



Principal's Thoughts

HAPPY NEW YEAR! I know it's not January, however Advent does mark the beginning of a *Liturgical New Year*. Readings for Sunday Mass & Holy Days are assigned to a Liturgical Year or Cycle (A, B, C) which changes on the first Sunday of Advent. We are now in Cycle C. Advent or Adventus in Latin means "the coming." We are encouraged to not focus on the materialistic aspect of the holiday but direct our energy on preparing our hearts for Christmas and celebrating Christ's birth as we wait with anticipation for His Second Coming. So, just as we reflect each January on the previous year in order to make our resolutions, we should spend some time now thinking about our spirituality. Have we lived as Jesus taught? Have we taken care of those less fortunate or have we fed our spirit by attending church as often as we should? I hope you can find some time this Advent season to renew or rediscover the true meaning of Christmas. Here is a link to daily reflections from Matthew Kelley you might like to try:

<https://www.dynamiccatholic.com/advent.html>



<http://clipart-library.com/advent-cliparts.html>

COVID-19 Updates

- **Don't Forget**
 - Please send a copy of your child's vaccination card to the school office.
 - This information is necessary to determine who should quarantine should there be a person on campus that has tested positive for COVID-19.
- **Tis the Season**
 - This is the time when viruses abound and unfortunately, we cannot distinguish these symptoms from those associated with COVID-19.
 - **Please** keep your children home if they are not well, this includes runny/stuffy noses.
 - **PCR** tests showing negative results are required before the children can return to school. **GOOD NEWS**~your name will be included in the bi-weekly gift card drawing for this inconvenience!
 - Thank you for understanding.

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BREAKING NEWS

- **Reserve the Date: Christmas Concert December 16th @ 7PM**
 - The children are very busy preparing a Christmas surprise for you!
 - This event will take place via Zoom for all to see!
 - A link will be sent to you closer to the date of the Concert!
- **Shop Kendra Scott this Friday!**
 - In Store: 12/3/21 from 5:00-7:00pm, 91 Broadway Ln, Walnut Creek
 - At checkout just mention St. Agnes School.
 - On-line 12/3/21 & 12/4/21, shop www.KendraScott.com
 - Enter code GIVEBACK-ARGVA in your cart or at checkout.
 - Kendra Scott will donate 20% of purchases to St. Agnes School!
- **Scrip Statements**
 - The latest accounting of your scrip purchases has been included in your envelope.
 - Christmas is a perfect time to reach your goal!
 - **Special orders need to be submitted no later than December 10th.**
- **Free Throw Contest**
 - The Concord Elks Lodge is holding a contest at Concord High School on December 19th @ 1:30 for student ages 8-13! Good luck to all participants!



TIME SENSITIVE

New Spirit Wear Additions for Tuesdays!

- We have added cozy sweatpants and shorts that may be worn on Spirit Tuesdays with the Spirit T-shirt!
- Check out these items in the display case in front of the 5th grade classroom while you wait in carline.
- Visit the Spirit Wear Store using the tab in the Quick Links Section on our Homepage to purchase.
- Don't forget that the knitted beanies offered on this site can be worn outside every day!



Thank you!

- The 7th Grade class reached their goal of raising \$1,500 and will be gifting 45 children with a Christmas Box of Joy! We appreciate your support in this meaningful Service Learning Project!

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Pace Board News

Chipotle Dine Out-TODAY!

- Join us for our December Dine Out at 2002 Salvio St. in downtown Concord.
- Chipotle is offering to donate **33%** back to the school for online or in-store orders between the hours of 4pm-8pm!
 - Please show the flyer, posted on our website, when you order in person.
 - Online orders need the code: Y4NK4VL

Wreaths Arrive THIS Friday!

- Wreath orders will arrive December 3rd!
- Please pick-up your orders between 2PM-5PM with the same process as the pie pick-up.

Christmas Box Surprise

- Rather than have a drive-thru Santa event, PACE is once again thinking outside the "box!"
- Get your kiddos dressed in their jammies with a cup of cocoa to watch Santa read them a Christmas story!
- Need an extra treat? Free dress for the week we return from Christmas break is also being offered!
- More details are included on the flyer that can be found in your envelope!

Moms Morning Out!

- We are partnering with *Wish Gift Boutique* for a shopping event, mimosas and muffins on Saturday, December 11th from 10:30am-12:30pm.
- **20% of sales will be donated to St. Agnes School! Online orders will also count BUT wait for the special code that will be available next week.**

PACE needs YOU!

- Do you have an accounting or financial background and would like to be involved in PACE?
- We are looking to fill the Financial Secretary position on the PACE Board.
 - Being a board member completes all your volunteer hours - including maintenance!
- If interested, please reach out to Meghan Chisholm as Pace-president@stagnesconcord.com

Parish News

Parish Building & Grounds Committee Wants You!

- The committee is looking for someone with construction knowledge to help keep the parish buildings and "plant" in good repair.
- Please contact Mrs. Lucia if you are interested.
- This position counts toward your family volunteer commitment.

Weekly Student Learning Expectation: 4.1 An effective communicator who is able to listen effectively to others.

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~Please Pray~

~We can all use prayers and support from one another. This week we ask God's blessings on Mrs. Audas' Family as they mourn the loss of their maternal grandfather John Valentine. We pray they will feel God's grace and our love. May eternal life shine upon him. Please keep them in your daily prayers.

	IMPORTANT DATES AND EVENTS
12/1	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Minimum Day-12:00 Dismissal• Chipotle Dine Out (Salvio St.) 4PM-8PM
12/3	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Kendra Scott Night Out! 5PM-7PM• Wreath Pick-up 2PM-5PM
12/5	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 2nd Sunday of Advent
12/7	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Reconciliation (formal dress Grs. 3-8.)• Spirit T-Shirt Tuesday (Grs. K-2 only.)
12/9	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• School Board Meeting Via Zoom 6:30
12/10	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Christmas Box Orders Due today.• Last Day for Scrip Special Orders
12/11	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Moms Morning Out at Wish Boutique-10:30-12:30• Work Party 9-1
12/12	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Gaudete Sunday: 3rd Sunday of Advent
12/14	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Spirit T-Shirt Tuesday• PACE Meeting via Zoom 6:30
12/16	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Christmas Concert via Zoom 7PM
12/17	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Minimum Day! 12:00 Dismissal
12/18-1/2	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Christmas Vacation

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.