



Principal's Thoughts

With each new school year comes a new theme. In order to help support the social and emotional health of our children, our theme this year is: Unlock Your Gifts; God is Key! We will be helping the students identify their God-given gifts by first differentiating between talents and gifts and then challenging them to use these gifts to benefit others. Simply stated, talents are a special natural ability and gifts are received and given. Our goal is to focus on the special gifts and fruits of the Holy Spirit. According to Matthew Kelley, founder of Dynamic Catholic, the gifts of the Holy Spirit (i.e. wisdom) are the path that leads to experiencing the Fruits of the Holy Spirit (i.e. joy.) Here are three links to short videos hosted by Matthew Kelley about this topic in case you need a refresher:

- *Who is the Holy Spirit?* - <https://youtu.be/vr00a934pVA>,
- *Unopened Gifts* - <https://youtu.be/KHrzl5yZC6w>, and
- *Fruits of the Holy Spirit* - <https://youtu.be/WUjkyp5BfVk>.

Our hope is to instill in each child that God created them to be unique, therefore valued and an important part of our community. We want to empower our children to feel God's love, live as God intended and make a positive impact on those around them by using their gifts. Each month we will focus on one fruit of the Holy Spirit; more to follow in future newsletters!



• Good News!

- You are welcome to walk your children on campus in the morning, now that we have our drop off procedures down! Thank you for your patience as families figured out traffic patterns in their neighborhoods and established their own morning routines.
- Please be sure to use the crosswalk at the Ministry Center.
- **If you elect** to walk your children on campus, please park in the lot in front of the Chapel. Our preschool families are required to park and sign their children into school per licensing requirements and need to have a parking space. Our parishioners also need to park in order to attend Mass.
- **Pickup procedures will remain the same. We are down to 15 minutes! Yay!**

• "Relax, Read and Earn"

- The deadline to submit the form for this summer reading program is **September 9th**.
- You can return the form in your family envelope and it will be given to Mrs. Cesca.

• Altar Server Training

- Any student in grade 3 or above who has received their First Communion is encouraged to join this important ministry.
- Training will take place on Saturday, September 17th @ 12pm in the church.
- A flyer with additional details has been included in your envelope today.

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TIME SENSITIVE

- **Bocce Time!**
 - September 10th is quickly approaching, don't forget to buy your tickets for our upcoming Bocce Tournament!
 - The flyer with registration information has been posted on our website.
- **Volunteers, We Need You~**
 - Each family agrees to donate 30 hours of service to our community.
 - If you have not already done so, please signup to volunteer.
 - **Please** visit our website, select the admissions tab and click on 2022-2023 Re-registration. Scroll down the page until you see a link to Signup Genius. This link will allow you to select how you will volunteer your time. Don't forget to read the volunteer descriptions!
- **Wheel-a-thon (WAT)-September 22nd!**
 - Get your kiddos out riding their bikes, the WAT will be here before you know it!
 - This event raises money for the field trips held throughout the year. YES, we are scheduling field trips!
 - More info. will be sent soon.
- **Don't Leave Home Without It!**
 - Scrip will be sold each **Thursday & Friday from 9:00am – 11:00am** in the school office or through the family envelope.
 - An order form has been included in your family envelope today and is posted on our website.
 - Just complete the form, attach your check and return it in your envelope on Thursday.
 - Your order will be filled and sent home with your child in their backpack. Each child will sign the teacher's scrip book to verify they received it.
 - You can also order E-scrip by shopping online with [ShopWithScrip](#) or download the RaiseRight app to shop from your phone. For further information, please visit our website by clicking on the parent tab and selecting "Scrip."
 - Please remember that all families agree to generate \$300 **in profit** by purchasing scrip cards.

Pace Board News

- **It's Time to Dine Out!**
 - Our first Dine Out of the year will take place at Skipolini's Pizza in Clayton on Wednesday, September 7 beginning at 4pm.
 - The flyer in your family envelope must be presented for all orders (dine-in or take out.)
 - We thank Skips for donating 15% of your order back to St. Agnes School.

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For those who have died and those who mourn their passing:

- Paul Jones the maternal grandfather of the Witwer family (Madeline-4th & Quinn-1st)
- Braden Fahey nephew & cousin of the Fahey Family (Eamon-8th and Nolan-7th)


Please keep these families in your prayers so they will feel our love and know God's presence.



A big thank you to Courtney Branich and Jessica Lucia for co-chairing our Back to School Bash! The weather was perfect, the music created a joyous atmosphere and Mr. Softy surely sweetened the evening!

Weekly Student Learning Expectation:

1.2 A faith centered person living the Gospel message who is able to recognize God's love.

	IMPORTANT DATES AND EVENTS
9/4	• 23 rd Sunday of Ordinary Time Lk 14:25-33
9/5	• Labor Day Holiday-No School
9/6	• St. Agnes Spirit Day-Wear anything St. Agnes • STAR Testing Continues
9/7	• Minimum Day: 12:00 Dismissal
9/10	• Work Party 9-1

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.