

# St. Agnes School Newsletter

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## Principal's Corner

When someone mentions the word "saint" what comes to your mind? A person who is virtuous, faith-filled, Christ-like, devoted to God? Have you ever come in contact with a saint? If your answer is no, are you sure? This week we are faced with the loss of Sr. Rita. For generations she has taught the children of St. Agnes about our Catholic faith and traditions. She has collected money on a weekly basis for a special group of children in Peru. She also conducted the Bell Choir and helped direct many of our school plays. The 8<sup>th</sup> graders worked very closely with Sr. Rita during their preparation for their dramatization of the Stations of the Cross. Through the years Sister has counseled many children and parents as they grieved the loss of a loved one. Until her last

day she was still giving guidance to the nurses who cared for her. If you ask many of the alumni and current students who knew Sr. Rita well they would tell you she is a saint. Reflecting upon her life of service and dedication to spreading the Good News of Christ, many would agree that indeed we had a saint living in our midst. We can take comfort knowing she is now with God. She has indeed gone home and for that we will celebrate her life and journey home at the Vigil service on Friday at 7:00 and the Funeral Mass on Saturday at 10:00.

***"God is our shelter, our strength, ever ready to help in time of trouble. So we shall not be afraid" Ps. 45:1-2***

### **NEED HOURS?**

Help is needed to prepare the meat and cheese trays

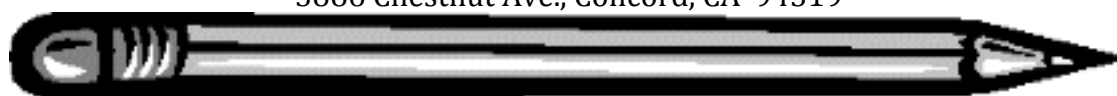
for Sr. Rita's reception. If you are available and need hours or just want to help, we will be assembling these trays on Friday in Cauchi Hall from 10:00-11:30. Please let Mrs. Kelley know if you will be joining us.

### **RECEPTION ITEMS**

Please remember to have your items for Sr. Rita's reception at school by Friday. Any items **EXCEPT** the salads can be delivered tomorrow or Friday. All salads should be brought to school on Friday morning. Those of you assigned to prepare a fruit salad, due to the latest recall on cantaloupe, please do not use this fruit in your salad. If you are unsure what you have been asked to bring the list is on our website under the "forms" tab. Thank you for your generosity!

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## **LAST CALL**

If you would like a Spirit T-shirt but have not ordered one, Friday will be the last opportunity to place an order. We need a minimum of 30 T-shirts purchased before we can place this last order. If that does not occur we will return your payment.

## **DISASTER DRILL**

Because we don't have enough happening!!!! Just a gentle reminder of our annual Disaster Drill scheduled for this Friday. We will begin at 12:00 by having our students "Duck & Cover," then they will practice moving to the field with their class. The children will remain on the field until a staff member escorts them to their car. If you are **NOT** in the first group for pick-up please send food for your child to eat and a towel to sit on while they wait to be picked up. Hats should accompany them

to school and please apply sunscreen before they leave for the day. When you arrive for pick-up, please remember to enter the driveway in the staff parking lot and follow the indicated path until you reach our "command post." If someone other than yourself is picking up your child, please tell him or her to have identification with them so we can verify they are on your Emergency Dismissal form. Thank you in advance for your patience. We have this procedure worked out quite well. If this is your first Disaster Drill TRUST US, you will be pleasantly surprised!

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

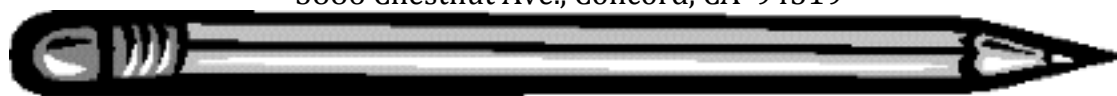
**Kids Club will not be available.**

## **BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS**

Clean those cages and polish those leashes, it's time to bless those pets that we hold so dear! Tuesday, October 4<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 AM the 1<sup>st</sup> grade will guide us in a prayer service celebrating the Feast of St. Francis. You may bring your pets but please be sure they can handle the stress of large crowds and other animals; we need to ensure this is a pleasant experience for all. Pets will need to return home immediately following the prayer service. If your pet cannot join us or you do not have a pet at this time we welcome stuffed animals as well. If you haven't experienced this prayer service with us before, you might want to mark your calendars; it is something everyone should witness at least once.

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## **GOLF TOURNAMENT**

Laughter, the sun warming your skin, that unforgettable sound of a driver making contact with a golf ball and fear gripping you when the word FORE is carried in the wind – what does all this mean? The St. Agnes annual golf tournament is coming quickly! Please reserve your spot now to play on Friday, October 7<sup>th</sup> at the Oakhurst Country Club. Further information is included in this family envelope.

## **OCTOBER SCHOOL**

### **MASS**

October 7<sup>th</sup> is the first Friday of the month and we will be celebrating our monthly liturgy at 1:30. The 5<sup>th</sup> grade has decided to dedicate this Mass in honor of Sr. Rita and is requesting students bring newly purchased tube socks, gloves or scarves as an offering. Sister dedicated her life in

service to the poor and it is now up to us to follow her lead. The students should bring these items to their classroom. During the Offertory a class representative will present these gifts along with the bread and the wine to Fr. David the 5<sup>th</sup> grade adopted Priest. Hope you can join us in celebration.

## **CHESS CLUB WANTS YOU!**

The Pacific Chess Academy will again offer classes each Friday after school in the 4<sup>th</sup> grade classroom. Classes begin Oct. 7<sup>th</sup>. Please see the flyer/application in the “forms” section on our website. We have offered this class for a few years and the children have enjoyed learning this new skill and competing in the game of strategy.

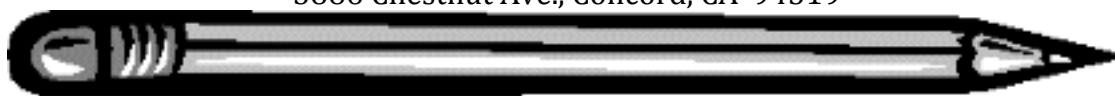
## **HAVE YOU VOTED?**

The segment highlighting St. Agnes School will be broadcast on KRON 4, Best of the Bay, Saturday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30 PM. If you (or anyone you know) have not had a chance to watch nor vote this is your chance. Please long on to:

([www.bestofthebaytv.com/vote](http://www.bestofthebaytv.com/vote)) We still need people to vote so we can be named BEST OF BAY for private schools in our area. Not to breed competition however, but last I checked we had 1117 votes and Our Lady of Loretto in Marin had 1922 votes. I’m just saying. ;-) We already know how excellent St. Agnes School is now it’s our chance to share the information to the masses. Great P.R. don’t you think?

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## **IS YOUR CHILD SAFE?**

We still have seating available for Ofc.

DeWarns' presentation on Internet Safety scheduled for October 6<sup>th</sup> in the Church at 7:30 PM. The registration form can be found on the "forms" tab. See you then.

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

- **9/30**
  - Disaster Drill
- **10/4**
  - Blessing of the Animals @8:30
  - PACE \$2.00 Dress
- **10/6**
  - School Board meeting 6:30
  - Parenting the Digital Child Presentation 7:30-9:30
- **10/7**
  - Golf Tournament