Speer, the Volunteer Hours Chairperson. A receipt will be issued for your total hours and sent home via the family envelope. If you have any questions you may contact us: 925-518-0890 or by email [jkren@comcast.net](mailto:jkren@comcast.net).

## **FAMILY FUN FEST**

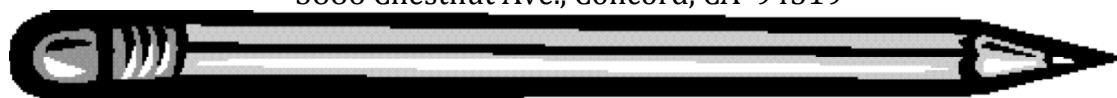
Reservations for the annual Family Fun Fest are streaming in. Don't forget to join us Saturday, September 24<sup>th</sup> for 5:00 Mass followed by dinner, games and a movie. A flyer/order form has been included in this envelope.

## **GOLF ANYONE?**

What better way to spend a Friday but on a golf course with friends, prizes and food! The annual St. Agnes Golf Tournament will take place October 7<sup>th</sup>

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at the Oakhurst Golf Club in Clayton. Grab a friend, business associate or family member and come spend the day with us. Don't be left out!!!!

## **AUCTION 101**

Are you new and wondering what this Auction "thing" is about? Have you been a part of St. Agnes for a couple of years and just need a refresher course? Well, we have the answer! An Auction 101 meeting will be held Wednesday, September 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM in Cauchi Hall. We will be discussing everything from volunteer hours, to class projects, to the night of the event. We look forward to seeing you.

## **DISASTER DRILL**

In conjunction with Disaster Preparedness Month our Disaster Drill will take place September 30<sup>th</sup>. Don't forget to mark your calendars. The

Emergency Dismissal Form was included in your May Registration Packet. Listed on this form were people you designated to pick up your children in case of a disaster. Your child/ren will only be released to the people you listed on this form. If you have any additional names to be included on this list please come to the school office to update this information. Please review page 32 in our Family Handbook regarding our Emergency Plan. For the purpose of our drill all vehicles will enter the staff parking lot. Please follow the indicated path so we can alleviate any congestion on the street. We ask for your patience as you wait in your cars while we gather the children and bring them to you. The following schedule has been set-up to space the amount of cars arriving in

order to make your wait minimal. Thank you in advance for your cooperation!

12:30-12:45	ABCD
12:45-1:00	DEFG
1:00-1:15	HIJKL
1:15-1:30	LMNO
1:30-1:45	PQRS
1:45-2:00	TUVW
2:00-2:15	XYZ

## **DON'T THROW AWAY DIMES!**

Save your box tops; each is worth a dime. While that may not sound like much, they really add up for St. Agnes School. There are two ways to make your "dimes" count: clipping and clicking. Clipping is as simple as looking for products with the Box Tops logo. Just clip out the graphic before disposing of the packaging, then drop it in an envelope or plastic bag and send in the Family Envelope. For all you online shoppers eBoxTops is for you. This is the

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## **FISH UPDATE**

I am happy to announce our fish have successfully moved into their new “digs.” They are living in a pond with other Koi, feeding and swimming to their hearts content. A gigantic thank you to the King Family (Joshua-7<sup>th</sup> grade) for taking in our pets and providing them such a spacious environment.

## **MORNING SUPERVISION**

In order to ensure your child’s safety at school, the earliest a student may arrive is 7:45 AM. The only exception to this rule is if they are attending

Kids Club. Teachers are not on duty to supervise until this time. Thank you for your cooperation. We don’t want to start the school day with any mishaps!

## **COMPLIMENTS OR CONCERNS**

Please direct your questions or comment to:  
Mrs. Karmann-School Board  
Mrs. Pauline-PACE Board

## **Important Dates, Information, and Updates**

- **9/22**
  - No School  
Teacher  
In-service
- **9/24**
  - Fun Fest
- **9/30**
  - Disaster Drill