



Principal's Thoughts

Tomorrow (October 4th) we will celebrate the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, the Patron Saint of all God's creatures and ecology. St. Francis came from a very wealthy family and gave up all his riches to follow God. He practiced true equality by showing respect to all people regardless of their economic status. St. Francis was very charismatic and others quickly joined his mission and took up the "cause" to teach others about God. This group later became known as the Order of Franciscans.

The first grade class is very excited to present this Prayer Service to us. Please consider parking your car and joining us. All animals need to be kept leashed or cozy in a cage. We do have some children that are not comfortable around animals and we want to also give them the opportunity to enjoy this prayerful time. Thank you for creating this atmosphere for them. We will begin as soon as Fr. Johnson concludes morning mass and joins us (8:30ish.) Once our Prayer Service is over we will say good-bye to all our feathered, scaled and furry friends and return to our classrooms.

The Church has also designated the month of October as the Respect for Life month. This year the theme is "Every Life: Cherished, Chosen, Sent." With this in mind, each morning we will begin our day at school praying and reciting a decade of the Rosary to help us focus on giving dignity and respect to all life that God created. Let us keep this thought in our hearts:

*May we show by our words and actions
that every human life
is cherished and chosen! Amen*



Parking Lot Reminders

- Morning supervision begins at 7:45-Please keep the children safe and in your cars until a faculty member is on duty.
- Please refrain from taking a left turn out of the staff parking lot, we want to keep the traffic moving.
- Afternoon pickup:
 - Please park in designated spots (two painted parallel lines)
 - Cross only in front of the carline and not through cars waiting in line.

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BREAKING NEWS

- **Conference Appointments Now Available**
 - SignUp Genius is now up and running.
 - Please reserve your appointments by Friday, October 5th.
- **Do You Have Ghosts in Your Closet?**
 - The Little Vinnies is having a Halloween Costume Drive October 4th-18th.
 - Please consider donating your gently used costumes for children in need.
 - A flyer has been included in your envelope.
- **Adopt-a-Street program**
 - Community support is something we pride ourselves on as Catholics and as members of St. Agnes School.
 - Our school is a proud sponsor of Concord's Adopt-a-Street program!
 - We are responsible for quarterly maintenance of the stretch of Clayton Road between Treat Blvd. and Bailey Road.
 - Our next Adopt-A-Street cleaning day is **Saturday, October 13**, and we are looking for volunteers to participate.
 - Please contact Shannon Dorsey at sed@barnold.com or 925-818-6601 for more information. Thank you!
- **Parish News~**
 - *Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLW)* has begun during 9:00am Mass.
 - All children ages 4 - 8 are invited to participate weekly in this ministry that presents the Word of God to children in terms that they can understand.
 - Participants will be dismissed from the church after the Welcome and return to their families at the Preparation of Gifts.
 - Adult Prayer Leaders are needed.
 - You will be put on a rotation so the time commitment is only once a month
 - All materials will be given to you.
 - Service hours will be given.
 - Junior High students can participate as Aides
 - Service hours can be earned
 - *Knights of Columbus Dinners!*
 - **Oktoberfest Dinner this Saturday in the Church**
 - See the flyer in your envelope for details!
 - **Crab & Tri-tip Dinner Saturday Oct. 27th!**
 - An order form/flyer has been included in your envelope.

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TIME SENSITIVE

- **\$\$\$ due Friday!**
 - WAT Pledge Sheets are due this Friday, October 5th!
- **Picky Scanner**
 - Apparently our check scanner is opposed to colorful ink.
 - Please use only blue or black pens when writing checks to the school. Thank you!!!!
- **Student Council Fundraiser~**
 - Jamba Juice cards will be sold for \$10.00 until next Friday, Oct. 12th.
 - The card entitles you to buy one, get one free 6 times and can be used at any Jamba Juice.

Upcoming Events Sponsored by: Your PACE Board

- **Panda Express Dine Out Today-12:00-8:00!**
 - Near the corner of Ygnacio Blvd. & Oak Grove Rd. (near Nob Hill)
 - Bring the flyer ~OR~
 - Order online to avoid the lines and enter the promo code: 252383
- **All are invited!**
 - Please join us for our monthly PACE meeting!
 - Connect with other parents and hear what "fun"draising events are in the works or being planned!
 - See how PACE "fun"ctions but stay for the "fun"!
 - Hope to see you on Tuesday, October 9 at 6:30 pm in the 8th grade classroom.
 - Questions? Contact your PACE President, Kristina Long:
 - pace-president@stagnesconcord.com
- **Save the Date!**
 - The Annual Fall Fest will take place October 26th from 6:00-9:00
 - Invite your friends!
 - New and old favorite activities await!

Student Learning Expectation

1.1 A faith centered student living the Gospel message who is able to: demonstrate understanding of the Catholic faith and practices

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Tournament Time! **25th Annual Golf Tournament** **Friday, October 19th at Boundary Oaks Golf Club.**

- **Polish Those Clubs!**
 - Get a group together to enjoy the sunshine, golf a little, play some games and dine together after the round is finished.
 - Family members are welcome to join us for dinner as well!
 - Sponsors are needed and there are MANY levels that might suit your advertising needs.
 - Please be sure to fulfill your volunteer commitment.

Preschool News!

- Activities for the week of October 8th:
 - Sounds: i (like igloo) & f.
 - Faith Talk for the week: My Family Cares for Me.
- Oct. 4: Picture Retakes
- Oct. 4 @ 8:30am: Blessing of the Animals
 - Caged or leashed pets are welcome or children may bring a picture of their pet or a stuffed animal.
- No School Monday, October 8
- **K - 8 grade children will be getting out of school at 12 noon next Wed, Thurs & Fri. Please be careful of cars lining up for carpool**
- Pre-K conferences begin week of Oct 15.



- The Peace Patrol is on the lookout! Thank you to our 7th grade students for taking their lunchtime to find peaceful acts taking place on our campus! This week's findings:
 - Audrina (K): Sharing and helping other people find Roly Polies.
 - Broden (1st): Including everyone in his game to make it fun for everybody.
 - Ashley (2nd): Making a classmate feel better by giving her a hug.
 - Alexandra (3rd): Complimenting her teammate for almost catching the ball in kickball.
 - Natalia (4th): Cheering on a classmate to make her feel better.
 - Theo (5th): Being the one to go get the ball so the players could keep on playing.

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~Please Pray~

We can all use prayers and support from one another, therefore each week we will pray for one of our families that they will feel God's grace and our love.

This week we ask God's blessings on the Shipe Family (Anthony 7th.) Please keep them in your daily prayers.

	IMPORTANT DATES AND EVENTS
10/4	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Blessing of the Animals 8:30-Formal Dress• Picture Retakes
10/5	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• School Mass 1:30-Formal• WAT \$\$\$\$ and pledge sheets Due!• Progress Reports Go Home
10/7	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• See You at Mass!
10/8	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Columbus Day Holiday-No School!
10/9	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Spirit T-Shirt Tuesday• PACE Meeting 6:30-8th Grade Classroom
10/10	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Parent Teacher Conferences• 12:00 Dismissal
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10/12	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 8:15 Mass (Formal 5th Grade Only)• 12:00 Dismissal
10/13	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Work Party 9-1