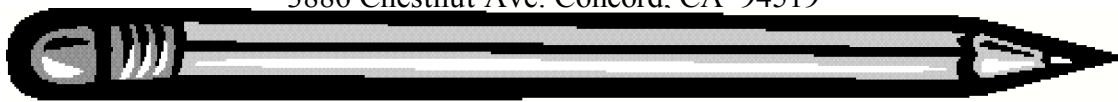


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Principal's Corner

Our first attempt at paperless was not as successful as we had hoped. I want to assure you it was not the fault of the school but rather, the fault of AT and T. When companies get so big that personal service suffers, problems occur. We have been working diligently to get this worked out. We think everything is working better. Please call us if you cannot get the information on line and we will again be in contact with them. One of the problems we encountered was not being able to speak with the same people as we tried to get the issues resolved. So thank you for your patience!

Secondly, remember that if you want a paper copy each week you just need to notify the school office and we will make sure that happens.

And thirdly, all family envelopes need to be returned to school each week. We will use those family envelopes to death so return them by the end (Friday) of each week so that we can organize them for the next Wednesday's information.

And finally, a thought for the week: Let's ask God to help us listen to each other, be gentle with one another, forgive each other and to be willing to laugh at ourselves.

Important Dates, Information, and Update

Head Lice

Some tiny, little creatures, that cause lots of inconvenience, may sometimes decide to take up residence in our heads. We call them LICE. In an attempt to provide a lice free environment here at school, we have a Lice Patrol. These dedicated individuals come on a monthly basis and check all of our heads. For several years, we were lice free and then last year, over the holidays with family travel and interaction with lots of people, some children returned to school with lice. For several weeks, we had numerous children infested with head lice because these little critters can hop from one host (head) to another. Vigilance is the only way to make sure we are free of lice. As a parent, you need to perform regular checks on your child/ren's heads.

Last Friday, we had our hearing screening. This process requires the use of headphones. All kindergarten children were screened as well as all new students and all 2nd, 5th and 8th grade students. One of the students, we discovered, had lice and thus the potential for all of these children to have contracted lice is a real possibility. All of our heads will be done again to ensure that we have no more cases.

What should you do if lice are found?

The Diocesan and School policy is as follows:

Notification to school
3 treatments of special shampoo
All nits removed by hand.
No lice visible on hair follicle.
Head checked before re-entry into the classroom at the school office. If any lice or nits are found, the child will not be allowed re-entry into the classroom.

What should you do at home if lice are found in your child's head?

All linens must be washed in hot water.
Non-washable items must be bagged for 6 weeks.
Carpet and furniture vacuumed and/or washed.
Car upholstery must be vacuumed thoroughly.
Car carpet vacuumed and washed down.
And if you carpool—notification to the carpool families is a common courtesy that needs to be extended.

9/11 Prayer Service

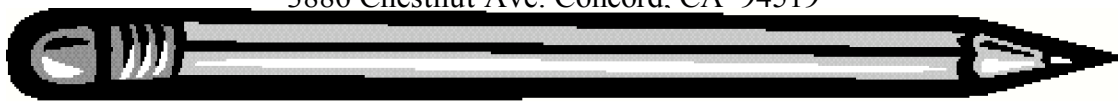
We will be having a prayer service this Friday to remember those who died in the 9/11 tragedy. Our service will include police and fire individuals as well. Our time of prayer will begin at 9:00AM in the Church. I invite you to attend.

Handbook

The family/Student handbook came home last week. It is always important for returning families to go over the policies and talk with the children about them.

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For new families you should read it thoroughly and share the information with the children so that they understand their responsibilities as well. I want to call to your attention "hair length" for boys. The handbook clearly states that all hair needs to be above the collar and above the brow. Some of your sons are in need of haircuts. Please make arrangements to have it cut this weekend. Your cooperation is appreciated. (Lice love to hide in the longer hairstyles too).

Hot Lunch

Hot lunch will begin next week. The hot lunch order form is on the web page. Print it off and send your order to school with the payment no later than Friday morning as we need to make sure that we have enough food items.

Family Envelope

Our web page is up and should be running. In the family envelope, you will find a short set of directions that you should keep for accessing the web site. It is different than what you did in past years. I hope you find this information helpful.

Wheel-a-thon News

All permission slips, T-Track forms for Kindergarten through 2nd grade and the \$5.00 for lunch are due by tomorrow, September 10th. Students must have a signed permission slip to participate in the Wheel-a-thon. If you have

misplaced or lost your forms, they can be found on the Wheel-a-thon link in the St. Agnes School website under School Info. Pledge sheets are due on Wednesday, September 16th. Please contact Mike or Jeanette Kren at 518-0890 or stagneswat@yahoo.com if you have questions. And finally, on the day of the Wheel-a-thon all children must be picked up on the field with their bikes. No walk-ins. Thanks in advance for your cooperation.

SCRIP

Our SCRIP program has some new vendors. They also have some vendors that they will no longer be carrying and so in an attempt to move that SCRIP, it can be purchased at a discount. Check the forms.

Coupon Books

There is one week left to purchased the You're Invited Coupon /entertainment book. The cost is only \$20.00! All the coupons are for local restaurants, stores, and entertainment. St. Agnes School 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 for your examination. The sale ends September 16th. Please direct any questions to either Jennifer Groth at 672-8f462 or Nancy Wentworth at 676-3365.

Work Party

The school's work party scheduled for October 3rd has been moved to October 31st. The change in this schedule is due to the Fall Fest being moved to the 3rd of October.

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 in our family envelope. Your sponsorship will enable us to secure these shirts so that the endeavor will be a profitable one for the school.

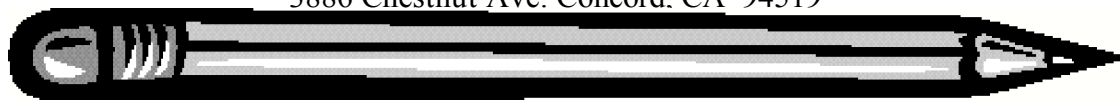
Treats

Beginning on Wednesday, October 14th 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.

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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!

Directory

Again, 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. This Friday, September 11th we will be sending it to print so we want all the information to be correct. Come check out the rough draft. Thanks!

DATES TO REMEMBER

Wednesday, September 9th

Development Meeting 6:30 pm

Thursday, September 10th

School Mass (Formal) 8:00 am

Early arrival 7:45 am

School Board Meeting 6:30 pm

Friday, September 11th

9/11 Prayer Service 9:00 a.m.

8th Grade Dance St. Isidore's School
in Danville 7:00-9:00 p.m. Bring
\$5.00 and a can of food

Saturday, September 12th

Work Party 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Monday, September 14th

First full day for Kinders 8:00-3:00

Hot Lunch begins

Wednesday, September 16th

Coupon Sale Ends