



## Principal's Thoughts

The month of September is very busy in terms of fundraising and I want to offer additional information on each of the events and the different groups sponsoring these activities. The Annual Bocce Tournament is scheduled this year for Saturday, September 14<sup>th</sup> and is hosted by the Development Committee. This group is responsible for funding various campus projects and alumni outreach. Past projects have included: the parking lot lights, curbs around the school building and raising the funds to build Cauchi Hall. The group will also assist with our newest venture which is helping the parish build a Community Center/Gym.

CYO is a parish sponsored ministry and offers basketball and track opportunities for students in grades 3<sup>rd</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>. This year the Board decided to bring back the golf tournament that was held yearly and previously hosted by the Development Committee. This tournament has been a long-standing tradition that included parishioners and school families. The CYO Board is also looking forward to working on the Community Center/Gym project so that practices and games can be held indoors, on campus.

The Wheel-a-thon (WAT) is a much loved activity used to raise funds for class field trips. The students secure pledges and ride their bikes as a class on a track designated by age group. As shared at Back-to-School, no monies will be solicited from parents during the school year, what is raised at this event sets the budget for the trips each year. Money does "follow" the class from year to year. This event will take place on Friday, September 27<sup>th</sup>. Every child benefits from field trips and therefore it is expected that each student will gather pledges either for riding in the event or in cheering on their classmates.

While this may seem overwhelming, a variety options have been offered with the hope that each family will participate in playing Bocce and/or golf. These events are one way we help build community and lifelong friendships.

### ***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.***

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### • Time to Get Your Pledges!

- The Wheel-a-thon (WAT) information packet has been included in your family envelope today. This packet includes: important dates, prize list, riding schedule and a map of the special drop off and pickup routes for the day.
- This year, all pledges will be made through Pledgestar. Please watch for an email with directions to create your account!
- Training wheels are only allowed for students in grades K-2. All bikes K-8 need pedals.
- **Each** student must have their own signed permission slip in order to participate or cheer on their class.
- **Please attach the \$5.00 donation to your permission slip.** This money offsets the costs (printing, snacks etc.) to run this event.

### • Hurry! Get Your Teams Together

- The Annual Bocce Tournament will take place on Saturday, September 14<sup>th</sup>.
- **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.
- **Need Hours?** Please contact Angie Blackmon: <mailto:stagnesdevelopment@gmail.com> if you would like to help.

### • 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.
- A flyer has been included in your envelope today and registration and sponsorship forms are also on our website.
- If you have questions, please contact Chris Lynch, CYO Athletic Director at: [cflynch42@gmail.com](mailto:cflynch42@gmail.com).

### • Sunday Mass Family Guide

- The youngest child in each family will be bringing home a book entitled: Celebrating Sunday for Catholic Families. This resource is provided to you to help bring the Gospel reading alive in your home. September 8<sup>th</sup> is the first Sunday reflection! FYI some families keep this in their car and read the Gospel on the way to church and then discuss the message given after Mass. Enjoy!

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### **Practice Makes Perfect!**

Next Wednesday, September 4<sup>th</sup> we will practice our annual Disaster Drill. We will begin at 10:00 by having all children "duck & cover" and then being dismissed to the field. All preschool and new families will need to pick up their children beginning at 10:45am. Please pull into the staff parking lot and follow the route indicated. Please have a photo ID (driver's license) with you. We ask you to remain in your car and a staff member will bring your child/ren to you. Children will only be released to those on the Emergency Dismissal Form, so please make sure it is updated to accommodate your needs. No children will be released to those who walk on campus. The remaining students will be escorted back to their classrooms to resume their day. Should you need to return to work and wish to use Kids Club, you may bring your child into the office at 12:30 and sign them back into school. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.



### TIME SENSITIVE

- **Family Handbook Acknowledgement Due 8/30**
  - The Handbook is posted on our website. Please review the pertinent information with your children. All family members need to sign the acknowledgement page.
- **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 by August 30<sup>th</sup>.
- **Lunch Servers Needed**
  - Need hours? We are looking for parents to choose a day to volunteer to serve lunch from 12-1pm. A Sign-up Genius link to enter your preference is on the Resources & forms page under the parents tab on our website.
  - **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.
  - 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.

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## • 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!

## • Welcome Back Social

- Plans are underway to welcome you back for a new school year! Please join us by bringing your dinner and picnic blankets or lawn chairs to the field on Friday, September 6<sup>th</sup> from 6-8pm.
- Ice Barbers will be available to purchase shaved ice for dessert. St. Agnes will receive 20% of the proceeds!
- This is a great opportunity to reconnect with friends and introduce yourself to somebody new!

***Weekly Schoolwide Learning Expectation: 1.3 A faith-centered person living the Gospel message, who is able to make morally responsible decisions.***

 IMPORTANT DATES AND EVENTS	
8/30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 8:15 Mass -8<sup>th</sup> Only Formal</li><li>• Family Handbook Acknowledgement Due</li><li>• Last chance to check Directory listing.</li></ul>
9/1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time (<a href="#">Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23</a>)</li></ul>
9/2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Labor Day Holiday-No School</li></ul>
9/3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• St. Agnes Spirit Dress Day</li><li>• 1<sup>st</sup> Full Day for Kinders!</li></ul>
9/4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Disaster Drill 10:45</li><li>• Minimum Day – 12:00 Dismissal</li></ul>
9/6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Opening of School Mass 1:30-Formal</li><li>• Welcome Back Social 4pm-8pm</li></ul>

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