



Principal's Thoughts

During this Lenten season we focus on our relationship with God and how we might strengthen our faith through prayer, almsgiving and fasting. As a school we are actively involved in all three. Each Friday the school community attends and prays the Stations of the Cross so the children might deepen their understanding of the sacrifice Jesus made for us. To practice almsgiving, many in our community have either given up something important to them or have chosen to do something extra to show their love and commitment to God. Each child was given a Rice Bowl to collect money for those in need. Hopefully they are earning that money by doing an extra chore or two. These Bowls are provided by Catholic Relief Services with the hope they will be returned filled to the brim.

The CRS website ([CRS Rice Bowl Project](#)) is a wonderful resource complete with stories about how this almsgiving is used as well as global outreach that takes place throughout the year. Included on this website are daily reflections for Lent, recipes and general information about the international humanitarian effort that is the official U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops organization for overseas relief and development. Catholic Relief Services began in 1943 and continues to work with organizations around the world to help the poor and vulnerable overcome emergency situations, provide training to cultivate their own food and access affordable health care.

Thank you for helping us support this wonderful organization and educate our children on the global needs of so many people. Together as a family, you can help change the lives of so many.

COVID-19 Updates

- **So Many Smiling Faces!**
 - Excitement was in the air on Monday as children arrived without their masks for the first time in 2 years! This is first experience our Kinders and 1st graders have had to see what school should look like!
 - If you have chosen to have your child wear a mask to school, please discuss with them the importance of keeping it on. We have noticed some of our older students removing their masks! If we see this, they are reminded to put their mask back on but we cannot monitor this throughout the day.
- **Mask Mandate**
 - Our County remains in the low transmission category, so masks are no longer required during the school day. All families however, will have the option to continue to have their child(ren) wear their mask.
 - All remaining protocols have not changed.
- **It's Getting Warmer**
 - Please be sure your child has ample water each day as the drinking fountains are not available.

Weekly Student Learning Expectation:

3.2 A life-long learner who is able to demonstrate understanding of core curriculum.

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BREAKING NEWS

- **Calling All CYO Track Participants**
 - We want a picture of the athletes for our yearbook!
 - Please send the **top** of your child's track uniform with them to school on Tuesday, March 22nd.
- **Virtual Lenten Soup Supper**
 - A flyer inviting you to the St. Agnes Parish Soup Meal on Thursday, March 24th can be found in your envelope today.
 - Stories will be shared from St. Agnes parishioners about their work with the unhoused in our area.
- **St. Agnes Church Annual Blood Drive**
 - Mark your calendars for Good Friday, April 15, 2022 from 11:00am - 3:00pm (Cauchi Hall)
 - Please consider making a donation during the Good Friday Blood Drive. When hospitals have an ample supply of blood, patients who need it have hope.
 - Vitalant, who will be conducting the Blood Drive, follows strict protocols to ensure the safety of donors, patients and staff, including checking temperatures, social distancing, requiring face masks along with other precautions.
 - To schedule your life-saving appointment:
 - Sign up after all masses the weekend of March 26th and 27th
 - Email Pat Cesnik at patcesnik@gmail.com
 - Visit vitalant.org and click: Donate Now and Use SPONSOR CODE: Good Friday



TIME SENSITIVE

- **Just a few minutes of your time please!**
 - Our WCEA Accreditation includes an Action Plan goal to: *Strengthen Catholic Identity through Service Learning.*
 - The Service Learning Committee has created a very short survey about Service Learning. Please click on the link to share your thoughts: [Service Learning Survey](#). Your input is appreciated.
- **Volunteer Hours must include Auction/Bocce & the Work Party**
 - The family commitment of 4 hours to either Auction or Bocce & maintenance, is needed.
 - Should you not fulfill these hours, your FACTS account will be billed \$50/hour as outlined in the Parent Responsibility Agreement.
- **40 Cans for 40 Days**
 - During Lent we partner with the Knights of Columbus to support their annual Lenten Food Drive. We are asking for your support by sending in canned food with your child as often as possible for those in need. The bins are waiting to be filled! Thank you for your support!

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Pace Board News

- **Ready to Picnic?**
 - Moms, it's time to spend some quality time with your sons on April 9th from 12-3!
 - Plan on good food, fun games and a whole lot more!
 - A flyer with all the details has been included in your family envelope today or visit: [Mother/Son Picnic 2022](#) to reserve your spot.
 - T-shirt orders must be received by **March 25th @ 3:00!**
- **Memories to Cherish**
 - Fathers plan on bringing your daughters to join the fiesta on April 9th from 6-9pm.
 - Enjoy a wonderful meal, dancing and cherished memories with your little girl (no matter the age!)
 - A flyer with additional details can be found in your family envelope or visit: [Father/Daughter Dance 2022](#) to make your reservation!
- **Easter Opportunities**
 - **See's Candy Online Sale**
 - A flyer has been posted on our website with a link and QR Code to help you with your Easter candy shopping.
 - All orders must be in by March 25th and orders will be shipped directly to you on April 7th.
 - Thank you! St. Agnes will receive a portion of the profits.
 - **Looking for a New Twist to Easter Egg Hunts?**
 - PACE is offering an Egg My Yard Event.
 - Please refer to the flyer on our website for further information about this VERY creative event!
 - **Need Some Flower Power?**
 - PACE is partnering with Flower Power Fundraising to offer you bulbs and plants for your spring garden.
 - A link has been provided on a flyer that can be found on our website.
 - Share the word with family members! Happy shopping!
- **Need Hours?**
 - Both the Mother/Son Adventure and Father/Daughter Dance have been scheduled for Saturday, April 9th!
 - If you need hours please contact pace-special-events@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.


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- A BIG thank you to the very active and dedicated members of our School and PACE Boards. Without these parents, our school would not be the vibrant supportive community we love! A special recognition has been included to these individuals' family envelope this week to thank them for their commitment and service!

	IMPORTANT DATES AND EVENTS
3/17	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Happy St. Patrick's Day• Students Can Wear Green & White Non-uniform Dress.
3/18	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Stations of the Cross (Formal Uniform)
3/20	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 3rd Sunday of Lent (Lk 13:1-9)
3/22	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Spirit T-Shirt Tuesday• Track Yearbook Pictures
3/24	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Lenten Soup Meal (Zoom 6pm-7pm)
3/25	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mother/Son T-Shirt Orders Due• See's Candy Orders Due



<https://www.thecompassnews.org/2020/02/preparing-for-lent-the-whys-of-the-season/>

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.