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# Principal's Thoughts

It is hard to believe that one month has passed since the new year began and so much has taken place! We ushered the new school year in with a Parent Reception followed by the Opening School Year Prayer Service and parent, our first schoolwide Mass took place last Friday and our benchmark STAR testing is complete. PACE hosted its first Dine Out of the year and the Welcome Social was a smashing success! Now looking forward one month, our parent-teacher conferences will be taking place on October 9 and 10. Please mark your calendar of this very important meeting. A Sign-up Genius link will be sent soon so you can select which date and time works best for your calendar. If you have multiple children, please remember to leave one time slot between each conference to allow for a passing time. It is Diocesan Policy that all families attend conferences.

Progress Reports along with the Benchmark STAR Testing reports will go home on October 4<sup>th</sup>. Please review these reports and list any questions you would like to ask at conferences. The teachers are looking forward to sharing their observations and goals with you for your child and discussing their strengths and areas for growth to enhance their learning experience and success. This is an integral part of our partnership with you and we are grateful to walk this journey with you.



In remembrance of 9/11, we pray:

#### We Place in Your Loving Arms

God of love we place in your loving arms the thousands of innocent lives that were lost on that unforgettable morning of September 11, 2001. We also remember the courage of the countless men and women who put their lives at risk in order to rescue, alleviate and bring solace to the afflicted. Help us to continue to work for a world free from every form of hatred, violence and ignorance. May terrorism -- in all its forms -- disappear from the face of the earth.

Amen.



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- Fr. Alberto Cutie



- Scrip Statements
  - Each trimester you will receive a statement showing your progress in reaching your goal of generating \$300 in <u>profit</u> by using scrip for your purchases.
  - Your statement today reflects sales from May 1, 2024-September 8, 2024.
- Scrip Sales
  - No scrip will be sold on Friday, September 13 due to the Elementary Staff Day.
- Nothing Bundt Cakes Reading Challenge
  - Students will receive a free Bundlet for each month they read 400+ minutes!
  - A flyer with details and a reading log has been posted on our website. Enjoy!



#### Wheel-a-thon News



#### • Did You Forget?

- Permission Slips and your \$5.00 were due today Wednesday, September 11<sup>th</sup>. Please submit ASAP.
- WAT Packet has been posted on our website.
  - Please have your child practice riding their bikes. Training wheels will only be allowed for grades K-2.
- To Do:

Get you Pledge Star account ready to receive donations. Please watch for an email with directions to create your account!



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• Coffee Socials Return!

Join us! The first social will be Friday, September 27<sup>th</sup>. A flyer with the dates for the year has been posted on our website.

Weekly Schoolwide Learning Expectation: 1.5 A faith-centered person living the Gospel message who is able to practice forgiveness.



## • Children's Liturgy

- This Sunday at 9am we will celebrate the first Children's Liturgy of the year with Kinders and their 8<sup>th</sup> grade buddies hosting.
- Students should be in uniform.
- Don't forget to have your student request a non-uniform dress pass before they leave.
  This pass can be used on Monday, September 16<sup>th</sup>.
- Smile Nicely!
  - The last Picture Day will take place tomorrow Thursday, September 12<sup>th</sup> for junior high students. A makeup day TBD.
  - This is a formal dress day and PLEASE make sure your child's hair is in compliance with the dress code. Thank you. **All children will have their picture taken**.
  - Portraits will be available to order online approximately 4 weeks AFTER picture days.
    Please use this link to ordering your pictures: <u>http://grow@roots-shoots.com</u>
  - Portrait packages will be shipped directly to families' homes and a shipping fee will apply). There will be no school package drop-off.
  - If you have any questions, please reach out directly to Roots & Shoots, they will be happy to assist you!
- Elementary Staff Day
  - Twice a year the School Department of the Diocese holds a gathering of all staff to build community, nurture our faith and professional development.
  - This gathering will take place on Friday, September 13<sup>th</sup> so the school will be closed. Scrip will not be sold on this date.



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- The Amen Open-HURRY TIME IS RUNNING OUT!
  - 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 on our website.
  - If you have questions, please contact Chris Lynch, CYO Athletic Director at: <u>cflynch42@gmail.com</u>.

## Parish Events

## Let's Go for a Walk!

- The St. Vincent de Paul Society will be hosting a Walk for the Poor on Saturday, September 21 at 9am here at St. Agnes
- A flyer with details on how to register and/or make a donation can be found in your envelope today.

#### Boutique Shopping

- You are cordially invited to shop at the Holiday Boutique on September 28<sup>th</sup> from 10am-4pm in Cauchi Hall. A flyer with details has been posted on our website.
- Many vendors and crafts will be displayed to help you start your holiday shopping early!
- Are you a vendor?
  - Please consider having a table to show your merchandise! A Vendor Application has been posted on our website. Please take a look!

#### • Calling All Tea Drinkers

- Mark your calendars for Saturday, October 12 from 11:30am-2:00pm for the St. Agnes Women's Guild Anniversary Tea.
- This will be a catered event by Sunrise Bistro.
- Bring your decorating talents to life by decorating your table with the 60's in mind in honor of the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the parish.
- A flyer to make your reservations has been included in your envelope today. Please consider hosting a table with your daughter and her classmates! Deadline for reservations is October 1<sup>st</sup>.



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	IMPORTANT DATES AND EVENTS
9/12	• School Pictures Jr. High (Formal Dress)
9/13	Elementary Staff Day-No School
	Happy Birthday Fr. Luke!
9/15	• Children's Liturgy 9AM (Kinder & 8 <sup>th</sup>
	Gr. Buddies Hosting)
9/16	Non-Uniform Dress for Mass
	Attendees (Must turn in pass)
9/17	Spirit T-Shirt Tuesday