



Principal's Thoughts

Believe it or not, the enrollment season is upon us once again. Many phone calls are coming into the office inquiring about our kindergarten, preschool and transitional kindergarten programs. Ten families have already sign-up to attend the Kinder Information Night on January 7th and seven families have submitted applications for next year! I am hopeful that currently enrolled families will continue to spread the word about what St. Agnes School can offer not only its students but families as well.

Why would families consider us? First and foremost, we are a catholic school not private. We are given the sacred task to spread the wonders of the gospel and help our children model Jesus' teachings. This messaging is woven throughout the day in our curriculum, schoolwide learning expectations announced each morning and in our expectations of our children in their social interactions. We strive to educate the whole child and not just their academic success (which happens to be REALLY good.) The National Catholic Education Association defines what a catholic school should offer and from which our accreditation standards were developed. Here is a link to this information:

https://ncea.org/NSBECS/NSBECS/Standards/Defining_Characteristics_of_Catholic_Schools.aspx

As a school community (pastor, parents, staff and children) we strive to achieve these Standards and reflect on how we can improve.

Pope Francis states: "The family remains the basic unit of society and the first school in which children learn the human, spiritual and moral values which enable them to be a beacon of goodness, integrity and justice in our communities."

We build upon the work you as parents have begun to prepare your children to be productive members of our society. We hope to share this commitment and fruits of our labor with many new families next year. Please spread the word!!

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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Education in Virtue = Gratitude

"In all circumstances give thanks, for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus."

Thessalonians 5:18

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



Thanksgiving Food Drive

- Classroom teachers are coordinating this outreach project with their buddy class to provide food for a family they have been assigned.
- The \$1.00 donation will fund the purchase of a grocery store scrip card with the hope that there will be enough money to purchase a turkey and other perishable items.
- We ask for your generosity during this season of thanksgiving.
- Your child's food item and \$1.00 donation are due no later than Wednesday, November 20th.
- 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
- Need More Spirit Wear?
 - We have some extra items from this year's design that are available for purchase.
 - Please send cash or a check payable to St. Agnes PACE to the school office. Your item will be sent home with your child.
 - Here's the inventory:

Shirts \$30	Sweatshirt \$50
3- YXS	1 - YM
8 - YS	1 - Adult S
3 - YM	
2 - YL	
2 - YXL	

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TIME SENSITIVE

• **Parent Ed. Night Follow-up**

- I hope you enjoyed Dr. Bylund's presentation about the effects of social use of technology.
- If you have not had the opportunity to listen to this podcast, listed in the previous newsletter, it is a perfect follow up to Dr. Bylund's talk. Emily Oster has a series of podcasts titled: Raising Parents that are informative and touch on current topics that parents face. Here is a link to the podcast: *Are Smartphones Stealing Childhood*:
- https://open.spotify.com/episode/0sYJI9HQfpO6OCct3ddjJJ?si=FATX_Tg7SZqjdBswengEnQ

How's it Going?

- Last week you received a scrip statement as well as a statement from the volunteer hours coordinators. If you are on track, you should be at 50% of your goal (\$150 in scrip profit and 15 volunteer hours.)
- Please refer to pgs. 44 and 51 in the Family Handbook for further information.

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.



• **See's Candy is Now Available for your Holiday Shopping**

- Our holiday candy fundraiser is now underway and will last until December 6th. Here is the link to place your order:
 - https://www.yumraising.com/secure/stas_christmas91/RacDac5573/candy

• **Auction Update**


- Included in your family envelope today is a first look at the St. Agnes Masters Auction!
- Check out the parent packet for details on the date, theme, and how you can get involved. Visit our social media for more updates and start getting excited!

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Weekly Schoolwide Learning Expectation: 4.1 An effective communicator who is able to listen actively to others.

 IMPORTANT DATES AND EVENTS	
11/14	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Scrip Sold 9am-11am
11/15	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 8:15 Mass (1st & 7th formal)• Scrip Sold 9am-11am• Awards Assembly 1:30pm• Faith Families – Virtue: Gratitude 1:45pm• Report Cards Go Home
11/16	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Work Party 9am-1pm
11/17	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 33rd Sunday of Ordinary Time (Mt. 13:24-32)
11/19	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Spirit T-Shirt Tuesday
11/20	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mr. Latteri's Thanksgiving Lunch!
11/21	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• School Board Meeting 6:30 pm Ministry Center
11/22	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 8:15am Mass 2nd Gr. Formal• Stone Soup K & 1 - 10:00am• Thanksgiving Prayer Service 1:30pm

11/20: Mr. Latteri is providing a Thanksgiving lunch for all students! This lunch will include a half of a turkey sandwich on a roll with a bag of chips. Thank you Mr. Latteri!