



Principal's Thoughts

The Catholic Social Teachings of the Church are an integral part of our faith and therefore an important facet of the curriculum in our catholic schools. These teachings are centered on the dignity of the person, care for God's creation and global solidarity. As a community we work together to reflect these teachings in our school. These beliefs have become even more relevant during this pandemic and can help us stay centered and keep perspective. With this in mind, I thought it might be useful to share with you our longstanding partnership with the various public health entities during the school year and how we work to keep our community healthy.

We regularly follow guidelines according to Contra Costa County Health Services that implements guidelines from the California Department of Public Health. The State health department works in partnership with the Center for Disease Control (CDC.) The role of these agencies, according to the California's Department of Public Health website is as follows: "Public health professionals work to improve the health of families and communities by promoting healthy lifestyles, preventing disease, and removing environmental dangers. The California Department of Public Health (CDPH) in collaboration with your county public health office oversees a variety of research, response and prevention programs to protect your health."

Each and every year we are required to gather immunization information for all new students in order to be in compliance with the State requirement for vaccinations. A representative from the Diocese audits our health records yearly as well. Students in selected grades also have their vision and hearing tested. Throughout the year, should there be a number of students absent with a particular illness, we also are required to report this to the public health department.

In addition to all of this, we ask that you monitor your child(ren)'s health on a daily basis and should they not be feeling well to keep them home. You will notice that most of the symptoms mentioned in the Family Handbook are reflective of COVID-19 symptoms (fever, diarrhea, vomiting, etc.) I offer this information only to reinforce that much of the criteria for keeping your child(ren) home now as in the past, is just commonplace for our school. The major difference now will be the quarantining that might need to take place should your child be in close contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19. Should that happen, we will navigate those protocols together in order to care for God's creation in solidarity with one another in order to show dignity for our students and staff. Together we CAN do this and thank you for your partnership!

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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COVID-19 Updates

Vaccination Cards

- Per our CSP: “The Diocese of Oakland requires proof of vaccination for employees. Staff and parents of vaccine eligible students will be asked to verify vaccination status. We maintain a confidential record of staff, student and volunteer vaccinations, with access to this data limited to the principal and Covid-19 Liaison. Proof of vaccination means that a vaccination card is presented to the principal or Covid-19 Liaison. Any staff, parent or student with an unverified status will be treated as unvaccinated for quarantine and testing purposes.” (Please see the flowchart on pages 19-20.)
- This policy applies to parents with the hope that sometime this year, volunteers will be working in the classrooms or as chaperones on field trips. With this scenario we would need to determine vaccination status and if the parent is not vaccinated a negative COVID test would be required before volunteering.
- Please submit only a paper copy (not electronic) of your vaccination card and your child’s card if vaccinated.

Bishop’s Message

- Here is a link to a message from Bishop Barber regarding religious exemptions in regards to vaccinations: [Bishop Barber- No Religious Exemption for Covid-19 Vaccine](#)

School Business?

- Please call the school office and we will meet you at your car to assist you. Should your child need to leave school early for an appointment or arrives late to school, please call us in the office and we will help your child.



Dine Out TODAY!

- Beginning at 4pm tonight you can order your dinner (dine in or take out) from Skipolini’s Pizza in Clayton.
- You must bring the flyer that has been included in your envelope or a digital image on your phone and show it to the cashier when paying for your order. Skip’s will then donate 15% of your order to St. Agnes School.
- **THANK YOU, Skipolini’s Pizza!**

Scrip Statements

- Today in your envelope you are receiving a statement for scrip purchases made from May 1st- August 29th.
- There are two totals reported: amount purchased and most importantly total credit.
- Each family has the yearly goal of generating \$300.00 in credit (profit.) Please subtract the total credit amount on this statement from \$300.00 to see the progress you have made toward this goal.

Directory

- Each year families are given a Family Directory with the class rosters, family names, addresses,

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phone numbers and parent emails.

- The purpose of this Directory is to nurture community and communication between parents. Please do not use this for marketing/sales needs.
- Enclosed in your envelope is a copy of the page where your information will be printed. Please check this for accuracy and make changes directly on this copy. Please send this back in your family envelope by Wednesday, September 8th.
- If you do not have copy of a page from the directory, this means we have not received your permission to include your information. If this is in error, please provide us with your contact info.

Chicelunch

- Students appear to be enjoying the lunch selections!
- We are getting acclimated to the new system and it appears to be working! Thank you for your patience, I think we only had two mishaps!!!!

Looking for Singers & Altar Servers

- St. Agnes Church is encouraging students in grades 2-8 (3-8 for altar servers) to participate in the children's choir or as altar servers.
- Please see the flyer with additional details that has been included in your envelope.



TIME SENSITIVE

Car Line Tip: It's All About Timing

- AM: Each day is getting better we are now finishing at 8:02!
- PM: You might want to consider arriving later rather than earlier. The later you arrive, the less time you will be waiting in your car. Even if you arrive at 3:10, your children will be fine.

Attendance

- Children are not being marked tardy before 8:15 during this week until we are "in the groove."
- I will update you when this protocol changes.

celebrate!

- Kudos to the staff members that have been facilitating our drop-off and pickup lines! We have been finishing by 8:00am and 3:25pm! Only 10 minutes behind our typical afternoon times!!! A big thank you to our parents for helping out!




~Please Pray~

~We ask God's blessings on the Marseille Family (Ella 6th & Micheala 3rd) as they mourn the loss of their maternal grandfather, Florencio Sanchez. Please keep them in your prayers.~

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	IMPORTANT DATES AND EVENTS
9/1	• NO Disaster Drill-rescheduled for October 6 th
9/5	• See You At Mass!-24 th Sunday of Ordinary Time
9/6	• Labor Day Holiday-No School
9/7	• Final Week for STAR Testing
9/11	• Work Party 9-1