



Principal's Thoughts

Welcome back one and all! School has now been in session for one week and we are in full swing! Thank you to all our families that attended Back-to-School Night. The teachers appreciate the time to introduce themselves to you as well as share their curriculum goals and classroom routines for the year. As I shared at the meeting, our theme for the year is gratitude. I hope you can find time each day to stop for a few minutes, take a breath, be in the moment and give thanks to God for something positive in your life. Many have found that when a child is asked to share something good that happened during the day, before he/she goes to bed at night, that their outlook is much more positive! As adults we might benefit from that practice as well. It's worth a try, don't you think? Whatever we can do to relieve stress for our children and us is important and therefore worth the effort. Keep this quote from Mother Teresa nearby as a reminder to be mindful:

"Yesterday is gone. Tomorrow has not yet come. We have only today. Let us begin."

Disaster Drill Alert

- Each year we are required to practice our disaster preparedness plan. This drill will take place Wednesday, September 5th and all families will need to participate. We will begin with our preschool families at 11:30 for pick-up. The remainder of the school community will follow by practicing the Duck & Cover procedure and then assembling on the field for our check-in routine.
- Families are asked to arrive according to the timetable listed below:
 - 11:30-12:00 Preschool
 - 12:00-12:15 WXYZ
 - 12:15-12:30 STUV
 - 12:30-12:45 OPQR
 - 12:45-1:00 LMN
 - 1:00-1:15 GHIJK
 - 1:15-1:30 CDEF
 - 1:30-1:45 AB
- All cars need to enter through the gate of the staff parking lot and follow the delineated path.
 - A check in table will be located by Fr. Johnson's backyard gate and you will be asked to stop here and show a photo ID (driver's license.)
 - After you have been checked-in you will be directed to pull into a pick-up lane and a staff member will bring your child(ren) to you.
- Only those identified on your Disaster Emergency form will be allowed to take your child(ren) off campus.
- No one will be allowed to walk on campus and pick-up students. Thank you in advance for your cooperation!

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- **STAR Testing Has Begun!**
 - All children in grades 1-8 will participate in STAR testing.
 - Each class has been assigned a time, please make sure students are rested and well fed.
 - This testing window will serve as a benchmark for the year in order to track progress for your child's academic growth.
- **Hot Lunch Returns!**
 - The hot lunch program begins next week, September 4th.
 - An order form has been included in your family envelope.
 - Please attach payment with your order.
- **Show Us Those Pearly Whites**
 - Picture Day is scheduled for TOMORROW, Thursday, August 30st!
 - Formal Dress will be required for all children.
 - An order form can be found in your envelope.
 - You have the option to pay online or send payment on Picture Day in the envelope provided.
- **Job Well Done!**
 - This Friday, August 31th is Mathletics Reward Day!
 - All children that achieved their assigned goal over the summer and those new to the school will have non-uniform dress and a special activity in the afternoon.
 - Children needing more time to work on their Mathletics goal will have time in the computer lab.
 - Thank you for supporting this summer program and keeping our children's math minds sharp!
- **Relax, Read & Earn Forms are Due Sept. 7th**
 - If your child participated in this program during the summer, please complete the form and return it to Mrs. Cesca our librarian.
 - This opportunity is open to all children in grades K-8 who have read over the summer. (Kinders are also eligible if someone read to them.)
 - Extra forms can be found on our website under the library tab.
- **School Directory**-Is ready for your review. Please stop by the office verify your information.
- **You're Covered~**
 - A brochure from Myers Stevens Toohey has been included in your envelope if you wish to purchase additional accident insurance, above what the school offers.
 - Please read this information carefully.

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PACE NEWS

- All Families are members of PACE. Meetings open to all members and held at 6:30 in the 8th grade classroom on the 2nd Tuesday of each month.
- We All Need to Eat!
 - Your PACE Events Chair, Meghan Chisholm, has been busy planning monthly Dine Outs.
 - A flyer with additional information regarding these Dine Outs is in your envelope.
- Join Us for Our First Dine Out!
 - Our first Dine Out of the year will be Wednesday, September 5th at Skipolini's in Clayton.
 - Join us for dinner (dine in, or take out!), mention St. Agnes when you're paying, and the school gets a portion of the sales directly from the restaurant at no additional cost to you!
 - See the flyer in today's family envelope for more details.
- Poker Night has been postponed – stay tuned for further information about this event.



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Wheel-a-thon Info.

- **Get Those Bikes a 'Rollin'!**
 - Our annual Wheel-a-thon (WAT) is scheduled for September 21st.
 - This is the only fundraiser to raise money for our fieldtrips.
 - Please read your packet carefully.
 - Start gathering those pledges now!
 - Deadlines are important and special prizes will be awarded for keeping those deadlines.

Preschool News!

- Activities for the week of September 3rd:
 - Sounds: a (like apple) & h.
 - Faith Talk for the week: Jesus Welcomes the Children.
 - Geography: Land/Water/Air
 - Science: living/non-living
- Picture Day for ALL preschool children is this Thursday, August 30st at 8:30.
- Disaster Drill for Preschool Children-Wednesday, Sept 5
 - ****Do Not Come to Preschool Classroom to Pick-up on this day. Dismissal 11:30**

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- Blessings on our teachers as they begin this new school year!
- Thank you to PACE for hosting the Welcome Back Reception on the first day of school! Well done!

	IMPORTANT DATES AND EVENTS
8/30	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Picture Day! (Formal Dress)
8/31	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mathletics Reward Day
9/1	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 9-1 Work Party
9/2	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• See you at Mass!!!
9/3	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Labor Day Holiday-No School
9/4	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• \$2.00 Non-uniform Dress Day or Spirit Shirts
9/5	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Disaster Drill-All Families• ***No Extended Care***
9/7	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• School Mass 1:30 (Formal Dress)• Lice Patrol (No sprays or gel!)