



Principal's Thoughts

Christmas Blessings

As we ready ourselves for Christmas let us remember that the theme for this third week of Advent is JOY! May you be filled with joyful anticipation for this very special celebration of our Savior's birth! This might be a good time to stop, take a breath and center yourself, especially if you are not ready for the celebration! Two Christmas gifts have been included in your family envelope this week to add to your joy. An anonymous friend of St. Agnes School has gifted each family with Matthew Kelly's latest book, Life is Messy. According to the Dynamic Catholic website, "This book is about putting our lives back together, and allowing ourselves to be put back together, when life doesn't turn out as we expected it to." Now you have an excuse to get cozy under a blanket with your favorite beverage and read! In addition, with our sincere gratitude, please accept an ornament of hope for your tree. May it remind you of this year's theme and that we are always "anchored" in hope that God will provide for all our needs. On behalf of the staff, we hope you have a wonderful Christmas and joyous New Year! Safe travels and we look forward to seeing you in the New Year!

COVID-19 Updates

- **Travel Guide for Non-Vaccinated**
 - Domestic (out of state) & International Flights
 - Stay home and self-quarantine for a full 7 days after travel, even if you test negative at 3-5 days.
 - If you don't get tested, stay home and self-quarantine for 10 days after travel.
 - Those Vaccinated need to monitor for symptoms and get tested and isolate if symptoms appear.
- **Family Name Placards**
 - Please continue to place your placards on the dashboard of your car upon arriving at school for afternoon pick-up.
 - Seeing the family names as you drive by, helps Mr. Hamerson keep the line moving while announcing the children's names.
 - I would love to say we recognize each car but . . .
- **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 to acknowledge your diligence and this inconvenience!

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Family Liturgy Book

- Advent marks the beginning of a new liturgical year and included in your envelope is a book titled: Celebrating Sunday for Catholic Families.
- This book includes a weekly Gospel reading, reflection, discussion questions and family activities to enhance your Mass experience.
- Enjoy!

Scrip

- Scrip will not be sold, Friday December 17th.
- Please do not place electronic orders in excess of \$500 using the RaiseRight app. during the Christmas break. Mrs. Kelley will not be available to approve these purchases.

Christmas Concert Tomorrow @ 7PM

- You will be receiving your link to the Concert from your child's teacher today.
- If you do not receive this link by Thursday morning, please call Mrs. Kelley in the school office.
- In order to avoid any Zoom bombings, we ask that you only share this information with close family members and not your students.

Alumni Give Back! THIS Saturday, Dec 18

- Zocchi & Associates invites you to Storytime with Mrs. Claus
 - Mrs. Claus, cookies, candy canes, photos and Storytime (5:30, 6 & 6:30 p.m.)
 - Address: 4549 Lincoln Ave in Concord
 - Here's the link to view the event: [Storytime with Mrs. Claus](#)



TIME SENSITIVE

Mr. Latteri 's Lunch is Tomorrow!

- Lunch will be provided from Mr. Latteri as his Christmas gift to the entire school!
- The menu includes: turkey sandwich, chips, water and cookie.
- Thank you AGAIN Mr. Latteri!

Spread the Word

- Enrollment time is upon us! Please invite family and friends of children turning 5 by September 1st to our Kinder Info Night on Wednesday, January 12th at 7pm via Zoom.
- Please invite them to call the office to RSVP and give us their email address for the Zoom link.
- Applications for all prospective students K-8 are posted on our website under the admissions tab.

Weekly Student Learning Expectation:

4.3 An effective communicator who is able to cooperate and collaborate with others.

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Pace Board News

- **Newsletter**
 - For your reading pleasure, PACE has provided their Fall/Winter newsletter in the family envelope. Enjoy the many photos from the first half of the year!
 - A BIG thank you to Dave Feustel and Deanna Jee for their hard work in creating this wonderful recap of our year.
- **January Dine Out**
 - Mark your calendars for January 5th from 12pm-8pm to join us at Fuddruckers in the Willows.
 - Present the flyer that is included in your envelope and St. Agnes will receive 20% back!
- **Thank You!**
 - Our volunteers have been amazing! Thank you for helping us with our events and fundraisers!

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.



- Mr. Latteri arrived with his yearly boxes of Christmas cheer! We thank him for always thinking of our children during the holidays. Students in grades PK-4 were the recipients this time around! THANK YOU, MR. LATTEI!





	IMPORTANT DATES AND EVENTS
12/16	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mr. Latteri Lunch• Christmas Concert via Zoom 7PM
12/17	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Minimum Day! 12:00 Dismissal
12/18	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Christmas Vacation begins!
1/3	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Classes Resume• Stocking Stuffer Non-uniform Week
1/4	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Spirit T-Shirt Tuesday
1/8	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Work Party 9-1
1/12	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Kinder Information Night 7pm via Zoom

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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Merry Christmas!