



Principal's Thoughts

This Friday, February 14th is the Feast Day of St. Valentine of Rome who was beheaded in 269 by Emperor Claudius II. As legend has it, Valentine was a priest who secretly married Christian couples during a time where men were needed as soldiers and not allowed to marry. Perhaps this is where the strong connection of love and commitment to our present day Valentine's Day celebration was developed.

Love is defined in Webster's Dictionary as: "a strong liking for someone or something; a passionate affection for another person." Did you know there are three types of love? Philia, is a generalized love of objects or friendships (i.e. I love pizza!). A more valued love is called storge, and is a type of familial or relational love. A much deeper kind of love that is more spiritual and can only be given by God is called agape. Did you know the word love is mentioned in the King James Bible 310 times? This does not count the various forms of the word: past and future tense etc. On Valentine's Day consider taking some time to reflect more deeply on how important God's love is to you and yours' to him.

*Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God,
and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God.*

Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. 1 John 4:7-8

Education in Virtue = Kindness

- **Related to: the virtue of loving with justice**
- **Defined as: Expressing genuine concern for the well-being of others and anticipating their needs.**
- **Looks like:**
 - Talking to someone who seems sad.
 - Practice speaking, thinking and acting kindly even when someone is not being kind to you.

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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- **Volunteer Statements**

- Included in your envelope today is a statement reflecting volunteer hours served from May 1, 2024 - February 1, 2025.
- The time for taking the survey has not been credited on this statement.
- Please review this document carefully. If you have questions, please contact the chairperson of the event or the volunteer coordinators: pace-voluntee-hours@stagnesconcord.com. Please submit your missing hours ASAP.

- **Bishop Barber's Invitation**

- You will find a letter from Bishop Barber describing some pilgrimage opportunities afforded you during this Jubilee Year of Hope that are right here in our backyard.
- Take your faith to the next level!

- **FACTS Accounting**

- Please be advised that your FACTS account will be charged \$250 tomorrow Thursday, February 13th for the first installment of your 2025-2026 registration fee.
- This deposit is non-refundable.

- **Important Survey**

- Your thoughts are important and we have only heard from 64% of our families.
- Please consider taking a bit of time to complete this survey so we have accurate information for our accreditation document. Thank you

- **On You Mark, Get Set. . .**

- The CYO track season is here and registration is open now until March 15, 2025.
- To register, log onto: www.stagnescyo.com



Auction News

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- **Green Coats Ready?**

- Tickets are now on sale! Please visit: <https://auctria.events/auction2025>

- **Sponsorships Available**

- Our auction program offers great advertising opportunities for local businesses!
- Follow us on Instagram/Facebook to find out how you can promote your business while supporting our school.

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- **Bingo**

- A big thank you to Valerie Burke and Sarah Grant for a great evening at BINGO! The volunteers took great care of the players, everyone was organized and a great time was had by all! Kudos!

- **Valentine's Day Date Night**

- Our very own Nguyen Family (Paisley 4th) is offering you a special night at their restaurant Vanessa's Bistro 2!
- Please see the flyer in your envelope describing your Valentine's date opportunity.
- Reservations are strongly recommended.

Schoolwide Learning Expectation 2.1: *A conscientious individual in a diverse society who is able to treat self and others with dignity and respect.*

	IMPORTANT DATES AND EVENTS
2/11	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 8th Grade Graduation Pictures• Spirit T-Shirt Tuesday• PACE Meeting 6:30 – Cauchi Hall
2/13	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Scrip Sold 9-11am
2/14	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• No School! Happy Valentine's Day• No Scrip Sold
2/16	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 6th Sunday of Ordinary Time (Luke 6:17, 20-26)
2/17	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• No School- Presidents Day Holiday
2/18	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Spirit T-Shirt Tuesday
2/19	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 3rd Gr. Off to Camp!
2/21	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Welcome Back 3rd Grade Campers!
2/22	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Work Party 9am-1pm