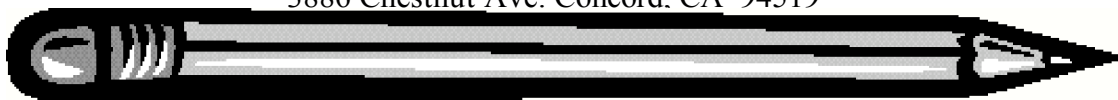


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Principal's Corner

As the school year unfolds you will notice that I often try to use my column to inspire. Today's message is meant to do just that.

Consider this:

God made us to be different, not indifferent; extraordinary not ordinary. God made us to be significant, not insignificant, competent, not incompetent. God made us to be compatible, not incompatible, active, and not inactive. God made us to be indispensable, not dispensable. God made us to be effective, not defective, adept, and not inept. God made us to be adequate, not inadequate, efficient, and not inefficient. God made us to be superior, not inferior, responsible, and not irresponsible. God made us to be consistent, not inconsistent, insightful not spiteful. God made us to be sensitive, not insensitive, decisive, and not indecisive. In other words, God made us to be an original and we should never settle on being a mere copy!

As your week unfolds try to remember to walk in God's footsteps as an "original" work of His hands. What a wonderful difference we can make in our homes, our school and neighborhoods, our places of work when we stay true to God's will and purpose for our life.

Important Dates, Information, and Update

Coupon Books

This is the last day to purchase the "You're Invited" coupon book. The cost is only \$20.00 for each book. All of the coupons are for LOCAL restaurants, stores, and entertainment. St. Agnes will receive \$8.00 for every book purchased. Please read the flyer in the family envelope for all the details. You will also find the order form on the flyer. A sample book is in the school office. Please direct any questions to either Jennifer Groth at 672-8462 or Nancy Wentworth at 676-3365.

Wheel-a-thon Update

Wheel-a-thon takes place tomorrow, September 17th. All pledge sheets were due today. However, if you forgot and haven't done so already then turn them in tomorrow. We want to thank all the students who turned their paperwork in early or on time.

Registration numbers are in today's family envelope. Use the enclosed zip ties to attach the numbers to the bike by following the directions carefully. Please go to the Wheel-a-thon link on the school website where you can download any and all forms. The folder labeled Wheel-a-thon Update includes all of the instructions for the morning drop off and afternoon

pickup. Please check it out as it is different from regular procedures. If you have any questions, please contact Mike and Jeanette Kren at 518-0890 or online at stagneswat@yahoo.com.

Wheel-a-thon Parking

On Thursday, September 17th there will be no parking in the church parking lots because of the Wheel-a-thon tracks. You may park in the Living Way Church lot across the street. You may also park along Chestnut Street as well. Please avoid blocking our neighbor's yards.

Wheel-a-thon Pickup.

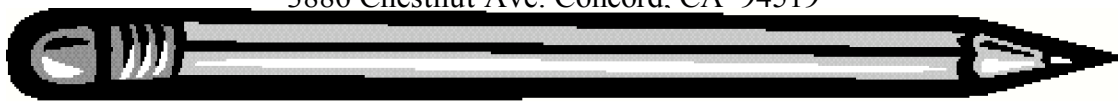
The children will be excused to stand in the large grassy area behind the church. You will form three lines and the children will be escorted with their bikes to get into the cars so that you are able to exit the premises safely. Please do not get out of the cars or walk onto the grounds. On Monday we resume our regular drop off and pick up.

Used Crocs

St. Agnes School's 6th grade Girl Scout Cadet's are working towards collecting used Croc shoes. Please check your closets and bring them to school. All the used Crocs that are collected will be sent to "Soles United". The shoes will be melted down and made into new Crocs that will be sent to children around the world who have no shoes to wear. You can donate your used Crocs by placing them in the boxes

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that have been placed on the tables outside the school office and faculty room. Thank you for helping these young ladies make a difference in the lives of other children they will never meet.

