

St. Agnes School Newsletter

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Principal's Corner

As I was searching for some positive thoughts to share I encountered the following quotes from some very famous individuals. I thought I would share them with you in the hopes that they will enable you as parents to continue to be good parents willing to walk the walk and not just talk the talk.

- 1.) "One of the hardest things to teach a child is that the truth is more important than the consequences."
- 2.) "If you want children to improve, let them overhear the nice things you say about them to others."
- 3.) "I believe every child has hidden away somewhere in their being noble capacities which may be quickened and developed if we go about it in the right way."
- 4.) "Frustrations and denials which seem to youth cruel and unfair often are important equipment for life."
- 5.) And from the book of Proverbs, "Train up a child in the way he/she should go; and when he/she are old, they will not depart from it."

May God bless all of us with the necessary energy to be the best parents and guardians we can be. May we always hold a deep delight and reverence for the goodness that lies within every child, and may we be driven with a desire to help all

children grow in the knowledge and love of a God who absolutely adores them and us.

Important Dates, Information, and Update

Gift Wrap

Our gift-wrap and cookie/dessert sale will end soon. Stock up for the holidays! Take the brochure with you to work too. The wrapping paper is of very high quality and the cookies and desserts are very delicious also! This fundraiser ends next Wednesday, October 21st. You or a friend must pick up all orders on Wednesday, November 18th after school in front of the Church Hall. If your child will be in Kid's Club, please make a note on your order form and we will send your items there. Please contact either Jennifer Groth at 672-8462 or Nancy Wentworth at 676-3365 with any questions. Thank you in advance for supporting this important fundraiser.

Mary's Pizza Shack

I hope you've marked your calendars and reserved Wednesday, October 21st as St. Agnes' pizza day at Mary's Pizza Shack in Walnut Creek. The restaurant is located in the Citrus Shopping Center on Oak Grove Road. Take your friends to lunch and/or your family to dinner. Take-out and delivery orders benefit us as well. Just present the flyer that

is in this week's family envelope with your order and the school will receive 20% of the profit. Please contact either Jennifer Groth at 672-8462 or Nancy Wentworth at 676-3365 with any questions.

Paperless Newsletter

As was announced in last week's bulletin, you are cordially invited to have your copy of the school newsletter sent via your e-mail. If you are interested in receiving the newsletter through e-mail we will need that e-mail address. It needs to be done in the following manner:

Subject: newsletter

To: akelley@csdo.org

From: list your e-mail address where you want the newsletter sent.

We will then populate a database with your personal email address. This will probably take a couple of weeks to accomplish. We are targeting the first week of November for this to happen. We thank you for your patience in this matter.

Spirit Shirts

Our Tuesday spirit t-shirts are ready to wear. You can now wear blue jeans on t-shirt Tuesday with your spirit t-shirt as an extra treat. The cost per shirt is \$15.00 with all the proceeds going towards PACE's subsidy to the school. Please thank and support our shirt sponsors as well. Return the order form, which is available on the

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school website, in the family envelope and the shirts will be delivered to your kids.

Winter Raffle

This year, we will be holding a Winter Raffle in lieu of the Auction Raffle. Four lucky winners will receive cash prizes of \$500.00 each at the Christmas Concert. Within the next few weeks, you will receive an envelope containing fifty (50) \$1.00 tickets. Each family will be responsible for selling a **minimum** of fifty tickets. Mandatory and early deadlines dates will be announced as soon as you receive your tickets. Until then, keep your eyes peeled and your fingers crossed for a chance to win a little extra Christmas cash!

Thanksgiving Drive

Thanksgiving will be here before we know it. Our school community always takes care of people in need. We are able to accomplish this because of the goodness of each of you. In an attempt to be more organized, we thought it would be helpful if you were aware of what we will be collecting and when it is due. You will find a flyer in this week's envelope that lists the food items we want to collect. The perishable items will be purchased by the money collected when each child brings in a dollar (\$1.00). This money augments the non-perishable food items collected before hand

Accelerated Reading

Week four of our Accelerated Reading reporting is here. I am pleased to announce that this week alone, we increased our score by 1,526 points. Our total is now 6,013 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!

Bowling Night

Come and join in for some holiday Halloween fun. On Wednesday evening, October 28th children and adults can bowl at the Clayton Valley Bowl. Pizza can be ordered from Mountain Mike's. Check the flyer that is in the family envelope for all the details.

Bingo

Save the Date! The first St. Agnes Bingo night will take place on Friday, November 13th. Bingo evenings are always a lot of fun, and for many of us, are also quite profitable. You will find a flyer in the family envelope asking for your help with raffle prizes. Please read the flyer for all the information.

Bingo committee members should watch their emails for information about the first planning session.

Used Crocs

The 6th grade Girl Scout Cadets are still collecting used Croc shoes. Check your closets, bring them to school and place them in the decorated buckets located on each side of the main school building. All used Crocs will be sent to "Soles United". The shoes will be melted down and made into new Crocs that will be given to children who have no shoes to wear. Thank you for helping make a difference in the lives of other people that you will probably never meet.

More Outreach

The 6th Grade Girl Scout Cadets are busy with another project. To complete their Bronze Award, their next step is to collect clean reusable coats and jackets. "One Warm Coat" project will take place during the week of November 16th. All items will be donated to needy charities this fall. Please save your old coats and jackets as you clean out your closets for their upcoming clothing drive. The Scouts and those they will help send warm thanks for any support you can give.

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 October, Annette Anderson will be the PACE Representative. She can be reached at 525-9633. Eileen DeMaria will be the School Board Representative and she can be

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reached at 408-8321. Please give either of them a call if you would like something to be shared.

Thanks!

You're Invited

The Daisy's are coming to St. Agnes School. Girl scouting is a wonderful opportunity for young people. We would like to invite all first grade girls to join this Daisy troop. An informational meeting will be held tomorrow, Thursday, October 15th at 7:00PM in Cauchi Hall. If you are not able to attend this meeting but would like your daughter to register, please contact Jennifer De Freitas at 680-8712.

CYO Basketball

A special Mass is being planned to kick off the CYO Basketball 2009-2010 season. Mark your calendars now and join fellow players, coaches, and fans in receiving special blessings on November 8th at the 9:00AM Mass at St Agnes Church. All are encouraged to show their team spirit by wearing Church appropriate St. Agnes colors.

If CYO basketball players would like to participate in this Mass as readers, greeters, ushers, etc., please contact John Keane at 673-0506. There will be a mandatory practice for all participants on November 3rd from 3:00PM to 4:00PM in the church.

REMEMBER

Friday, October 16th

Wheel-a-thon Pledge money due

Turn pledge money into the school office

Peacemaker Assembly

2:00PM in Church

Saturday, October 17th

Work Party

9:00AM to 1:00PM

Wednesday, October 21st

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End of Gift Wrap Sale

DATES TO