



Principal's Thoughts

The word "community" is defined on Dictionary.com as: a social, religious, occupational, or other group sharing common characteristics or interests and perceived or perceiving itself as distinct in some respect from the larger society within which it exists." I hope you agree this describes St. Agnes to the fullest. First and foremost, we are a religious community. We are definitely social! Our common interests include our wonderful children and their faith development and education.

A common perception/distinction is the care this community shows for one another. There is a bond among families both current and alumni that for many is deep and will last a lifetime. This couldn't be more evident than now, as we mourn the loss of Andy Jee. The outpouring of love and concern for the family has been amazing not just within the 8th grade class but throughout the school. The generosity of our families to help has been humbling.

What also separates St. Agnes from other schools is the number of parents that are no longer with us. Andy joins this special list of parents whose time came too soon but their passing also contributed to and built the strength of our St. Agnes Community. During these times of grief, parents came together to pray, mourn and comfort the children and spouses of these individuals: Nick Adler, Jill Bedecarre', *Mary & Eddie Chatterton, Michael Chavez, Tami McEachran, Claudia Garaventa, Roger Harless, *Joy Himsl, *Sheila Hussain, Eric Kohlmeyer, Karen Knoll, Joe Mangini, Fran Martin, *Will McFarren, Bill Merletti, Laura Rizza, *Joe Sant, *Greg Scaletti, Julie Shaw, Don Smith, *Kenny Sugrue, *Nancy Washmera, and Kathleen York (the asterisk indicates the children were enrolled at the time of the parent's passing.) I may have missed one or two but these are the parents of St. Agnes students who've passed away during my tenure. The relationships that were formed with these particular members of our St. Agnes School Community is everlasting and made an impact on the history of our school.

This will now be true with the Jee family. We have embraced them, offered comfort and will continue to provide whatever they need and Andy will never be forgotten. This is an integral part of our history and who we will continue to be for our community and future generations.

The Lord is close to the brokenhearted; he saves those whose spirits are crushed.

Ps. 34:18



For those who have died and those who mourn their passing: Andy Jee (Alyssa 8th & Mia Class of 23') may they feel God's presence and our love.

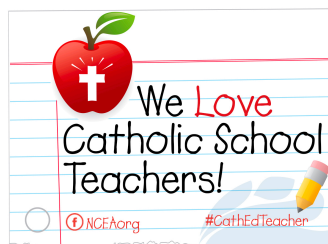
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BREAKING NEWS

- **Have You Heard the Voice Message?**
 - The Spring Play will reveal the message and the sender! Please join us Thursday, May 23rd at 1:30 & 7:00 in the church.
 - A flyer with ticket information has been included in your envelope today!
 - Tickets will be sent home in your envelope if purchased by May 13th, otherwise you can pick them up at the door on the day of the performance.
- **Play Costumes**
 - A flyer with information regarding clothing/props for the Play can be found in your newsletter.
- **Statements are In!**
 - Enclosed in your envelope are the end of the year Scrip and Volunteer Statements.
 - Your FACTS account will be billed on May 15th for any fees owed. Please refer to pages 51 and 60 in the Family Handbook for further details.
- **You Are Invited**
 - A special Mass will be held on Sunday, May 19th at 9AM to celebrate and honor the students receiving the Sacraments of Holy Eucharist and Confirmation.
 - Please join us to celebrate this joyous occasion in our students' faith journey.
- **Hungry?**
 - The altar server ministry will be selling Lumpia on Sunday, May 19th after the 9am & 11am Masses.
 - A flyer with pricing can be found in your envelope today.
- **Summer Reading Skills Program**
 - Cal State East Bay is offering programs this summer to boost reading skill for TK-10th graders.
 - A flyer with additional information has been included in your envelope.



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TIME SENSITIVE

- **Student Council Changes**

- An interview process for Student Council Officers will now take the place of the speeches and elections that have occurred in previous years.
- Incoming 7th and 8th grade students will be eligible to hold officer and commissioner positions and all middle school students are eligible to join the commissions.
- Class representatives from grades 4-8 will be elected in August.
- If your student is interested in joining us next year please contact a student council moderator: Mr. Sheridan, Ms. Van Heel or Mrs. Audas, by May 7th.

- **It's Time to Register!**

- Reserve your child's spot for vacation bible camp at St. Bonaventure the week of June 24th.
- Register online at: <https://www.stbonaventure.net/vacation-bible-camp>




- Congratulations to our students (2nd-8th) that received the Sacrament of Holy Eucharist this past Saturday. The children were so excited but reverent as they came up to receive. Thank you to Mrs. Sacco for preparing them so well and our choir, Ms. Van Heel and Mr. Hamerson for the beautiful music.
- Thank you to the parents that decorated our doors for Teacher Appreciation, they are magnificent and so creative.
- Blessings to PACE on behalf of all our families for the appreciation that has been showered on our staff this week. It is us who are truly blessed.

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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	IMPORTANT DATES AND EVENTS
5/8	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Parent Appreciation Reception 5:30pm-Cauch Hall Patio• Mandatory Parent Meeting-7pm Church
5/9	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Scrip Sold 9am-11am
5/10	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 8:15 Mass-5th Gr. Formal• Scrip Sold 9am-11am• 8th Gr. Graduation Dance
5/12	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 7th Sunday of Easter-Solemnity of the Ascension (Mk 16:15-20)• Happy Mothers' Day!
5/13	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• STAR Testing Continues• 8th Gr. Retreat
5/14	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• \$2.00 Non-Uniform Dress or Spirit T- Shirt
5/15	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Kinder Parent Information Night 7pm

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.