Catholics in the Public Square

One of the best ways to help our children develop strong consciences is to continue to strengthen our own. How do we use the resources of our Catholic tradition to form our consciences and discern what the common good is in a particular situation? Join St. Agnes Parent Peter Nixon for a series of workshops on "Catholics in the Public Square" at St. Bonaventure, beginning at 7:00PM on Tuesday, September 22nd and continuing on the third Tuesday of each month through April 2010. For more information, please visit the website at <http://www.stbonaventure.net/parish-ministries/community/social-justice-ministry> or contact Peter at nixonpca@gmail.com.

Head Lice

Please continue to be vigilant regarding lice. Check your children's heads often especially when they are returning from the movies, a party, or an outdoor experience with other families. Head Lice are a problem no family wants to deal with.

ITBS

The students is 2nd through 8th grade will be taking the Iowa Test of Basic Skills or ITBS standardized tests beginning next week.

Schedules have been created so that the children are taking some tests each day of next week. In order to accomplish the extensive battery of tests we request that doctor and dental appointments be made for another week or after school hours. We also suggest that the children get plenty of rest at night and eat a nutritious breakfast each morning before coming to school. The students will be tested in all curricular areas so make it an easy week.

Reminder

This Friday, September 18th is the first of three scheduled Diocesan Teacher in-services. The teachers will be gathering at three different sites throughout the Diocese for the entire day. Therefore, there will be no school and no day care this Friday.

Contacts

Each month, representatives from PACE and School Board will be available to speak with you regarding any concerns, compliments, ideas, suggestions etc. For the month of September, Michelle Martinez will represent PACE. She can be reached at 787-7884. Lisa Karmann will represent the School Board and she can be reached at 586-7647. Please give

either of them a call if you wish something of importance to be shared. Thanks!

Treats

Beginning on Wednesday, September 23rd, the possibility of an after school treat awaits you and your children. Ice cream will be sold each Wednesday and Friday after school for \$1.00 each. The proceeds from this fundraiser will go towards the 125,000 dollars that PACE donates yearly to the school to defray everyone's overall tuition expenses. We will try this fundraiser for one month to determine if this seems to be of interest to you and your children. Ice cream is also a nice incentive/reward for outstanding performance, behavior, and grades/reports.

Spirit t-Shirts

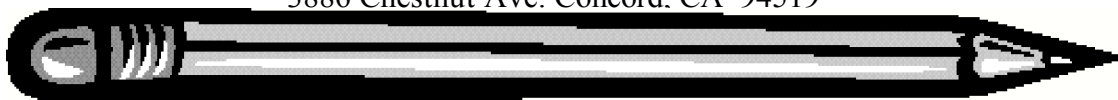
Every school year, we design a school t-shirt that can be worn every Tuesday of the school year. We still need some sponsors to list on the shirts. If you own a business or would like to be a family sponsor, please fill out the sponsorship form that is on our web page. Just return the completed form to school. Your sponsorship will enable us to secure these shirts so that the endeavor will be a profitable one for the school.

End of Summer

For many years we have enjoyed a simple gathering that we celebrated as an end to summer.

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Several years ago, with parish involvement, it became a fall festival, which lasted two to three days. We were informed that the parish could no longer do this and then lost our joint chairs for the event. PACE began to work on trying to put together a smaller event but now feels unable to accomplish for various reasons (economy, volunteer pool, time constraints, available cash flow for PACE and for families, Wheel-a-thon expenses for families, etc.). Yesterday, after meeting with some Board members it was decided to cancel this event and perhaps reschedule something to take place during our Catholic School's week. Stay tuned!

Accelerated Reading

Every week we are going to inform you of our reading progress as a school. Children in grades 2nd through 8th participate in the program. They read books for which they receive points. This year, our school goal is 25,000 points. As of today, we have amassed 2,732 points. Watch the bulletin board outside the school office. It will be updated weekly. Stay tuned and watch us read!

Auction Update

Check your family envelope today. In it you will find your yellow Auction contract. Your assignment is listed on the bottom of that form. Please keep this form handy as you will be called upon in the near future to begin working with the Auction committee in

preparation for this event. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Wednesday, September 16th

Coupon Book Sale Ends

Thursday, September 17th

Wheel-a-thon

12:30 Dismissal (lunch will be served before dismissal to all)

Friday, September 18th

No School for children

Diocesan In-service for teachers

Monday September 21st-25th

ITBS testing

No dental and/or Doctors appointments please

Pack healthy snacks