



## Principal's Thoughts

The 2024-2025 school budget has been submitted to the school department! A big thank you to the Finance Committee for spending many evenings analyzing our expenses and revenue sources in order to formulate a viable budget. As many of you know, employee salaries and benefits are the biggest expenditure in the budget. These costs are determined by the Department of Catholic Schools and the Insurance and Benefits Department of the Oakland Diocese.

In your family envelope today you will find a letter from Dr. Currier, our Superintendent, explaining the process used to determine the teacher and administrator salary scales. I'm sure you will agree that recruiting qualified educators and retaining these professionals is of the utmost importance and therefore they should be compensated accordingly. Once the salary scale is established, the Fiscal Controller in collaboration with the Diocesan financial consultants examine each school's budget and enrollment numbers to determine the amount tuition should be raised to cover the projected expenses for the upcoming school year. Our increase this year was projected to be 8.67%. I am relieved to report that given the work of the finance committee as well as changes in staffing and an increase in enrollment, have made it possible to minimize this percentage. This coming school year our increase in tuition will be 7.7% and while this is more than I would like, it is needed to retain and recruit strong teachers and maintain the quality education and programs that our families have come to expect.

The increase in enrollment has been the biggest contributing factor in keeping this percentage lower than projected. We had a record number of new students apply this year in addition to the expansion of our preschool program. Our preschool license was amended to increase capacity and we have extended our hours to also accommodate children in transitional kindergarten. Thank you to all our families that have spread the word about our school, you have made a difference! Please continue to share all the good that we are doing at St. Agnes School!

### ***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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### • **Student Council Bake Sale**

- Tomorrow Thursday, April 18<sup>th</sup> our students will be holding a bake sale to benefit the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet Retirement Community.
- Items will be sold for 25¢-\$1.00.
- Thank you in advance for helping us show our appreciation to the wonderful group of women that founded our school.

### • **Jr. High Orientation Night**

- All 5<sup>th</sup> grade parents are invited to a meeting on Tuesday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7pm in Cauchi Hall.
- The junior high teachers will share their expectations for the upcoming school year and what you can do to prepare your child for middle school.
- Please plan to attend.



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### • **Mark Your Calendars**

- Our Annual Parent Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 8<sup>th</sup>. The staff is busy planning a thank you reception in gratitude for all you have done to make this year such a success!
- Wine will be served, so this is an adult only meeting. At least one parent from each household is expected to attend. Please join us at 5:30 for the reception on the Cauchi Hall patio and then 7PM in the church to welcome our new families, celebrate all that has been accomplished this year and hear the plans for the upcoming school year.



- St. Agnes was in full force at the A's game on Saturday! We filled an entire section and the choir was amazing! My pitch, not so much! Thank you to Josh Ziegenbusch for arranging this very memorable event!
- Our Saturday work party was able to assemble all 10 lunch tables and they look fabulous! Thank you to the many parents that participated in the POP to spruce up our lunch area. Check it out!

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- **Mother Son's Unite!**
  - Let's go bowling Saturday, April 20<sup>th</sup> from 10PM-12PM at Clayton Valley Bowl!
  - A flyer with additional details and the QR code to reserve your spot was sent home last week and has now been posted on our website.
- **Don't Be Late!**
  - Step into a whimsical world with our "Don't Be late for a Very Important Date-Tea Party Father Daughter Dance!
  - Tickets are now on sale: \$45/couple and \$10 for each additional daughter.
  - Sales close next Wednesday at midnight. HURRY, to secure your spot for a magical evening of cherished memories and delightful moments.
- **PACE Positions Available**
  - You should have received an email blast advertising the open positions on the PACE Board.
  - Please complete the form if you are interested in joining this very energetic and fun group.
- **Camp Galileo**
  - Still looking for summer options? This opportunity came to us too late for the Auction so we are passing this information out to you today.
  - A flyer describing the program has been included in your envelop today. Not only will you receive \$50 off your registration but St. Agnes will receive \$50 as well!
- **Spring Fundraisers**
  - **Flower Power**
    - Spread some Spring cheer, order bulbs and plants online now until May 15<sup>th</sup>!
    - The QR code has been posted on the website.

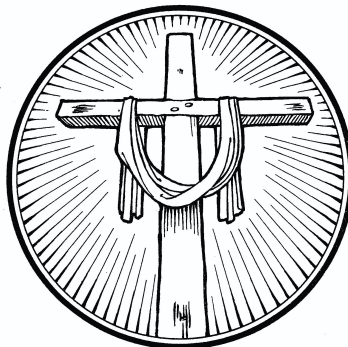
*Weekly Schoolwide Learning Expectation: 4.2 An effective communicator who is able to communicate effectively both verbally and in writing.*

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	IMPORTANT DATES AND EVENTS
4/18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Scrip sold 9am-11am</li></ul>
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4/20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Mother/Son Bowling Bash 10am-12pm</li></ul>
4/21	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter (<i>Jn 10:11-18</i>)</li></ul>
4/23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Spirit T-Shirt Tuesday</li><li>• 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Parent-Jr. High Orientation Meeting 7pm Cauchi Hall</li></ul>
4/24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Alex &amp; Oliver Ziegenbusch-Principals for the Day!</li></ul>
4/25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• School Board Meeting 6:30pm - Ministry Center</li></ul>
4/26	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Coffee Social 7:45am</li><li>• 8:15am Mass (2<sup>nd</sup> &amp; 6<sup>th</sup> Formal)</li><li>• Progress Reports Go Home</li></ul>
4/27	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Work Party 9am-1pm</li><li>• Father Daughter Dance 6pm-9:30pm – Cauchi Hall Patio</li></ul>



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