



## Principal's Thoughts

Welcome back, we are so glad to see all of you! I can't tell you how heartwarming it is to watch the lively conversations taking place between the parents in the morning before school begins. The children are all smiles too and are happy to see their classmates! Now that we have settled into the daily routine, we will shift our focus to the upcoming STAR testing dates. The students will test four times during the year, this first session is considered our Benchmark test. As a faculty, we will compare these results to the testing completed in May to determine if there is any learning loss due to the summer break. We will also use this data as the starting point to monitor for growth throughout the year.

In order to encourage our students to do their best, we are trying something new this year and have designated specific days for this testing to take place: Tuesday, August 27<sup>th</sup> for Math and Wednesday, August 28<sup>th</sup> for Reading. No homework will be given on August 26<sup>th</sup> or 27<sup>th</sup> and we ask that the children are in bed at a reasonable hour so they will be at their best to take these tests. Please ensure your child(ren) have eaten breakfast and also be sure to send an extra healthy snack so their brains are powered up! Please try not to schedule any medical/dental appointments on these days. We ask that you encourage your child(ren) to do their best and give their all to show what they know! Thank you in advance for your partnership with this request.

### *St. Agnes School Mission Statement*

*St. Agnes School, in partnership with the Catholic Schools in the Diocese of Oakland educate children in the Catholic faith and nurture their minds, bodies, and souls, inspiring them to live the Gospel of Jesus Christ, achieve their highest academic and creative potential, and actively serve and enrich the community.*



Thank you to our PACE Social Committee for the lovely welcome back reception on the first day of school. This was a great way to start the new year and welcome our newest families to our community!

*Weekly Schoolwide Learning Expectation: 1.2 A faith-centered person living the Gospel message, who is able to recognize God's love.*

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- **Bocce Rescheduled!**
  - Please consider getting a team together for our Annual Bocce Tournament now scheduled for Saturday, September 14<sup>th</sup>. We are hopeful that by changing this date, more families will have time to get their teams together.
  - **Don't have a team?** No worries, individuals or couples can register and teams will be created from those names.
  - New forms have been posted on our website and a flyer with the details has been included in your family envelope today.
- **Are We Correct?**
  - A school Directory is given to each family to help facilitate play dates, carpooling etc.
  - A draft of the Directory is in the school office for your review. We ask that all families stop in and initial that the information is correct or update accordingly.
- **Lunch Servers Needed**
  - Need hours? We are looking for parents to choose a day to volunteer to serve lunch from 12-1pm. An email blast went out on Monday with a Sign-up Genius link to enter your preference.
  - **It's easy, I promise!**
- **Work Party**
  - All families (except Board members & major event chairpersons) are required to work a minimum of one work party (4 hours) each year.
  - It is imperative that you keep your commitment and show-up on the day you selected as jobs are assigned for the number of volunteers scheduled for that day.
  - The Work Parties help us keep our costs down and we are most grateful.
  - If an illness occurs and you cannot fulfill your commitment, you must contact the maintenance coordinators so adjustments can be made. Thank you in advance.
- **The Amen Open Accepting Golfers**
  - The St. Agnes golf tournament is scheduled for September 23<sup>rd</sup> and will be held at Oakhurst Country Club in Clayton.
  - Registration and sponsorship forms are now on our website.
  - If you have questions, please contact Chris Lynch, CYO Athletic Director at:

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## TIME SENSITIVE

### • Scrip Credit

- Each family that earned over \$400 in scrip profit is eligible to receive a rebate that is split with the school
- A Scrip Credit Selection Form was sent home in May and is now past due.
- This must be turned in by this Friday, August 23<sup>rd</sup> in order to receive credit.


### • Family Handbook Acknowledgement Due 8/30

- Please read this document and review the pertinent information with your children.
- All family members need to sign the acknowledgement page.



### • Dine Out

- The first Dine Out of the year will take place at Skipolini's Pizza in Clayton on Wednesday, September 4<sup>th</sup> from 4:30-9:30.
- St. Agnes will receive 15% of your food order! Thank you Skipolini's!

	IMPORTANT DATES AND EVENTS
8/22	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Scrip Sale 9-11</li><li>• School Board 6:30 – Ministry Center</li></ul>
8/23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Scrip Sale 9-11</li><li>• 8<sup>th</sup> Gr. Dance Holy Rosary</li></ul>
8/24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Work Party 9-1</li></ul>
8/25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 21<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time</li></ul>
8/27	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• STAR Testing (Math) Grs.1-8</li></ul>
8/28	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• STAR Testing (Reading) Grs. 1-8</li></ul>