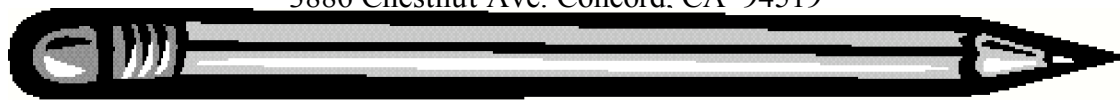


# St. Agnes School Newsletter

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## Principal's Corner

We're back! Another school year begins and another summer concludes. A new school year brings with it many challenges. The teachers have prepared their rooms and their hearts to receive your children. The school administration worked all summer to make sure that the environment in which you children will live and learn was ready. As our year unfolds, we ask God's wonderful blessing with this prayer:

"May your unprepared answers be almost right and all your teachers only be the best. May too much homework never spoil a night and may you get at least a hundred in every test. May you study hard and earn a lot of reading and writing and of God's love for us. No matter how hard the work, forget not that soon it will be summertime again. And may Jesus who grew in wisdom and age and grace bless you together with the Father and the Holy Spirit." AMEN

Thank you again for entrusting us with the care and education of your children. Working together we will have a great year!

## Important Dates, Information, and Update

### Prayers Please

All of us are aware of the recent loss of American lives in Afghanistan. One of our former students was killed there this past week and his funeral will take place here on Saturday. Captain John Hallett attended St. Agnes School 1<sup>st</sup> grade through 8<sup>th</sup> grade. He married another one of our graduates Lisa Garner and leaves her and three young children (Jackson 4, Bryce 2 and Heidi 4 weeks). Please keep them in your prayers and thoughts in the days ahead.

### New Appointment

As all of you are aware, Father Jan has taken a medical sabbatical and will be away from active ministry for one year. When pastors take sabbaticals they do not return to the same parish ministry. So, a new pastor has been appointed by the Bishop to lead St. Agnes. Our new pastor's name is Father Vince Cotter. He is returning from sabbatical and we look forward to working with him.

### Hot Lunches

Our hot lunch program will begin on Monday September 14<sup>th</sup>. When ordering lunches go on line to our website and download the form. Print it out and staple a check to it and send it in on the Friday prior to

the week of ordering. We are in the process of finalizing the menu choices and that calendar of items will be on line next week. Thanks for your patience!

### Family Envelope

Your youngest child is bringing home a family envelope. One of the items you will find in the envelope is the Family Handbook. Please read it over and return the signed page to the school office. As we shared at our Back to School Evenings, we are going paperless. The weekly bulletin will be posted on line. If that is an issue for you please contact the school office and a hard paper copy will be inserted into the family envelope for you. Thanks!

### Read, Relax and Earn

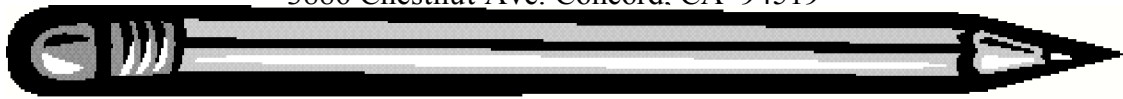
Over the summer months each child was encouraged to relax, read, and earn a special treat through reading books. The special form on which all of this was to be recorded needs to be turned in this Friday, September 4<sup>th</sup>. Please help your child get their forms turned in on time. Thanks!

### Directory

The new family directory is available in the school office for your review. We encourage you to come in and check it out as mistakes happen. On Friday, September 11<sup>th</sup> we will be sending it to print so we want all the information to be

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correct. Come check out the rough draft. Thanks!

## **Speech**

Theresa Christiansen is a licensed Speech teacher and she is interested in assisting any child with speech issues. If you are interested in securing her services, please contact Theresa directly at her home. Theresa can be reached at (the following number. I encourage you to contact her at (925) 673-3239.

## **Car Lines**

Thank you for working with us as we try to make sure each child is safe when coming to school and when leaving. **FYI:** When waiting for pick-up at the conclusion of the day, please do not begin to move into the pick-up area prior to 2:50PM. Thanks!

## **Mandatory Meeting**

There is a mandatory parent volunteer meeting this Thursday, September 3<sup>rd</sup> in the 7<sup>th</sup> grade classroom. The meeting will begin at 7:00PM. If you signed up on the volunteer form you should attend this meeting. If you are unable to make this meeting, please contact Jeanette or Michael Kren @925-518-0890

## **Wheel-a-thon**

The family envelope contains the Wheel-a-thon packet for your son or daughter. Please go through the packet for a better and more complete understanding of the event. Copies of the forms are available on the St. Agnes School Website.

## **Coupon Books**

If you dine out locally, order one of these coupon books. It will last for over a year (December 2010). The coupon books cost \$20.00 each and they serve restaurants and fast food places in Concord, Walnut Creek, Clayton, Brentwood, Antioch, to name just a few. A sample of the book is in the office. Come check them out or order one from the form that is in the family envelope.

## **Spirit T-Shirts**

The Auction t-shirt has been changed to a spirit t-shirt. The students will be able to wear it throughout the school year. In the family envelope you will find a flyer asking for sponsorship. If your family or business could sponsor the cost of the shirts through sponsorship, please fill out the form and return it to school. All sponsors will be printed on the shirt, so before we can print we have to have the sponsor's names.

## **Flyers**

The following flyers are contained in the family envelope. Please take the time to read them.  
Coupon Sale Order form  
Spirit t-shirt sponsorship Form  
Cub Scout Pack 366 form  
Upward Bound Tutoring Form  
CYO Basketball signup sheet

## **Calendar**

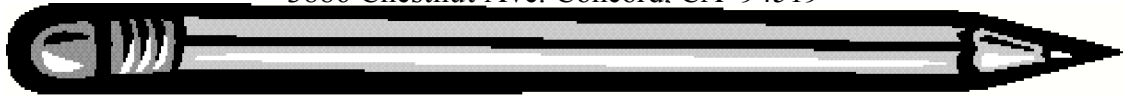
The complete school calendar is on the website. Please go on line and print it out as needed. Remember, the calendar will change sometimes, so refer to it often so you can stay abreast of those changes. For instance, the End of Summer date has changed. It will take place on Saturday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> and not September 12<sup>th</sup>.

## **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!

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## **DATES TO REMEMBER**

### **Wednesday, September 2<sup>nd</sup>**

Coupon Book Sale begins

### **Thursday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>**

Hot lunch meeting at 6:30PM in the kitchen of Cauchi Hall.

### **Friday, September 4<sup>th</sup>**

2:00PM Installation of Student council in the Church

### **Monday, September 7<sup>th</sup>**

Labor Day  
No school holiday

### **Tuesday, September 8<sup>th</sup>**

Free Dress Day  
Cost = \$2.00  
PACE meeting at 6:30PM

### **Wednesday, September 9<sup>th</sup>**

8<sup>th</sup> grade retreat (8am to 3pm)  
Development Meeting at 6:30PM in the faculty room

### **Thursday, September 10<sup>th</sup>**

School Board meeting at 6:30Pm in the Ministry Center