



Principal's Thoughts

Wonderful opportunities are offered in Catholic schools around the world! St. Agnes School offers a rigorous curriculum in ALL cores subjects that also includes music and Spanish instruction! Our Catholic Identity is strengthened by the fact that the teachings of the Church can be freely discussed, taught and modeled throughout the day in all curriculum areas and in our interactions with one another. The difficulty comes when we try to fund this educational model. As we are well aware, parents in California are not given the option for a voucher or tax incentive to offset the cost of tuition. This is ironic given a recent Catholic School Enrollment report from the National Catholic Education Association (NCEA) that states: *"With 1,688,417 students in 5,938 Catholic schools across the country and based on the average public school per pupil cost of \$14,455, Catholic schools provide at least 22.7 billion dollars a year in savings for the nation."* Not only are we saving the nation money by educating our children, we are able to do this for almost half the cost! As we create the budget each year, this expense to our families is always a big consideration. As shared in the bulletin last week, our enrollment is crucial for the planning process. I am always hopeful that all families will choose to return for another school year but I never want to assume. So, today you will be receiving the yearly Intent to Return form. Please complete this form letting us know your plan and return it by next Wednesday, January 18th. Typically we ask that you attach 50% of the registration to this form however this year we will collect this fee using FACTS! This incidental fee will be posted to your account on January 20th, the remaining balance will not be due until June 1st. Thank you for completing this form in a timely matter so that we can proceed with the budgetary process.

Blessings and Gratitude

After much thought and prayer Mrs. Moore, our primary grade resource teacher, has informed me that she has decided to retire. Today we bid her farewell and wish her many blessings. We will miss her gentle and kind spirit and know she did not make this decision lightly. The children that worked with Mrs. Moore will remain in class with their teacher for the time being and I will keep you undated as to when the classes will resume.



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BREAKING NEWS

- **Martin Luther King Jr. Prayer**
 - Tomorrow we will gather at 1:30 in the church for a prayer service prepared by the 7th grade students. We will reflect upon the work and message of Dr. King.
 - **All students need to be in formal uniform (no shorts or skorts.)**
- **Preschool Applications**
 - We are now accepting preschool applications for students turning 3 by September 1st!
 - Please let your friends and neighbors know that we offer 2, 3 and 5 day programs.
 - Applications are on our website under the preschool tab.
- **Intent to Return**
 - The budget process has begun and we need to know your plans for the 2023-2024 school year.
 - An Intent to Return form has been included in your family envelope today. This form is due back by next Wednesday, January 18th.
 - Your FACTS account will be charge \$250 in incidental fees (50% of the registration fee) on January 20 and due on January 25th.
- **Kinder Information Meeting Tonight**
 - We look forward to seeing the parents of incoming Kinders tonight at 7pm in the Kinder classroom.

PACE NEWS

- **St. Agnes Got Talent!**
 - We're looking forward to seeing all the talent at this year's Talent Show on Friday, Jan 27!
 - The last day to audition is tomorrow, January 12th. Make sure you complete the permission slip on the website before attending.
- **Spirit Shirt Update**
 - We continue to have supply issues with certain sizes for the spirit shirt/sweatshirts.
 - Rest assured that we are working with our vendor to get these as soon as we can!
 - All the items that have been received thus far have been delivered to the school. Thanks for your patience!
- **Save the date for Bingo!**
 - This beloved event will be Friday, February 3rd.
 - Look for a flyer in your family envelope next week.

Weekly Student Learning Expectation: 1.2 A faith centered person living the Gospel message who is able to recognize God's love.

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"Day at the Races" Saturday March 4, 2023 Garaventa Center - Carondelet High School

- Save the Date for our biggest fundraiser of the year!
- Visit our website: Charityauction.bid/StAgnes2023
- Tickets are ready!
 - Early Bird Pricing:
\$65/single ticket
\$120/couple
Table: \$600
 - After Feb 3:
Single: \$75/ticket
Couple: \$140
Table: \$700

- **Kinder/New Student Testing-Tell One & All!**
 - Applications are now posted on our website for incoming students, tell your friends and neighbors about us!
 - One month's tuition will be credited to your 2023-2024 FACTS account for the referral if the family is accepted, enrolls and attends school in August.
 - Testing is scheduled for Saturday, February 11th.
- **\$2.00 Non-uniform Dress Tuesday Reinstated!**
 - On the second Tuesday of each month, students have the opportunity to purchase non-uniform dress for \$2.00.
 - This has been a popular option for the students but it is totally your choice!




Congratulations to our 2nd grade children who received the Sacrament of Reconciliation last night! Fr. Wayne and Fr. Johnson were very impressed by how prepared they were! Thank you Mrs. Sacco and parents!

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	IMPORTANT DATES AND EVENTS
1/11	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Kinder Information Night 7:00pm-Kinder Room
1/13	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Elementary Staff Day-No School
1/15	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time (Jn 1:29-34)
1/16	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday-No School
1/17	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Spirit T-Shirt Tuesday• 8th Gr. Graduation Parent Meeting 7pm
1/20	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Trimester 2 Progress Reports Go Home
1/21	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Work Party 9-1• Feast of St. Agnes!

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.