



Principal's Thoughts

Yesterday our second graders received the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the very first time. We are very excited for them! Fr. Johnson was impressed by how prepared they were and so comfortable in their conversations with the priests; kudos to Mrs. Sacco! This is such a beautiful moment seeing them involved in this process with such innocence and complete acceptance. We can learn so much from their relationship with Jesus. These children truly understand that Jesus is their friend and companion and that God will take care of their needs. As adults can we say this? I am reminded of the Prayer for Serenity and how relevant it is right now. You may be familiar with the beginning, but have you read the entire prayer? Peace and blessings to each of you as we continue to navigate this pandemic and all that life holds for us each and every day!



*God, grant me the serenity
to accept the things I cannot change,
the courage to change the things I can,
and the wisdom to know the difference.
Living one day at a time,
enjoying one moment at a time;
accepting hardship as a pathway to peace;
taking, as Jesus did,
this sinful world as it is,
not as I would have it;
trusting that You will make all things right
if I surrender to Your will;
so that I may be reasonably happy in this life
and supremely happy with You forever in the next.
Amen.*



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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COVID-19 Updates

- **Free Test Kits!**
 - Don't forget to order your free testing materials! Each resident is limited to 4 tests.
 - Here is the link: <https://www.covidtests.gov/>
 - Most insurance companies are also covering the cost associated with purchasing tests as well. Limited to 8 tests/person/month.
- **N95 Masks for Jr. High Students**
 - The Contra Costa County Health Department has given us a 10-day supply of adult N95 masks for each junior high student.
 - If you would like your child to wear this mask at school, please contact Mrs. Kelley and we will send them home to you.
- **Thank you!**
 - We continue to appreciate all our families are doing to combat this virus.
 - Please remember to send us copies of any home test results for your child(ren) so they can continue to attend school in-person.
- **Don't Forget**
 - Please send a copy of your child's vaccination card to the school office.
 - This information is necessary to determine the duration of the quarantine period 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.
 - A test showing negative results are required before the children can return to school.



- **Now Accepting Preschool Applications**
 - Children turning 3 by September 1st and potty trained, are eligible to attend our St. Agnes Preschool!
 - Applications are on our website under the Preschool tab.
- **Kinder Testing Coming Soon!**
 - Current families don't forget, if your child is turning 5 by September 1st you need to submit an application.
 - Testing takes place Saturday, February 12th.
- **Calendar Changes**
 - Unfortunately, we will not have an Open House this year. The Student Council is working on a plan for all to celebrate Catholic Schools Week. More to come!

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TIME SENSITIVE

- **Spread the Word**
 - Enrollment time is upon us!
 - Applications for all prospective students preschool-8 are posted on our website under the admissions tab.
- **Kids Club Statements**
 - Statements were sent home last week. Your prompt payment is appreciated.
- **Progress Reports Rescheduled**
 - Due to the pushed back date of the return to school, Progress Reports will go home Friday, January 28th.

Pace Board News


- **New Auction Date!**
 - We remain hopeful of having an in-person event! Please mark your calendars for Saturday, May 21st.
 - The Auction will take place on campus! Volunteer hours will apply to this current school year.
- **Talent Show Postponed**-Date TBA



- Congratulations #3! I am pleased to announce an additional winner of the Veterans of Foreign Wars contest: 1st place in the Martinez District: Nicholas Veran. Great job!

Weekly Student Learning Expectation:

1.4 A faith centered person living the Gospel message who is able to express compassion for others, locally and globally, through gifts of time, talent and treasure.

|  | IMPORTANT DATES AND EVENTS |
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| 1/22 | • Work Party 9-1 |
| 1/23 | • 3 rd Sunday of Ordinary Time (Lk 1:1-4, 4:4-21) |
| 1/25 | • Spirit T-Shirt Tuesday |
| 1/27 | • School Board Meeting @ 6:30 Via Zoom |
| 1/28 | • Progress Reports Go Home |