



## Principal's Thoughts

Are you ready for Halloween and all those trick-or-treaters? The atmosphere at school is certainly charged with energy and anticipation for this beloved night! Did you know that Halloween has Catholic roots? Just as many of our feast days are celebrated with parties and festivals the day before (i.e. Christmas Eve or Mardi Gras,) Halloween also known as All Hallows Eve, is actually the precursor to All Saints Day. The word "hallow" is an old English noun for saint. As a verb this word means - to make something holy or to honor it as holy ("Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.")

The Monday following October 31<sup>st</sup>, we as Catholics celebrate All Saints Day. This is a time designated to honor all those who came before us as our Catholic role models. These Saints truly lived as Jesus taught us to live and many gave their lives for their faith. We often worry about the gore and ghoulishness of Halloween but have you ever read about the lives of the martyrs? St. Thomas More was beheaded for his beliefs, can you imagine if someone dressed as Thomas More and carried a severed head around while trick-or-treating, people might be shocked!

How saintly are you? Were you given the name of a Saint? Do you know why or have any information about that Saint? Do your children have a saint for whom they identify? You might want to research various saints with your child/ren and have them choose one that they respect, a saint they can pray to, to intercede on their behalf. It is important to make the distinction that we do not pray to saints to "make our wishes come true," only God knows "the" plan. The Saints however can intercede on our behalf and so we should include them in our prayers.



## The Saints are Marching

- This Monday, November 1<sup>st</sup> at 8:15am the third graders will come dressed as the saint they have been researching and attend the All Saints Day Mass in the church.
- The remainder of the school will be "attending" Mass via Zoom. Formal uniform is required! Teachers will be sending out the Zoom link should you wish to attend. We would love to see you!

## Fall Sale!

- The social distancing protocol has given us the opportunity to do some much needed cleaning!
- A flyer/order form has been included in your family envelope with a list of items we no longer need and we are now offering to you.
- If you did not order a spirit T-shirt for this year and would now like one, we have a few left that you may purchase for \$25.00.
- We also have a few **FREE** items: last year's spirit shirt (cannot be worn in lieu of the 2021-2022 shirts) and MANY yearbooks from the past.
- We will fill orders on a first come, first served basis.
- Any remaining items will be recycled.

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### Pace Board News

#### St. Agnes School Ghouls to Visit Friday!

- Unfortunately due to COVID-19 protocols, it will be too difficult to hold our beloved Fall Fest.
- PACE didn't want to let this season go by without some festivities so they have requested that students be allowed to wear their costumes to school to add to the surprise they have planned.
  - Costumes have not been worn on campus for at least 30 years! Thank you PACE for offering the children this opportunity as part of your Fall Fest fundraising!
  - Costume Guidelines:
    - Comfortable costumes without accessories or Halloween masks (COVID masks must be worn.)
    - Must be age appropriate for everyone at school (We don't want to traumatize our kinders!)
    - Bathroom friendly costumes
- A donation of \$10.00/child is being requested to help with this activity.
- Thank you for participating.

#### Pies are coming! Time to Order

- The annual holiday pie sale is underway and will end November 5<sup>th</sup>.
- There are a variety of pies to choose from and each pie only costs \$15.00.
- A flyer and order form has been included in your family envelope today.
- All pies must be picked up on November 17<sup>th</sup> from 2:00-5:00pm.

#### Dine Out at MOD Pizza!

- Our next Dine Out will take place next Wednesday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> at MOD Pizza.
- For each pizza ordered, we will receive a donation of 20%!
- You must bring the flyer, included in your envelope, in order for us to receive credit.



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#### MAP Survey

- Your input is a valuable part of this process.
- The MAP committee is seeking to understand the needs of its people. Please consider participating.
- To access the MAP survey, please visit your parish website or the St. Agnes Parish website at:  
<https://stagnesparish.net/>


#### LAST CHANCE To Give 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.
- Any help would be GREATLY appreciated.

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	IMPORTANT DATES AND EVENTS
10/28	• School Board Meeting-6:30 via Zoom
10/29	• Ghouls arrive! Happy Halloween!
10/30	• Work Party 9-1
10/31	• 31 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time • Happy Halloween! Be safe!
11/1	• All Saints Day Mass 8:15am-Formal Uniform • STAR Testing Continues Until November 9 <sup>th</sup> .
11/2	• Spirit T-Shirt Tuesday
11/3	• Minimum Day-12:00 Dismissal • Staff Articulation
11/7	• Daylight Savings Time Ends
11/9	• PACE Meeting-6:30 via Zoom
11/11	• Veterans Day Holiday-No School

***Weekly Student Learning Expectation: 3.1 A life-long learner who is able to use knowledge, skills, and strategies necessary to learn.***

# Happy Halloween!



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## 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.