



Principal's Thoughts

The Catholic Church designates the month of October as "Respect for Life Month." We are invited to remember that we are created in God's image and therefore we should take this time to pray (by reciting the Rosary) and to reflect on how we treat ourselves and others. As a school community we will celebrate the gift of life a number of ways.

During our morning prayer in October, we will recite a decade of the rosary to focus on Mary's goodness and to pray for the dignity and respect for all life. Join us if you wish; how powerful for the children to see and hear the parents on the porch praying with us!

The Feast of St. Francis of Assisi is this Friday, October 4th. On this day we are reminded that our Pope chose to name himself after St. Francis so he could be guided and inspired by him. Pope Francis stated in his Encyclical Letter titled *Laudato Si-On Care For Our Common Home* that Francis of Assisi the patron saint of ecology, "shows us just how inseparable the bond is between concern for nature, justice for the poor, commitment to society, and interior peace." St. Francis is more commonly known as the patron saint of animals but if we recognize that animals as well as humans are all God's creation, then that bond between nature and society is even more strengthened.

In remembrance of St. Francis, we will have our annual Blessing of the Animals this Friday. We invite you to bring your pets either leashed or in cages to school. Fr. Stephen will join us after the 8:00AM Mass for the prayer service that the first grade has prepared. We will gather in a circle on the track in front of the 4th-7th grade classrooms in order to allow Fr. the best access to bless our beloved furry, fluffy, feathered and scaled friends. If it is not possible to bring a pet, the children are welcome to bring a picture to be blessed. Once the prayer service has concluded each animal will need to be taken home. If you have not experienced this prayer opportunity before it is not to be missed! Please join us as we celebrate all of God's gifts of creation.



Wheel-a-thon News



• Pledge on Pledgestar

- Pledges will be accepted through October 18th. Here is the link:
<https://pledgestar.com/stagnes>.
- Mark your calendars for the WAT Awards Assembly on Tuesday, October 29th at 2:00. Please join us to celebrate the children's participation and their donors.
- **A BIG thank you to the Conco Companies for sponsoring this event!**

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- **Last Call: Conference Sign-ups Going Fast!**

- Here is the link to sign up for conferences:
<https://www.signupgenius.com/tabs/23677D902A3CBEDC53-2425teacher - />
- Please click on the name of your child's teacher and enter this access code: 2425conferences. You will need to repeat this process for each of your children's teachers.
- This link will not be available after today.
- All families need to make an appointment for either October 9th or 10th.

- **Student Council Student Store**

- Each Wednesday beginning Oct. 9th the Student Council will be selling snack items during morning recess.
- Prices range from .25-\$1.00
- Proceeds will benefit Student Council outreach projects.



- **October Dine Out**

- Join us at Jacks Urban Eats on Wednesday, October 2nd from 4pm-8pm. St. Agnes School will receive 20% of your purchase.
- You can eat in or order out!

- **The Herd is Back!**

- A flyer describing this fun activity can be found in your envelope. Please consider welcoming your buddy family with this "surprise!"
- The sale starts today and will end on October 21st.

Parish Events

- **Hurry! Costume Collection!**

- The St. Agnes Little Vinnies (Youth conference of the St. Vincent de Paul Society) is collecting gently used costumes for the Bay Area Crisis Nursery.
- Donation boxes are located outside the school office and faculty room doors.
- The last day to donate is October 11th.

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- KUDOS to Jessica Lucia and her multitude of volunteers for a safe and VERY successful Wheel-a-thon! We are grateful for Jessica's 12 years of chairing this event and creating very special memories for our children. The event has become a model for many other schools to follow! The reins will now be passed to Tara Lynch and Megan Driscoll to work their magic next year!

Weekly Schoolwide Learning Expectation: 2.4 A conscientious individual in a diverse society who is able to demonstrate respect for the environment.

	IMPORTANT DATES AND EVENTS
10/2	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Minimum Day- Teacher Articulation 12:00 Dismissal• Dine Out – Jack's Urban Eats
10/3	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Scrip Sold 9-11
10/4	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Blessings of the Animals 8:45am• Mass 1:30 (Formal)• Progress Reports Go Home
10/5	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Work Party 9AM-1PM
10/6	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ordinary Time
10/8	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Spirit T-Shirt Tuesday• PACE Meeting-Cauchy Hall 6:30PM
10/9	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Minimum Day 12:00 Dismissal• Parent Teacher Conferences 1-8
10/10	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Minimum Day 12:00 Dismissal• Parent Teacher Conferences 1-8
10/11	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 8:15 Mass 5th Gr. (Formal)• Minimum Day 12:00 Dismissal
10/14	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• School Holiday-No School