



Principal's Thoughts

This is a busy week for honoring our Mother Mary! Today we celebrate the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. Contrary to what many perceive to be true that this feast day celebrates when Jesus was conceived in Mary's womb, this feast day actually reminds us that by God's grace, Mary was free from original sin (immaculate) from the moment of conception! Therefore by God's design, Mary was the only person worthy enough to become the mother of Jesus. Today the children were reminded of Mary's obedience to God and how her heart and mind were always open to God. The students were challenged to reflect on what they need to do during this season of Advent to prepare their hearts and minds to be ready for Christmas.

This coming Sunday, December 12th we will celebrate the Feast of our Lady of Guadalupe. This feast commemorates Mary's appearance, as a pregnant Aztec princess, to a humble Aztec man named Juan Diego. She asked him to have church built for the people. When the bishop did not believe Juan Diego, Mary instructed him to bring roses to the bishop as proof of his claim of having seen Mary. These roses were not native plants in this region and should not have even been in bloom. As he carried the roses in his cloak back to the bishop, the flowers fell out and revealed the Virgin's image on the cloak. When the news of this miracle was shared, over 6 million native Mexicans became baptized Christians. Our Lady of Guadalupe was named the patron saint of the Americas and unborn children.

Each year these feast days renew our understanding of the wonderful model of faith we have in Mary and why she was the chosen one to bring God's only son to us! Each year these feast days gift us with a greater joy and anticipation as we await the anniversary of Christ's birth. What perfect timing as we celebrate the third Sunday of Advent focusing on joyful anticipation of the liturgical season of Christmas!

COVID-19 Updates

- **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 for this inconvenience!

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Mr. Latteri Gifts Again!

- Lunch will be provided on December 16th by Mr. Latteri as his Christmas gift to the entire school!
- The menu includes: turkey sandwich, chips, water and cookie.
- Please be sure to cancel your lunch from ChoiceLunch!

Can You Spare One Warm Coat?

- Student Council is supporting the One Warm Coat Program. One Warm Coat's mission is to provide free coats to children and adults in need while promoting volunteerism and environmental sustainability.
- Please donate your new or gently used coats to the One Warm Coat drive.
- Coats are being collected in each classroom now until Dec. 15th. Thank you!

Scrip Sales

- **Special orders need to be submitted by this Friday, December 10th.**
- Scrip will not be sold, Friday December 17th.
- Christmas is a perfect time to reach your goal!

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!

Alumni Give Back! Saturday, Dec 18

- Zocchi & Associates invites you to Storytime with Mrs. Claus
 - Mrs. Claus, cookies, candy canes, Storytime (5:30, 6 & 6:30 p.m.)
 - Photos with Mrs. Claus will be taken
 - Address: 4549 Lincoln Ave in Concord
 - Participating alumni:
 - Teresa Zocchi
 - Lights by Doug Frevele
 - Video by Emmy (Margaret) Frevele
 - Music by Pete Frevele — Music Director at St. Agnes Church & alumni parent
 - Mrs. C as herself – alumni parent
 - Here's the link to view the event: [Storytime with Mrs. Claus](#)

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.

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TIME SENSITIVE

- **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!

Pace Board News

Last Chance for the Christmas Box Surprise!

- 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!
- Orders are due THIS Friday, December 10th!
- More details are included on the flyer posted on our website!

Moms Morning Out!

- *Wish Gift Boutique* shopping event with mimosas and muffins is happening THIS Saturday, December 11th from 10:30am-12:30pm.
- **20% of sales will be donated to St. Agnes School!**
- Online orders will also count FOR THE ENTIRE DAY when you use the special code: STAGNES

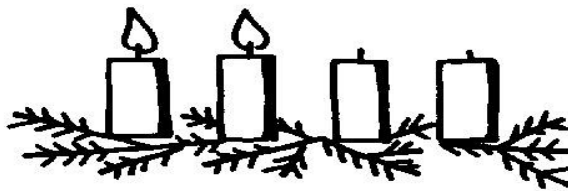
Parish News

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:

4.2 An effective communicator who is able to communicate effectively both verbally and in writing.



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

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	IMPORTANT DATES AND EVENTS
12/8	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of Mary
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">• 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.