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Principal's Thoughts

This coming Monday, the children and staff have the option to continue wearing masks or go without. Each family will need to make this decision based on what is comfortable and safe for their personal situation. The numbers of COVID cases and hospitalizations are dropping and that is a comfort however the State continues to strongly recommend this form of mitigation to reduce the spread of the virus. As a school, the criteria have not changed: maintain social distancing (6 feet apart) for less than 15 minutes, in a 24 hour period. We cannot comply with this in the classroom setting so should there be a positive case, all students will need to test on day 5 from the date of the infected person's positive test date. Your continued diligence to monitor your child for symptoms will be crucial to help us prevent an outbreak. You have been awesome so far, PLEASE don't stop now.

Each Friday during Lent, we will gather as a school community to reflect on the Stations of the Cross. There is not enough room in the church to distance the children and this will require them to sit side-by-side. Due to this constraint, we will be having the children mask during this time. Each student has a mask in a plastic bag in their desk and the teachers have extra, so this should be easy to manage. You may receive a request from the teachers asking that you provide a mask for your child. Thank you for your patience and cooperation.

COVID-19 Updates

- **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.
- **Drop Off & Pickup**
 - **Morning Drop Off:**
 - Upon arrival, 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**
 - Beginning at 2:30, please form 6 lines with 6 cars in each. Additional cars will need to remain near the Big Toy.

Weekly Student Learning Expectation:

3.1 A life-long learner who is able to use knowledge, skills and strategies necessary to learn.

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- **Lenten Reconciliation**
 - In order to deepen the students Lenten experience, children in grades 2-8 will participate in Reconciliation this coming Tuesday, March 15th.
 - **Formal** uniform is needed.
- **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 extremely helpful and 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.



TIME SENSITIVE

- **Lenten Rice Bowls**
 - Each child received a Rice Bowl from Catholic Relief Services to fill by Holy Thursday.
 - This is a wonderful opportunity for the entire family to participate in alms giving during Lent.
 - The teachers will be discussing this in class as well.
- **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 in advance for your support!
- **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 1st.
 - 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.

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Pace Board News

- **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.
 - 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!
 - Assuming COVID trends continue in the direction they're currently heading; we are looking to have both of these events in person!
- **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.



- Thank you to all the students who participated in the St. Agnes Card Art Contest. Your art is amazing!
 - Congratulations to the following artists whose pictures were chosen to represent St. Agnes School: Oliver Ziegenbusch, Sherry Zhu, Sophie Zywicki, Benji Cano, Addison Alvarez, Faith Pugh, Matthew Nguyen, Ella Marseille and Alyssa Jee!


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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	IMPORTANT DATES AND EVENTS
3/9	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Don't Forget to Pick Up Your Parma Order
3/11	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Stations of the Cross 2:15 - Formal Dress• Report Cards Go Home
3/12	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Work Party 9-1
3/13	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Daylight Savings Time-Spring Forward 1 hour!• Second Sunday of Lent (Lk 9:28b-36)
3/15	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Reconciliation (Formal Grs. 2-8)
3/17	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Happy St. Patrick's Day• Students Can Wear Green & White Non-uniform Dress.



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