

Newsletter-11/3/21



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Principal's Thoughts

Today is the first Wednesday of the month and you might be asking yourself why these days are designated as minimum days. While the students are dismissed at 12:00, the teachers remain on campus until 5:00 to collaborate on various topics related to curriculum development, planning and student learning. A large portion of these meetings are spent working on our Action Plan, a critical component of our WCEA and WASC accreditation. The Action Plan consists of a list of prioritized goals, a rationale for each goal and a timeline to implement and bring the plan to completion. The staff identified 5 critical goals to enhance student learning:

1. Analysis and disaggregation of data to assess student achievement
2. Foster the social/emotional well-being of students
3. Strengthen Catholic Identity through service learning
4. Strengthen Catholic Identity by supporting families in their journey of faith
5. Enhance student learning through technology

This Wednesday, the faculty will be attending a professional development training on how to utilize the variety of data reports within the RAZ Kids program for students in grades K-5. Time will also be spent analyzing the benchmark data from STAR testing. Committees will also meet for the first time this year to collaborate on Action Plan items. This will be a very full day!

COVID-19 Updates

CDC Update: 11/2/21

- "Today, CDC Director Rochelle P. Walensky, M.D., M.P.H., endorsed the CDC Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices' (ACIP) recommendation that children 5 to 11 years old be vaccinated against COVID-19 with the Pfizer-BioNTech pediatric vaccine. CDC now expands vaccine recommendations to about 28 million children in the United States in this age group and allows providers to begin vaccinating them as soon as possible."

Town Hall Meeting

- Contra Costa County Health officials will be hosting a virtual townhall meeting tomorrow, Thursday November 4 from 6:00-7:00PM to discuss and answer questions regarding vaccinations for children ages 5-11.
- To access this meeting, use this link: bit.ly/3CNyBIE
- A flyer with additional information has been posted on our website under the COVID-19 tab.

At this time there are no updates on vaccine requirements for Catholic School students

Weekly Student Learning Expectation: 3.2 A life-long learner who is able to demonstrate understanding of core curriculum.

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• **The Winner Is?**

- We understand that having to submit the results of a COVID-19 test each time your child is sick can be inconvenient. We wanted to thank you for your understanding in following this protocol.
- We will be holding a drawing for a \$10.00 gift card, every two weeks for families that have submitted testing results for their child.
- **We hope this will bring some levity to a stressful situation!**

• **A Message From the 7th Grade**

- Starting Monday November 8th, the 7th grade will be collecting donations for the Box of Joy fundraiser.
- The Box of Joy program is a service to provide Christmas gifts for families who can't afford such things.
- Donations can start at \$5.00 per student and the profits will go to funding Christmas gifts for underprivileged children in developing countries.
- Our goal is to raise enough money for 45 boxes & each one is \$34.00.
- Further information is on a flyer in your family envelope. You can also visit their website, which is linked on your flyer.

• **Does Your Child Attend Kids Club?**

- Kids Club Statements have been included in your envelope today.
- Thank you for your prompt payment.

• **School Pictures were sent home yesterday. Retakes will take place November 17th.**

Pace Board News

Don't Forget the Pie!

- Orders are due this Friday, November 5th! Only \$15 per pie, what a deal!
- Late orders cannot be accepted as the deadline is set by the pie company.
- Order forms can be found on the school website.
- All pies must be picked up on November 17th from 2:00-5:00pm.

Wreaths for Sale!

- **Adorn Your House or Donate a Tree or Wreath to the Troops!**
- Choose from 3 designs, delivery is Friday, December 3rd from 2-5PM
- Deadline to order is NEXT Friday, November 12th.

Dine Out at MOD Pizza!

- Our next Dine Out is TODAY at MOD Pizza in the Orchards Shopping Center from 10:30 AM-10:00 PM. See you there!
- You must bring the flyer, included on our website, in order for us to receive a donation of 20%!

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TIME SENSITIVE

Fall Sale!

- The social distancing protocol has given us the opportunity to do some much needed cleaning!
- A flyer/order form is on the school website 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.

|  | IMPORTANT DATES AND EVENTS |
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| 11/3 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Minimum Day-12:00 Dismissal• Staff Articulation• Dine Out! MOD Pizza-Orchards Shopping Center |
| 11/5 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pie Orders Due |
| 11/7 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Daylight Savings Time Ends• Thirty-First Sunday of Ordinary Time |
| 11/9 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• STAR Testing Ends• PACE Meeting-6:30 via Zoom |
| 11/10 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• End of 1st Trimester |
| 11/11 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Veterans Day Holiday-No School |
| 11/12 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Wreath Orders Due! |
| 11/13 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Work Party 9-1 |
| 11/17 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Picture Retake Day-Formal for those having a retake or for students who missed Picture Day. |

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.