



Principal's Thoughts

The steady decline of qualified teacher candidates has been a concern since before COVID, but last week Tony Thurmond, the California Superintendent of Schools, was definitely thinking outside the box when he announced his plan to address the teacher shortage in California: [CDE News Release #23-07](#). His proposal is to have the California Department of Education collaborate with California Volunteers to fill the vacant teaching positions in public schools. In the past, members of this organization volunteered their time to help address various critical issues in the state, now their services will be expanded to recruit teachers. The plan is to hold career fairs and share information about the various incentives and funding opportunities available for candidates interested in enrolling in a college or university (if needed) or wishing to start a teacher credential program. People will be given eight years to complete the program. This concept is similar to Teach America except that Teach America requires a candidate to have a college degree and the person is actually employed at the school where they are assigned. The Diocese of Oakland also gives principals the latitude to employ a person without a teaching credential; however they must have a college degree AND be enrolled in a credential program. The employee has three years to complete the process. I assume the California Department of Education has not shared all the details of this plan but I would be nervous having a volunteer teach my children for possibly eight years, in the hope they might be inspired to become a teacher. I share this information out of concern for the children in California and to draw attention to the professionalism and training our teachers have received. I thank God for guiding these women and men to apply at St. Agnes School and accepting the call to the ministry of Catholic education!



- **A Note From Mrs. Cesca~**
 - Dear Parents and Families,
I'm sending my sincere gratitude for making our Book Fair an outstanding success!
Thanks to your contributions, we sold 1300 books at our Fair. I hope to see you and your child(ren) at our Fair next year. Until then, happy reading!
- **CYO Yearbook Pictures**
 - CYO basketball yearbook pictures will be taken THIS Friday, February 10th.
 - Please send your child(ren)'s jersey to school in their backpack.
- **New Student Testing THIS Saturday**
 - All new children and siblings entering Kindergarten and wishing to join our school community, will need to test before being accepted.
 - Testing will take place this Saturday, February 11th beginning at 8am.
 - Applications must be submitted before an appointment can be scheduled.

Weekly Student Learning Expectation: 2.1 A conscientious individual in a diverse society who is able to treat self and others with dignity and respect.

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PACE NEWS

- **“O”-14!**
 - Thank you to co-chairs Valerie Burke and Dave Feustel for a fun-filled night of BINGO last Friday. Mr. Webb was also impressive with his number calling skills and the Knights of Columbus once again, came to the rescue with a wonderful pasta dinner.
 - Congratulations to all the winners!



“Day at the Races” Saturday March 4, 2023 Garaventa Center - Carondelet High School



- ***We’re Coming Down the Stretch!***
 - *Auction Items Are Still Welcome!*
 - Favorite Items You Might Like to Offer:
 - a cabin/timeshare
 - getaway experience
 - dining experience
 - If a donor would like to be included in the auction program, donations must be submitted no later than 2/28. The sooner the better :)
 - It’s Time to Double Dip!
 - We need scrip donations! We get the cards and you get the credit!
 - Look in your family envelope for a flyer with scrip card ideas.
- ***Urgent Need!***
 - We need volunteers at the event.
 - We can’t put this on without volunteers working the night of the auction.
 - Contact the auction chairs if you can help: pace-auction@stagnesconcord.com
- ***Don’t Get Left Out!***
 - A golden giveaway is about to happen! See how you can win 6 months free tuition by entering in the Tuition Raffle!
 - A flyer with all the details is in your family envelope today!
- ***Join Our Current List of Sponsors***
 - Thank You!
 - Loans By Daco
 - Wilcockson Family
 - Cardona Maintenance
 - SanctuaireMD
 - A flyer describing various sponsorship offerings is posted on our website.
 - Please consider finding or being a sponsor!
- **Need Tickets:** Visit our website: Charityauction.bid/StAgnes2023

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TIME SENSITIVE

- **Class Contest**
 - Our food drive is continuing through this week. Please consider sending these much needed items: peanut butter, tuna, canned beans, chili, brown rice, pasta, canned fruits and vegetables.
 - No glass containers, please.
- **Preschool Applications**
 - We are now accepting preschool applications for students turning 3 by September 1st!
 - Please let your friends and neighbors know that we offer 2, 3 and 5 day programs.
 - Applications are on our website under the preschool tab.



- I'm pleased to inform you that Ben Chisholm won First Place in the Veterans of Foreign Wars-sponsored Patriot's Pen essay contest and Mia Jee won Third Place! They will be honored this Saturday at the Veteran's Hall! Congratulations!
- A VERY BIG thank you goes out to the Student Council & their moderators (Mrs. Audas, Mr. Sheridan and Ms. Van Heel) for a jam-packed CSW! Thank you for all your planning and hard work you did to make this such a fun week!

	IMPORTANT DATES AND EVENTS
2/11	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• New Student Testing 8am• 1st Eucharist Parent Meeting 9:30am?? Cauchi Hall• Work Party 9am-1pm
2/12	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time (<i>Mt 5:17-37</i>)
2/13	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• PACE Meeting 6:30pm – 8th Grade Classroom
2/14	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Happy Valentines' Day!• Students can wear red, pink and white with jeans.
2/17	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Minimum Day – 12:00pm Dismissal
2/20	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Presidents Holiday – No School