



Principal's Thoughts

In case you missed it, here is my reflection for the October 3rd St. Agnes Bulletin:

Another school year has begun and while we inch toward normalcy, we still have a long way to go. We are back to our regular schedule with students returning to in-person learning but that is about as normal as it gets. Our school theme this year is "Hope for the journey: God's Got This!" We wanted to give our community something positive to hold onto given the uncertainties during this pandemic. Our goal at St. Agnes School, especially now is to hold on to the belief that we only need to trust and hope in God and everything will work out. We want our children to know that God has a plan, he is in control and we need to trust Him. This is the source of our comfort and hope. Given this, we do not need all the answers, just faith.

As a school, we have a distinct and separate set of COVID-19 guidelines to follow. Our protocols are more stringent than a typical commercial enterprise because the majority of our population is not eligible to be vaccinated. We continue to mask, socially distance, ventilate classrooms and clean, clean, and clean some more. You might ask yourself how are we keeping sane. The answer is in our respect for one another!

According to the USCCB "*As Catholics, we are called to cherish, defend, and protect those who are most vulnerable, from the beginning to the end of their lives, and at every point in between.*" As we begin the month of October and focus on respecting all life, it is a perfect fit for our theme of hope for the school year. When we instruct the children to wash their hands for twenty seconds or sanitize their hands before entering the classroom, we remind them that this is being done to take care of one another. Cleaning our desks in the junior high classes before another class enters is an act of caring for the next person that will use those desks. We ask our families to use this philosophy as well, keeping their children home if they are showing signs of not feeling well. We're not able to know who our children may come in contact with once they leave us to be with their families. There might be elderly grandparents living in the home, a newborn child coming home from the hospital, or a family member undergoing treatments whose immune system might be compromised. We don't know so we take the extra step and go the extra mile to care for one another because we are a community that cares. Simply put, we are all God's creation and deserve care and respect.

We are so fortunate to find our children extremely resilient and they appear to understand this message. They have adapted well and joyfully embrace their time on campus. Do they enjoy wearing masks? Absolutely not, but when we remind them why we are abiding by this mandate they mask up and go about their business without argument. These students are wonderful role models for us. They give us joy and hope every day! Their trust is immeasurable and examples we should learn from them. As witnessed in Mark's Gospel, let us be reminded:

"Let the children come to me; do not prevent them. whoever does not accept the kingdom of God like a child will not enter it." (Mt 9:14)

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COVID-19 Updates

Don't Let Up!

- A newspaper article recently stated that if we were using the tiered color system from last year, we would currently be in the deep purple range even though the numbers are trending down.
- **Please** continue to be vigilant.

THANK YOU!

- We appreciate the families that have kept their children home who are not feeling well AND have had them tested! Together it takes all of us to keep our children in school. Blessings!!

No Home Tests

- Should your child need to be tested, we can only accept results from PCR tests.



See you at Conference(s)!

- The teachers are looking forward to sharing their insights and goals for your child(ren.)
- Thank you in advance for your partnership!

A Little Help for our Alumni

- Alums: Antonio Accardo, Patric Bello & Joe DeMaria have asked for our help.
- They are coordinating a food/toiletries collection for their religion class.
- A flyer has been included in your envelope.
- Any help would be GREATLY appreciated.

Parish News

- If you would like to receive St. Agnes Parish announcements, there is a signup sheet at the Welcome Table in the church, or you can send your email address, name, and phone to Mike McDermott at mtmcderr@pacbell.net to be added to Flocknote.
- The Flocknote will also include some inspirational messages from Father Johnson.
- The MAP (Mission Alignment Process) questionnaire link will also be sent via Flocknote.

Wheel-a-thon Donations Due!

- Please get those donations submitted ASAP
- Prizes will be determined soon!

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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Tic Tok Challenge Concern

- There is a concerning post on social media directed towards students that I would like you to be aware.
- Each month students are being challenged to perform and record various tasks at their school and then post their recordings.
- Two such challenges (sleep in & be late for school and deface or vandalize a bathroom) have already occurred.
- This month, the challenge is to slap a staff member on the backside. Please know, this would be considered battery and is in violation of the California Education Code. This act would also be a cause for suspension or possible expulsion. I have already talked with the 8th graders about this and would ask you to have a similar conversation with your child.
- Thank you in advance for helping to eliminate this distraction from our school.

Need Pants or Shorts?

- Jane McCormick (Keith 8th gr.) has 2 pairs of Dennis navy shorts and one pair of slacks all size 14 with tags attached that she can't return.
- She is offering to sell them for \$20 each or all 3 for \$50.
- Her contact information is in the Directory, please contact her if you are interested.

Virtus Training

- All parents, staff and volunteers must have current certificates of completion on file in the office from our Safe Environment Program.
- **If you were fingerprinted this year, you must complete the initial training before you can volunteer.**
 - Please visit: [Virtus Website](#) and click the First-Time Registrant tab to begin the registration process.
- If your training is set to expire, you will receive an email from Virtus assigning you to the next training.
- Simply login to your account to access the program.



~Please Pray~

~We can all use prayers and support from one another. This week we ask God's blessings on the Bredbenner Family (Tim, Thomas 03', Danny 07') as they mourn the loss of their wife/mother, Karen. She was a much-loved member of our staff many years ago and an active parent. We pray they will feel God's grace and our love. May eternal life shine upon her. Please keep them in your daily prayers.

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Pace Board News


The Herd is Out! Got Milk? Cookies?

- Now is the time to spread some joy to a lucky family and arrange for the herd to graze on their lawn.
- **Buddy Challenge:** Send the Herd to your child's buddy family!
- The Herding flyer can be found on our website.
- When the herd arrives, there will be a note attached to a yard sign with who sent the herd and a QR code with instructions on how the recipient can pass the herd to someone else.
- Let's see if we can keep that herd mooovin'!
- You only have until next Friday!!!!

Need Hours?

- We are still looking for more volunteers to help get the Herd "Moovin'."
- This is a great way to earn your volunteer hours - socially distanced and after work hours!
- Reach out to Marilyn Tichenor at marilyntichenor@att.net if interested.

Weekly Student Learning Expectation: 2.3 A conscientious individual in a diverse society who is able take responsibility for personal actions.

	IMPORTANT DATES AND EVENTS
10/13	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Minimum Day-12:00 Dismissal• Parent Teacher Conferences 1-8
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10/15	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Minimum Day-12:00 Dismissal
10/16	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Work Party 9-1
10/17	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 29th Sunday of Ordinary Time
10/19	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Spirit T-Shirt Tuesday

