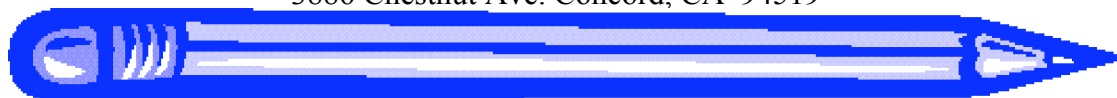


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Principal's Corner

Each week I try to find notable quotes that can or will inspire each of us to live our week as we ought—with kindness in our hearts and optimism in our steps. This week I want to share four such worthy quotes. They happen to be all from the mouths of men. Next week, I will search the souls of women for their wisdom.

Douglas MacArthur a high ranking five star general in World War II is credited with saying this, "In the central place of every heart there is a recording chamber. As long as it receives messages of beauty, hope, cheer, and courage, we remain forever young. When, however, the wires are all down and one's heart is covered with the snows of pessimism and the ice of cynicism, then and only then, have you grown old."

Benjamin Franklin, one of our founding fathers spoke these words of wisdom: "A wise person will desire no more than what they may get justly, use soberly, distribute cheerfully and leave contendedly."

Thomas Jefferson, a signer of our Declaration of Independence and writer of our Constitution once said these profound words: "We often repent of what we have said, but never, never of that which we have not spoken."

Martin Luther King Jr. once said, "Along the way of life, someone must have sense enough and morality enough to cut off the chain of hate. This can only be done

by projecting the ethic of love to the center of our lives."

As your week unfolds may you find the grace necessary to be more loving, more patient, more forgiving. In so doing, you will, as scripture says, "reap what you sow". – love, patience and forgiveness.

Important Dates, Information, and Update

A New Link

Since we live in an age of technology and all its rapid changes, we are trying to accommodate all those of you who prefer to receive communications electronically. We now have created a link on our home page for all of you who want to receive the weekly school newsletter via email, on your blackberries, or through your mobile phones etc. To access this feature just go to our webpage enter your email and click on go. Those of you who sent in your email addresses will also have to re-register by doing this easy step. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause. It is our hope that you will find this a convenient way for us to communicate.

Kinder Information Night

If you have a child who will be eligible for Kindergarten next school year, we want to invite you to a dinner and information night on Monday, November 16th. Our evening begins at 6:30PM with dinner and ends at 8:00PM. Please contact the school office (689-3990) and make a reservation. There are flyers in the school office as well. Please inform your friends or neighbors who have children of kindergarten age of this event as well.

No School

This is a reminder for all parents and children. This Friday, November 6th is our second Diocesan In-service day. All of us will be at three different sites in the Diocese all day. Therefore, there is no school for the children on Friday. On Monday we celebrate Veteran's Day so you and your children will enjoy a four-day weekend. Since the staff is attending these mandatory days, there is no Day Care on Friday.

Yearbook Love Lines

The Yearbook editorial staff has been busy taking and gathering pictures and stories for this year's book of memories. A very popular way of personalizing the Yearbook is the "Love Lines". Your children look forward to reading your words of encouragement. Again, in this week's family envelope you will find the Love Lines sheet. Directions for their completion are very simple. All "Love Lines" need to be turned into the school office no

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later than Thursday, November 19th. Adhering to that deadline assists the editorial staff in their work. As always, your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

Extra Hours

If you need extra hours, Mr. Amaya can use your time and talent to do extra work around the plant on weekdays. Father Vince has some jobs that he would like completed that are over and above what our work parties can accomplish. You can receive hours for your time. Please contact Carlos Amaya if you can be of service. His number is on the first page of the school's directory.

Accelerated Reading

Week Seven of our Accelerated Reading reporting is here. I am pleased to announce that this week we increased our score by 504 points. Our total is now 8024 points earned towards our goal of 25000 points by year's end. Please continue to monitor the bulletin board outside the school office. It is being updated weekly. Stay tuned and watch us read! Way to go kids!

