



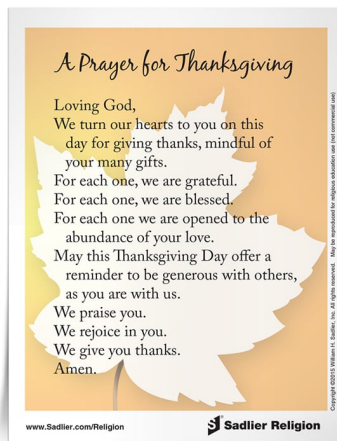
## Principal's Thoughts

Thanksgiving offers us the opportunity to pause and reflect with gratitude upon all that God has provided. With our busy schedules, we often need "permission" to stop so that we can notice what has been given and why this holiday is so special. As I walked through the faculty room I was amazed when I saw all that had been provided during our Thanksgiving Food Drive and I stopped to give thanks to God for all of you. I want to take this opportunity to express our gratitude for your support and generosity in making this one of the most plentiful food drives in many years. We were able to provide multiple boxes of food filled to the brim, for five families. As a catholic community we are called to care for others and this was made abundantly clear this week. The virtue of gratitude is definitely alive and well at St. Agnes School.

This Friday before we depart for our weeklong break, we will take time to pray in gratitude with the 5<sup>th</sup> grade students who have prepared the Thanksgiving Prayer Service. I hope this will be the beginning of a wonderful week with your family. Here are some suggestions for practicing gratitude:

- I express gratitude to God in daily prayer.
- I thank others, even for things they do on a daily basis.
- I recognize the blessings in my life, even during difficult times.
- I refrain from complaining by trying to replace negative thoughts with grateful ones.

On behalf of the staff, I wish you many blessings this upcoming week. Please travel in safety and enjoy!



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### Education in Virtue = Gratitude

*"You are my God, I give you thanks; my God, I offer you praise.*

*Give thanks to the Lord, who is good, whose love endures forever. Psalm 118:28-29*

- Gratitude is a thankful disposition of mind and heart.
- Comes from the cardinal virtue of justice



### • Showtime - December 12<sup>th</sup>!

- Please join us for our Annual Christmas Concert: Jesus, What a Wonderful Child!
- Tickets are now on sale! A flyer with the details and order form has been included in your envelope today. Preordered tickets must be purchased by Wednesday, December 4<sup>th</sup>.
- Tickets will be also sold at the door.

### • Concert Costumes

- A flyer with costume information can be found in your envelope. White tops and black bottoms are a must. Watch for those Black Friday deals!

### • Nutcracker Ballet

- The Idul Family is inviting you to attend the ballet December 6<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> at the El Campanil Theater in Antioch. A flyer with a QR code to buy tickets at a discounted rate, has been included in your envelope.



## TIME SENSITIVE

### Need Hours?

- The parish Christmas Concert on 12/7 is in need of 2 volunteers.
- If you need hours and can help at this event please contact Marina Lee at: [m\\_rivieccio@hotmail.com](mailto:m_rivieccio@hotmail.com)

### Scrip Special Orders

- The approaching holidays are a perfect time to order extra scrip. Please remember it takes at least one week to receive special or large orders of scrip. Thanksgiving is very late this year which gives us less time between holidays to receive scrip orders.

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

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- **Need Hours?**
  - Helpers are needed at Reindeer Lane on Monday 12/2: 8am-2pm, Tuesday 12/3: 9am-12pm and Wednesday 12/4: 9am-12pm
  - Please contact Sara Cabezas (Prendergast) or Suzie Howard to sign-up.
- **Reindeer Lane**
  - Help us surprise you!
  - Your child will be given the opportunity to do their own Christmas shopping at Reindeer Lane (St. Agnes Library) on December 3<sup>rd</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup>. Please see the flyer with all the details.
- **Dine Out @ Five Guys (Clayton)**
  - Wednesday, December 4<sup>th</sup>, Five Guys will be donating 15% of your purchase to St. Agnes School.
  - The flyer, in your envelope must be presented upon purchase or when you pick-up your order.
- **Breakfast with Santa**
  - This VERY popular event will take place on Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup> with two separate seatings: 8am & 10am.
  - Santa will be available to hear the children's wishes and have a photo taken.
  - Tickets are now on sale! Hurry, this event typically sells out!
- **See's Candy is Now Available for your Holiday Shopping**
  - Our holiday candy fundraiser will last until December 6<sup>th</sup>. Here is the link to place your order: [https://www.yumraising.com/secure/stas\\_christmas91/RacDac5573/candy](https://www.yumraising.com/secure/stas_christmas91/RacDac5573/candy)
- **Spirit Shirts Remain**
  - We have a few spirit shirts left for sale: 1-YXS, 5-YS, 2-YM & 1-YXL (\$30.)


### ***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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	IMPORTANT DATES AND EVENTS
11/20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Mr. Latteri's Thanksgiving Lunch!</li></ul>
11/21	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>School Board Meeting 6:30 pm Ministry Center</li></ul>
11/22	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>8:15am Mass 2<sup>nd</sup> Gr. - Formal</li><li>Stone Soup K &amp; 1 - 10:00am</li><li>Thanksgiving Prayer Service 1:30pm</li></ul>
11/23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Thanksgiving Break Begins</li></ul>
11/28	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Happy Thanksgiving</li></ul>
12/1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>First Sunday of Advent- <a href="#">Lk 21:25-28, 34-36</a></li></ul>
12/2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Classes Resume</li><li>Advent Reconciliation Grs. 3-8 Formal</li><li>Reindeer Lane Preview</li></ul>
12/3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Spirit T-Shirt Tuesday</li><li>Reindeer Lane Shopping Day</li><li>St. Agnes Church Advent Reconciliation Service 6pm-7:30pm</li></ul>
12/4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>FULL School Day</li><li>Reindeer Lane Shopping Day</li><li>Dine Out – Five Guys 11am-10pm</li></ul>
12/5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Breakfast with Santa Sale Closes</li></ul>
12/6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>See's Candy Sale Ends</li></ul>
12/7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Breakfast with Santa! Ho! Ho! Ho!</li><li>Parish Christmas Concert 7:30pm</li></ul>



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