



Principal's Thoughts

In the Gospel reading this past Sunday, Matthew teaches *"The Lord our God is Lord alone! You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these."* This commitment to love others can manifest itself in a variety of ways both large and small. St. Teresa of Avila is quoted as saying "peace begins with a smile." The Social Teachings of the Church remind us that we as a community of faith, are to take care of those in need. During the month of November as we focus on gratitude and giving thanks for the many blessings God has bestowed upon us, we will hold our Annual Thanksgiving Food Drive. This year we are redirecting our efforts and will have the buddy classes responsible to provide for a particular family. Your child(ren)'s teachers will be facilitating this community outreach project and communicating with you on what is needed. Our goal is to make this more concrete and personal for the students. Thank you in advance for helping with this important opportunity for our children to take action to love their neighbor. My favorite reflection from St. Teresa beautifully touches upon Matthew's message:

Christ has no body but yours,
No hands, no feet on earth but yours,
Yours are the eyes with which he looks
Compassion on this world,
Yours are the feet with which he walks to do good,
Yours are the hands, with which he blesses all the world.
Yours are the hands, yours are the feet,
Yours are the eyes, you are his body.
Christ has no body now but yours,
No hands, no feet on earth but yours,
Yours are the eyes with which he looks
compassion on this world.
Christ has no body now on earth but yours.

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 = Faith

"Faith is the realization of what is hoped for and evidence of things not seen." Heb 11:1

- A theological virtue given to us at baptism
- Enables us to know God and all that he reveals
- Is the essence of Catholicism, our deposit of faith given to us through sacred scripture, sacred tradition and guarded by the magisterium (teaching office of the Church.)



STAR Assessments

- This Friday marks the end of the first trimester. Today the students participated in the math STAR assessment and tomorrow we will be administering the reading assessment to monitor the students' growth since August.
- Please be sure to have your child rested and fed with a nutritious breakfast.
- You will receive a report for both of these assessments next Friday in your child's report card envelope.

How's it Going?

- Today you are receiving 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.

Veterans, Please Join Us

- Save the date for Friday, November 8th at 2:00pm to attend our Veterans Day Prayer Service.
- The 3rd grade students are busy preparing for this prayer opportunity to honor our veterans. If you know a veteran, please consider bringing them and let the office know if we are having a special guest.
- If your veteran cannot attend or is no longer with us, please consider sending a framed picture labeled with your child's name and grade on the back.

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TIME SENSITIVE

- **Please listen, you don't want to miss this!**
 - https://open.spotify.com/episode/0sYJI9HQfpO6OCct3ddjJJ?si=FATX_Tg75ZqjdBswengEnQ
- **Don't forget to attend: Parent Ed Night: Recreational Screen Devices and Dependence in Youth**
 - The presentation will take place TODAY, **November 6th at 7pm** via Zoom.
- **School Board Meeting Rescheduled**
 - Due to work commitments, our School Board meeting needed to be rescheduled. We will gather in the Ministry Center on Thursday, November 7th at 6:30pm.
- **Book Drive**
 - Jace Zhivago, Class of 2023 has requested our help with his service learning project. Two boxes are in front of the faculty room waiting for your donations of books and dictionaries for preschool-5th grade students..
 - This drive will take place October 28th to November 8th. The books will be donated to the Books for Barrios Project.



- **Dine Out TONIGHT - November 6th**
 - The Kebab Shop on Oak Grove Rd. is offering a 50% donation of your purchase to St. Agnes! You must present the flyer during checkout or use the code FUNDRAISER when ordering online. The flyer can be found on our website.
- **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

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CELEBRATE!

- The Amen Tournament was a huge success! Thank you to our sponsors and golfers for making this a wonderful day, we raised over \$15,000!

Weekly Schoolwide Learning Expectation: 3.4 A life-long learner who works to his/her ability.

	IMPORTANT DATES AND EVENTS
11/6	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• STAR Testing - Math• Minimum Day-12:00 Dismissal• Faculty Articulation• Parent Ed. Night 7pm via Zoom• Dine Out-Kebab Shop (10:30am-9pm)
11/7	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• STAR Testing – ELA• School Board Meeting 6:30pm – Ministry Center
11/8	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 8:15am Mass (K & 8th Formal)• Veterans Day Prayer Service (Formal) 2:00pm• 1st Trimester Ends
11/10	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 32nd Sunday of Ordinary Time (Mk 12:38-44 or 12:41-44)
11/11	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Veterans Day Holiday-No School
11/12	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Spirit T-Shirt Tuesday• PACE Meeting 6:30pm
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• Faith Families – Virtue: Gratitude• Report Cards Go Home
11/16	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Work Party 9am-1pm