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Principal's Thoughts

St. Agnes School is accredited by WCEA (Western Catholic Education Association) and WASC (Western Association of Schools and Colleges.) The accreditation process is ongoing with a review every six years. Just as students are assessed by standards, the same is true for schools. The WCEA has elected to now use the National Standards and Benchmarks for Effective Catholic Schools (NSBECS) as the basis to assess a school's impact on student learning. As the year unfolds, I will be sharing more about these standards. The criteria is based on nine defining characteristics that mold the catholic identity of a catholic school:

Centered In The Person Of Jesus Christ;
Contributing To The Evangelizing Mission Of The Church;
Distinguished By Excellence;
Committed To Educate The Whole Child;
Steeped In A Catholic Worldview;
Sustained By Gospel Witness;
Shaped By Communion And Community;
Accessible To All Students and
Established By The Express Authority Of The Bishop.

I hope you will agree this IS St. Agnes School and our mission and philosophy reflects these characteristics. Of course there are always areas to strengthen and this is the purpose of the ongoing work of the accreditation process. If you are curious to read more, here is the link to the NSBECS:

<https://ncea.org/NSBECS Home>

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.

ST. AGNES PHILOSOPHY STATEMENT

Our St. Agnes School Community is dedicated to fostering the development of each student, recognizing their diverse needs and encouraging their unique potential.

Our goal is to send individuals into the world who are faith-centered, conscientious, academically prepared, and effective communicators. As a community of pastor, parents, teachers, and staff; we provide a caring environment that values:

- **Lifelong faith-formation**
- **Individual self-worth**
- **Academic excellence**

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- **Compassionate service through social justice**

BREAKING NEWS

- **Parent Teacher Conferences**
 - Conferences begin today! We are looking forward to seeing you!
- **COVID Update**
 - We are experiencing an uptick in students having cold type symptoms which mirror COVID-19 symptoms.
 - Please continue to be vigilant, students are testing positive as late as Day 7.

WHEEL-A-THON!!!!

PLEDGE \$\$\$\$

COUNTDOWN: 0 DAYS



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<http://clipart-library.com/free/field-trip>

- **Did You Forget?**
 - Last chance to turn in pledge sheets and donations is THIS Friday.
 - The typical cost of a field trip is approximately \$1,500 which equals about \$45/student.
 - Teachers are currently planning fieldtrips and is dependent on this fundraiser.

PACE NEWS

- **Round 2! Last Chance**
 - Spirit t-shirts and sweatshirts are so popular, we had to offer another opportunity to order.
 - The order form is on our website and MUST be turned in no later than Friday October 14th.
- **Have You Herd the Moos?**
 - 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 added to your envelope with further details and instructions on how to order a herd.
- **Fall Fest is Back!**
 - Mark your calendars for Friday, October 28th from 6-9pm.
 - The Haunted House is back and so is Trunk-o-Treating, carnival games and the much loved cake walk!
 - A flyer can be found on our website with additional details, an order form and volunteer sign-up form to bake items for the cake walk.

Weekly Student Learning Expectation:

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



TIME SENSITIVE

• **You're Invited to Carve Pumpkins**

- Sunday, October 16th after the 9:00AM Mass you are welcome to bring your pumpkins to carve while you enjoy warm apple cider and cookies!

	IMPORTANT DATES AND EVENTS
10/12	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Parent Teacher Conferences 1-8• Minimum Day-12:00 Dismissal
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10/14	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Minimum Day-12:00 Dismissal• 7th Gr. Dance @ St. Francis
10/15	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Work Party 9-1• Parish German Dinner @ 6pm
10/16	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 29th Sunday of Ordinary Time Lk 18:1-8• 9am Pumpkin Mass & Carving
10/18	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Spirit T-Shirt Tuesday
10/22	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 2nd Gr. Parent Reconciliation Retreat 9:30 Cauchi Hall
10/27	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• School Board Meeting 6:30 via Zoom
10/28	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Fall Fest

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