



Principal's Thoughts

Last week the San Francisco Chronicle reported on a lawsuit that has been filed by numerous State Attorney Generals alleging that TikTok is "designed to be addictive to children and causes them harm." Here is a link to the article: [States Sue TikTok](#). This social media platform uses recommendation algorithms that takes a user's previous viewing choices and creates suggestions based on these personal preferences. The concern presented in this lawsuit is that this algorithm gives people an unending stream of short videos that can cause dopamine levels to rise which can lead to addiction. Dopamine is one of four "feel good" hormones and is produced in the neurons of the brain. A rise in dopamine levels often creates a pleasurable response and causes the body to want more. Athletes often describe experiencing this "high" when engaging in exercise or thrill seekers when riding a roller coaster, it often leaves them wanting more. If this allegation from the Attorney Generals is true, I find this is especially concerning since I am hearing students as young as 4th grade talking about something they have seen on this app or when junior high students and high school graduates engage in pranks seen on this site. I don't envy your job as parents particularly raising children in this world of technology and social media. Fortunately PACE will be sponsoring a parent education night on this very topic. Please mark your calendars for Wednesday, November 7th at 7pm to hear a presentation via Zoom from Dr. James Bylund, psychologist and most importantly a parent with school aged children.

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.



TIME SENSITIVE

- Time is Almost Out
 - Pledges will be accepted through this Friday, October 18th.
 - 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.

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Looking for New Altar Servers

- You are invited to join the Altar Server Ministry at St. Agnes Parish. There will be a Training Session for NEW Altar Servers ONLY on Saturday, October 19th @ 1:30pm in the church.
- To reserve your spot, please email StAgnesAltarServerMinistry@gmail.com.

Parent Ed. Night Via Zoom

- Mark your calendars for November 7th @ 7pm to hear a presentation by Dr. Bylund on the effects of social media and technology can have on children.

Ready for Crab Season?

- The Knights of Columbus will hold their annual Crab & Tri-Tip Dinner on November 2nd at 6pm in the church hall.
- Reservations are due no later than October 25th. A flyer and reservation form can be found in your family envelope today.

Children's Liturgy This Sunday!

- Please join us for the 9am Children's Liturgy Mass on Sunday. The 1st & 7th grade students will be hosting.




- FALL FEST News
 - Fall Fest wristbands and tickets are now available for purchase on Auctria.
 - Join us for Trunk-o'-Treating, games, cake walk and a dance party on Friday, October 25th from 6-9pm.
 - A double-sided flyer with all the details and opportunities for parent volunteer hours has been included in your envelope today.
- Gift Wrap Sale is Back
 - Information on how to register and shop online is posted on our website.
 - You can start shopping now; this fundraiser ends October 30th.
- The Herd is Leaving Soon
 - A flyer describing with information about this fun activity has been posted on our website.
 - This event will end on October 21st.

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Weekly Schoolwide Learning Expectation: 3.1 A life-long learner who uses knowledge, skills and strategies to learn.

 IMPORTANT DATES AND EVENTS	
10/17	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Scrip Sold 9am-11am
10/18	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 8:15am Mass – 4th Gr. (Formal)• Scrip Sold 9am-11am• 7th Gr. Dance-St. Francis
10/19	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Work Party 9am-1pm• 2nd Gr. First Reconciliation Parent Workshop 9:30am-11:00am – Cauchi Hall
10/20	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Children’s Liturgy & 2nd Gr. Enrollment Mass 9am (Mk 10:35-45)
10/22	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Spirit T-Shirt Tuesday
10/24	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Scrip Sold 9am-11am• School Board Meeting 6:30pm – Ministry Center
10/25	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Coffee Social 7:45am<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Ministry Center Patio• Scrip Sold 9am-11am• Fall Fest 6PM