Bingo Update

As was announced in the past week's newsletters, the first St. Agnes Bingo night takes place on Friday, November 13th. If you've joined our Bingo evenings before you know they are always lots of fun, and for many of us, quite profitable. Today, you will find

three flyers (one is double sided) in the family envelope. The double-sided flyer is asking for your help by seeking donations for our raffle prizes. The other side of that flyer is requesting donations of food and drink for the actual event. The second flyer is a reservation form. And the third flyer is a menu form should you desire to have dinner prior to or during the Bingo night. If you are bringing your children for baby-sitting you can also order dinner for them. If you are planning to attend, you are asked to reserve a spot in advance of the Bingo evening. Fill out the form and return it to the office. The flyers have all the information.

Parent Classes

Catholicism 101 for parents has been canceled this week. It will take place next Wednesday, November 11th at 8:00AM in the Ministry Center. Patti Collier is the presenter and she is excellent. Her topic this week is on Advent and how to keep Christ in Christmas.

Lice Check

Tomorrow is the first Thursday and it is our Lice head check. Please make sure that your children arrive at school without sprays or gels in their hair. Girls with long hair should have it in a ponytail so that the patrol can take it down and put it back together.

Statements

This week, you will receive your financial statements for both tuition and Day Care. Please go over the statements carefully and send in your payments by November 15th. If you have any questions regarding your accounts, please contact Mrs. Fitzpatrick at 689-3990. Your timely attention in this matter is appreciated.

Hot Lunches

Our hot lunch program is improving and the children are enjoying the freshly prepared meals. I encourage you to give it a try. Mr. Morales is a chef. He owns and operates his own restaurant and we are fortunate to have his expertise. The fruits and vegetables he is preparing are fresh daily.

Thanksgiving Drive

We are still collecting food items for those in need. We accomplish this because of the goodness of each of you. Please follow the flyer in the family envelope as it lists the food items we are collecting. We will purchase the perishable items with the money collected when each child brings in a dollar (\$1.00). Everything we do makes a difference so we thank you for your generosity.

Winter Raffle

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Your first \$50.00 of raffle tickets came home a couple of weeks ago in the family envelope. These tickets can be taken to work, sold to family and friends etc. As was announced this is the Auction raffle with a new twist. We want to help with your Christmas shopping expenses. There will be four lucky winners of \$500.00 each. The drawing takes place after our evening Christmas Concert in December.

Contacts

Each month, a representative from PACE and School Board will make themselves available to speak with you regarding any concerns, compliments, ideas, suggestions etc. you might have. For the month of November, Nancy Wentworth will be the PACE Representative. She can be reached at 676-3365. Eileen DeMaria will be the School Board Representative and she can be reached at 408-8321. Please give either of them a call if you would like something to be shared. Thanks!

School Webpage

Our school's webpage is in a constant state of change. I want to encourage everyone to go on the webpage often. Many pages have been updated. Check out PACE's webpage and Wheel-a-thon's page as well, just to name a few.

School Calendar

The school's entire calendar can be found on the webpage. Monthly updates can be found on the webpage as well. Look at those updates regularly as the calendar does change.

REMEMBER

Thursday, November 5th

Lice Head Check
No gels or sprays
SNELLEN Screening tests
Children in 1st, 3rd, 5th, and 7th grades will be tested.

Friday, November 6th

Diocesan Teacher In—Service
No school

Sunday, November 8th

Installation of our new pastor Father Vince at the 10:45AM Mass

Monday, November 9th

Veteran's Day holiday
No school

Tuesday, November 10th

PACE's Free Dress day
\$2.00
PACE meeting at 6:30PM
In Cauchi Hall

Wednesday, November 11th

Catholicism 101 for parents
8:00AM in Ministry Center

Thursday, November 12th

School Mass at 8:00AM
Early arrival at 7:45AM
Formal Dress for all students
School Board meeting at 6:30PM
in the Ministry Center

DATES TO