



## Principal's Thoughts

Our first Faith Family gathering took place last Friday afternoon and we are excited to have this activity return. Buddies are assigned to a Faith Family to ensure there is one student from each grade within the group. Our sessions this year will focus on the virtues and we chose Faith as the first virtue to study. The 8<sup>th</sup> grade students prepare the lessons under the direction of Mr. Sheridan and Mrs. Wright and then lead their group through various activities that involve the reading of scripture and learning about a Saint that exemplifies the particular Virtue. This past Friday the children learned that virtues are habits that are developed to help a person do what is right. After reading the story of the mustard seed, the children discussed how our faith begins small and grows over time, just like the seed. St. Joseph was chosen as the saint of the day because not only did he obey God but trusted Him as well. The children each made an acorn from paper and placed it on a poster of a tree. During each Faith Family gathering this year, the children will add something to this tree. I hope you will find time to share with your children how your faith has grown and ways you have strengthened this virtue throughout the years.

### ***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

#### **Ready for Crab Season?**

- The Knights of Columbus will hold their annual Crab & Tri-Tip Dinner on November 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6pm in the church hall.
- Reservations are due no later than this Friday, October 25<sup>th</sup>. A flyer and reservation form is posted on our website.

#### **Little Vinnies Update**

- The Costume Drive collected 56 costumes! The Bay Area Crisis Nursery was very grateful for the donation.
- Thank you to those that participated!

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### **Need Hours? Lunch Helpers Wanted**

- We are still looking for parents to help serve lunch between the hours of 12:00-1:00. You can come on a weekly basis, once a month or any variation in between.
- A Sign-up Genius is posted on our website for your convenience. Thank you in advance for signing up to help.

### **Book Drive**

- Jace Zhivago, Class of 2023 has reached out requesting our help to collect age-appropriate books and dictionaries for preschool through 5<sup>th</sup> grade students as part of his service learning project .
- Two boxes will be placed in front of the faculty room for your donations.
- This drive will take place October 28<sup>th</sup> to November 8<sup>th</sup>. The books will be donated to the Books for Barrios Project.

### **Parent Ed Night: Recreational Screen Devices and Dependence in Youth**

- The presentation will take place on November 6<sup>th</sup> at 7pm via Zoom.
- Dr. Bylund is a Licensed Clinical Psychologist (#34128) and Licensed Educational Psychologist (#3220). He is the owner and director of The Bylund Clinic, where he specializes in assessment of neurodevelopmental disorders, and is certified in technology addiction and digital health.
- He will be discussing the reasons recreational screen devices cause dependency, the mental health and educational impact of excessive recreational screen use, general guidelines for screen use in children and adolescents, signs of problem recreational screen use, and treatment for recreational screen addiction.
- We hope you can join us for this presentation. A Zoom link will be sent in November.

### **Helping Hands Ministry**

- We have been asked to provide 14 dozen cookies for the upcoming Mass of Remembrance. This Mass will take place on November 2<sup>nd</sup> to celebrate the lives of those in our parish that have passed away this year.
- Please consider helping us provide hospitality for the attendees. A flyer with details has been included in your envelope today.



- **FALL FEST is This Friday**
  - **Can You Host a Trunk?**
    - Signs ups have been extended until this Thursday. The link can be found on our website under the Events tab on the PACE homepage.
    - The children love this part of the Fall Fest. The more cars, the merrier!
  - **Fall Fest wristbands and tickets:** are now available for purchase on Auctria through Thursday and will reopen at the event.
  - **Join us** for a costume parade, Trunk-o'-Treating, games, cake walk and dance party this Friday, October 25<sup>th</sup> from 6-9pm.
  - **Please keep in mind we have very young children attending, costumes should not include weapons or extensive gore. Thank you**
  - A double-sided flyer with all the details and opportunities for parent volunteer hours has been posted on the website.
- **Gift Wrap Sale Ends Soon**
  - Information on how to register and shop online is posted on our website.
  - You can start shopping now; this fundraiser ends October 30<sup>th</sup>.


*Weekly Schoolwide Learning Expectation: 3.2 A life-long learner who demonstrates understanding of core curriculum.*



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	IMPORTANT DATES AND EVENTS
10/24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Scrip Sold 9am-11am</li><li>• School Board Meeting 6:30pm – Ministry Center</li></ul>
10/25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Coffee Social 7:45am<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Ministry Center Patio</li><li>○ 8:15 Mass – 3<sup>rd</sup> Gr. Formal</li></ul></li><li>• Scrip Sold 9am-11am</li><li>• Fall Fest 6PM</li></ul>
10/27	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 30 Sunday of Ordinary Time (Mk 10:46-52)</li></ul>
10/28	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Halloween Art Competition Entries Due</li><li>• Candy Guess Begins and lasts until Halloween (25¢/guess)</li></ul>
10/29	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• WAT Assembly 2:00 - church</li></ul>
10/30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Hearing Screening: Grs. K, 2, 5, 8 &amp; students new to St. Agnes</li></ul>
10/31	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Happy Halloween! Orange &amp; Black Non-Uniform Dress</li><li>• Entries for Pumpkin Carving Contest Due in Front of the Library</li><li>• Halloween Rally 1:30</li><li>• Class Trick-o-Treating Parade After the Rally</li></ul>
11/1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• All Saints Day Mass 9:00am - Formal</li></ul>