



## Principal's Thoughts

Last Friday I held a Synod listening session during my 7<sup>th</sup> grade religion class. The students were divided into two groups, one led by Ms. Mercado and the other half spent time with me. I was amazed with their responses, and surprised how similar the themes were in both groups. The students were very engaged in the process and took this seriously. When asked what the Church could do for them right now, they shared the need for help to understand what is currently happening in the world and how this might relate to God's plan. They want support for their families and help in getting to church. They also hope the church leaders will embrace new and modern ideas and will be more accepting. In their response as to how the Holy Spirit is calling the Church to journey with youth, the students expressed hope that a stronger youth community will develop, that will increase participation and involvement of their age group in the Church. After we completed the session, I asked them for their feedback about the process. They shared how they felt empowered and hopeful to be the next generation to help lead the Church. They expressed joy and unity in this role and are excited to carry on the work that has begun! I can't wait to hear what the 6<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students have to share! You still have the opportunity to join the parish listening session tomorrow evening; your perspective is important. Please call the Ministry Center to let them know you are coming.

### COVID-19 Updates

- **Mask Mandate**
  - While the masking order has changed for the vaccinated in public places, this does not apply to schools.
  - The County officials have indicated that information regarding schools will be coming soon.
  - As soon as Contra Costa County moves from the High Transmission designation to Substantial, the students will be able to remove their masks outside.
- **Drop Off & Pickup Update**
  - Everyone seems to know the procedure so well that families will no longer need to wait for Mrs. Kelley to move the carline!
  - **Morning Drop Off:**
    - Please create 4 lines with 6 cars in each. Additional cars will need to remain near the Big Toy.
    - Please have your students wait in the car until a staff member excuses them.
  - **Afternoon Pickup**
    - Please form 6 lines with 6 cars in each. Additional cars will need to remain near the Big Toy.

### *Weekly Student Learning Expectation:*

*2.3 A conscientious individual in a diverse society who is able to take responsibility for personal actions.*

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**BREAKING NEWS**

- **Calling All CYO Basketball Players**
  - Yearbook pictures will be taken TOMORROW Thursday, February 24<sup>th</sup> for CYO basketball participants.
  - Athletes need to bring their jersey so they can slip it over their uniform while the picture is taken.
- **Relief is on the Way!**
  - A decision has been made to reduce family volunteer hours by ½!
  - Each family will need to complete 15 hours by June 1<sup>st</sup>. Four of those hours will need to be completed at a Saturday Work Party and another four helping with the Auction or Bocce Tournament.
  - PACE still has many activities planned that will need volunteers, so you should be able to fulfill your additional 7 hours with ease.
  - Hope this relieves some stress.
- **Intent to Return/Registration Due**
  - In order to plan for our 2022-2023 budget, we need to know our enrollment numbers.
  - A Re-registration form has been included in your envelope today and is due by March 4<sup>th</sup>.
  - Your FACTS account will be charged \$250.00 (1/2 the family registration fee) on March 15<sup>th</sup>.
- **Financial Aid**
  - St. Agnes School offers limited tuition assistance for families experiencing a temporary financial set back.
  - The deadline to apply is March 30<sup>th</sup>. The link to complete an application on FACTS can be found on our website under the admissions tab.



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- **Did You Forget?**
  - Thank you to the families who have shared their thoughts about St. Agnes School!
  - Here is an excerpt from Shannon~
    - *“We teach to live as Jesus did, to see beyond the self and in service to others. Service within your family, your church, and the wider community. Our hope is that every child who passes through St. Agnes’ halls will know their self-worth, value lifelong faith formation, strive for excellence in every facet of their life, and actively serve and enrich their community.”*
  - It’s not too late! Here is the link for you to share your thoughts: [Please Share Your Thoughts.](#)

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## Pace Board News

### • Dine Out


- The March Dine Out is scheduled for March 9<sup>th</sup> in reverence for Ash Wednesday.
- Parma is offering their usual sandwiches and salads or you can pre-order a spaghetti or lasagna dinner!
- Dinner orders are due by Monday, March 7<sup>th</sup>.
- Parma has graciously offered to give back 20% of all sales! Thank you, Mary!!!
- A flyer has been included in your family envelope and MUST be presented when you purchase your food.

### • Sorry for the Confusion!

- Both the Mother/Son Adventure and Father/Daughter Dance have been scheduled for Saturday, April 9<sup>th</sup>!
- We are still looking for someone to chair our Mother/Son Adventure and a second person to chair our Father/Daughter dance.
- Assuming COVID trends continue in the direction they're currently heading; we are looking to have both of these events in person!
- If you're interested in chairing, please reach out to Meghan Chisholm at [pace-president@stagnesconcord.com](mailto:pace-president@stagnesconcord.com).

### • Looking for Donations and Sponsors

- If you have items or experiences/parties to donate, or work for a company who can donate something, please reach out to Lisa Borba at [pace-auction@stagnesconcord.com](mailto:pace-auction@stagnesconcord.com).

	IMPORTANT DATES AND EVENTS
2/24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• School Board Meeting 6:30pm via Zoom</li><li>• Synod 6:30pm Church</li></ul>
2/26	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Work Party 9-1</li></ul>
2/27	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 8<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time (Lk 6:39-45)</li></ul>
3/1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Spirit T-Shirt Tuesday</li></ul>
3/2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Ash Wednesday (Formal Dress)<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Students will attend Mass via Zoom</li><li>○ Ashes will be distributed in classrooms</li></ul></li><li>• Minimum Day-12:00 Dismissal</li><li>• End of 2<sup>nd</sup> Trimester</li></ul>
3/4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Re-registration Forms Due</li></ul>
3/7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Parma Pre-Orders Due</li></ul>