



## Principal's Thoughts

The month of October begins this Saturday and we are almost half-way through the first trimester! The church designates October as Respect for Life Month. We are asked to reflect more deeply on the dignity and respect of human life. This is a hot topic right now with the recent court decision concerning Roe vs. Wade and the controversial Proposition 1. As Catholics we know the concept of respect for life encompasses a broader view. We are asked to focus on all facets of life not only from conception but through death and truly includes everyone we meet on a daily basis. How often are we annoyed while driving when someone is making our travel more difficult or when another person doesn't agree with our point of view. It is the day to day interactions with others where we can do God's work on a regular basis. Mother Teresa stated brilliantly: "Every time you smile at someone, it is an action of love, a gift to that person, a beautiful thing; peace begins with a smile." That comment knows no bounds or age and doesn't only apply to those we already know. Sometimes what we think of as a small gesture, is the greatest gift we can give.

The Church has set aside October as a month dedicated to the Rosary and Mary's role in interceding on our behalf, as evidenced in the Battle of Lepanto in 1571. It was during this battle that the catholic soldiers carried their Rosary beads into victory. This prompted Pope Pius V to declare October 7<sup>th</sup> as the Feast of our Lady of the Rosary. Each morning we will recite a decade of the Rosary, asking Mary our Mother to intercede on our behalf so we can be reminded to be more like her, not only for her obedience to God's plan but for her wisdom and strength in facing even the most difficult of times. Even if you cannot be with us to hear the children recite this decade of the Rosary, you can join us in prayer at 8:10 wherever you might be. Together in prayer we can be united in spirit!

## WHEEL-A-THON!!!!

**PLEDGE COUNTDOWN: 9 DAYS**



### • THANK YOU!!

- What a great day for the children, spectators, teachers and volunteers!
- Kudos to Jessica Lucia for coordinating the event and all the parents that stepped up to help!
- Special blessings to the generous school family for donating the hot dogs enjoyed by the children and cooked to perfection by our crew!

### • Pledges are Now Due!

- The ride is over and now it is time to collect!
- Pledge sheets are due Friday, October 7<sup>th</sup>!

### *Weekly Student Learning Expectation:*

**2.1 A conscientious individual in a diverse society who is able to treat self and others with dignity and respect.**

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### • **Busy Week!**

#### ○ **Breakfast with the Bishop**

- Yesterday the students had the opportunity to visit with Bishop Barber on Zoom with many of our sister schools, while enjoying a few donut holes.
- One of our students was invited to ask a question of the Bishop: "What do you do in your spare time? His answer surprised a few when he told them he likes to ride his bike, take walks and visit San Francisco on BART!

#### ○ **Today we welcomed a special visitor!**

- Our Superintendent, Dr. Andrew Currier, stopped by for a visit! He and the Associate Superintendents are traveling the Diocese to spend time in each school community.
- We were excited to show him all that St. Agnes has to offer and appreciated his affirmations and kind words.

### • **Gentle Reminders**

- During this respect for life month, let us carry this concept with us as we drop off and pickup our children in carline.
- Please practice patience and take turns. We have had a couple of close calls with cars getting a bit too close; thank you for keeping our children, staff and parents safe.

### • **Blessing of the Animals-October 4<sup>th</sup>**

- The 1<sup>st</sup> grade class will lead us in prayer to celebrate the Feast Day of St. Francis with a blessing of animals at 8:30.
- If you wish to bring a friendly family pet, please be sure they are secured with a leash or in a cage. We will meet on the track in front of the 4<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> grade classrooms.
- All family friends must return home after the Prayer Service is complete.
- This is something to see so mark your calendars!

### • **All Are Welcome!**

- The St. Agnes Parish Annual German Dinner will take place on October 15<sup>th</sup> @ 6pm
- **Please** consider attending this event!
- A flyer with additional details is in your family envelope today!

### • **Ever Thought of Becoming a Knight?**

- The Knights of Columbus is looking for a few good men to join this very special group.
- **Please** think about it! They are an integral part of the parish and VERY supportive of our school community.
- A flyer has been included in your envelope for you!

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### PACE NEWS

- **DINE Out-Tuesday!**
  - Our next Dine Out will take place this coming TUESDAY (not Wednesday) at Jack's Urban Eats at the Orchards Shopping Center in Walnut Creek.
  - A flyer has been included in your envelope today!
  - 20% of the profits will be given back to St. Agnes! Thank you Jacks!!
- **Have You Herd the Moos?**
  - The St. Agnes Herd is on the mooove and returning to a location near you!
  - Please consider spreading some love and sending this herd of cows (plastic cut-outs) to the house of a friend, family member, neighbor, a new family to the school or your child's buddy!
  - You can even send milk and cookies for them to enjoy!
  - A flyer has been posted on our website with further details and instructions on how to order a herd. *Have fun!*



### TIME SENSITIVE

- **Kids Club Billing Change**
  - All daycare charges will be billed to your FACTS Service Billing account as an incidental fee.
  - The billing cycle will run from the 16<sup>th</sup> -15<sup>th</sup>. All fees are due on the 1<sup>st</sup> of each month.
- **Brainfuse HelpNow**
  - The California State Library is funding Brainfuse HelpNow for all public libraries.
  - "Through the Statewide Online Tutoring Program, all California students will have 24/7 access to live, online tutors for Math and Language Arts fluent in English and Spanish.
  - Live tutors fluent in Mandarin, Cantonese, Vietnamese, and Tagalog are available from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m., seven days a week. Additionally, HelpNow features AI translation allowing tutors and students to communicate in nearly any language.
  - Students in California, with or without a library card, will be able to access HelpNow through links on their local library's website or through the State Library's."




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

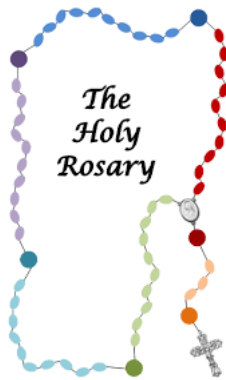
- Rey Cruz, maternal grandfather of the Matteri (Izzy 7<sup>th</sup> & Raeh 4<sup>th</sup>) and Newton (Jaden 7<sup>th</sup>) families.
- Please keep these families in your prayers so they will feel our love and know God's presence.

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	IMPORTANT DATES AND EVENTS
10/1	• Work Party 9-1
10/2	• 27 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time Lk 17:5-10
10/4	• Blessing of the Animals 8:30am (1 <sup>st</sup> Gr. Formal)
10/5	• Minimum Day - 12:00 Dismissal
10/7	• Progress Reports Go Home • Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary
10/10	• Columbus Day Holiday-No School
10/11	• Spirit T-Shirt Tuesday • PACE Meeting 6:30-8 <sup>th</sup> Gr. Classroom
10/12	• Parent Teacher Conferences 1-8 • Minimum Day-12:00 Dismissal
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10/14	• Minimum Day-12:00 Dismissal



<http://clipart-library.com/rosary-cliparts.html>

## 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.