



Principal's Thoughts

Our St. Agnes School Community is always seeking the best and most effective ways to educate our children while providing a strong sense of Catholic Identity. Every six years we have the opportunity to participate in a Self Study process leading to re-accreditation. This is a very specific protocol outlined by the Western Catholic Education Association (WCEA.) Our public school counterparts are accredited through the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC.) Both of these organizations have worked closely to ensure that the process is compatible while including an extra assessment of catholic identity for schools seeking WCEA accreditation. As a result, catholic schools hold dual accreditations. This year we will begin this Self Study process and look to involve all our shareholders – parents, parishioners, students, faculty and staff by using various surveys. A document will be prepared to share our findings that will include an Action Plan for further growth. This document will be presented to a committee prior to their visit in the Spring of next year. We look forward to hearing your perspective and ask for your prayers during this important process to improve our school. I will include information in future newsletters to keep you updated.



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Wheel-a-thon 2 Days to Go!

- **Please Refer to the WAT Drop-off & Pickup Map**
 - Bikes will be unloaded and reloaded into cars.
- **Dismissal**
 - Teachers will escort their classes to the field at 12:00 to be near the bikes.
 - Kid's Club students will go directly to Cauchi Hall.
 - No students will be dismissed from the school porch.
 - Any student wishing to ride their bike home needs to wait until all cars have left the school grounds and walk their bikes off campus.
- **Don't Forget the Permission Slip~**
 - All riders must have a signed permission slip in order to participate.
- **Helmets are needed for every participant.**
- **Attire**
 - Students will have non-uniform dress and athletic shorts can be worn.

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BREAKING NEWS

- **Safety First!**
 - Yesterday we held our first “Safety” Drill with great success! As adults we all know the purpose is to practice in case an intruder is on campus but for our children we refer to this as a safety drill.
 - The children were very responsive and EXTREMELY quiet! We were very proud of them!
- **No Scrip this Friday**
 - Due to the WAT, no scrip will be sold this Friday.
 - Please submit all orders on Thursday by 11:00.
- **Flu Season Already!**
 - Included in your envelope is a Flu Guide for Parents from the CDC (Center for Disease Control.)
 - As a gentle reminder, our policy is that children must be fever free (without medication) and/or have not vomited for 24 hours before they can return to school.
 - Thank you for helping keep us healthy!
- **Walk for the Poor**
 - The St. Agnes Vincent de Paul Conference is holding their annual “Walk for the Poor” on Saturday, September 29th from 9-1.
 - A flyer can be found in your envelope inviting you to participate!



TIME SENSITIVE

- **Chess Club Starting Soon!**
 - Does your child love problem solving and strategic games?
 - Our Chess Club is beginning on October 5th and continuing each Friday until December 7th!
 - An informational flyer and registration form from Pacific Chess Academy is on the website.
- **Handbook Acknowledgement is Now Past Due**
 - The 2018-2019 Family Handbook is available on our website under the Parents tab.
 - Please review the Handbook carefully as it outlines our procedures and policies.
 - All parents and children are required to sign the Acknowledgment Form found in the Addendum section at the end of the Handbook.
- **Mark Your Calendars!**
 - Our Annual Golf Tournament is October 19th at the Boundary Oak Golf Course!
 - Sponsorship opportunities are available as well.
 - Stay tuned for further details!

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Preschool News!

- Activities for the week of September 24th:
 - Sounds: e (like elephant) & s.
 - Faith Talk for the week: My Name is Special.
 - Geography: Continent Map
 - Science: Living/Non-living
- **Sept. 21 Wheel-a-thon: See you at the flagpole for drop off and pickup!**

- **THANK YOU** to the many families who came out to support our first Dine Out of the year at Skipolini's. **We made \$406!!** We look forward to seeing you on October 3rd at the Panda Express off Oak Grove in Walnut Creek for our next Dine Out!

	IMPORTANT DATES AND EVENTS
9/19	• WAT Pledge Sheets Due Today!
9/21	• WAT (Non-uniform Dress) • Minimum Day-12:00 Dismissal
9/23	• See you at Mass!
9/25	• Spirit Shirt Tuesday • 8 th Gr. Day at the Cathedral
9/26	• WAT Pledge Collection Starts Today! • Pledge Sheets Go Home Today
9/27	• School Board Meeting 6:30-8 th Gr. Room
9/28	• 8:15 Mass (Formal Dress 6 th Grade only)
9/29	• Work Party 9-1
9/30	• See you at Mass~
10/1	• Hearing Test Retakes
10/2	• \$2 Non-uniform Dress Day
10/3	• Faculty Articulation-12:00 Dismissal • Dine Out 4-8 at Panda Express WC
10/4	• Blessing of the Animals (Formal Dress) • Picture Retakes
10/5	• WAT \$\$\$\$ and pledge sheets Due! • Progress Reports Go Home