

# Newsletter-1/25/23



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## Principal's Thoughts

This month we will focus on *patience*, the fourth fruit of the Holy Spirit. Have you heard or used the phrase "Patience is a virtue?" Ironically, when you search for a list of virtues on the internet, patience is NOT on the list. There are six classes of virtues made up of twenty-four character strengths and nowhere is patience mentioned. This is not to say this trait is not valued, we all know that we need this on a regular basis. The Church however lists patience in its Seven Contrary Virtues against the Seven Deadly Sins, specifically in regard to combating anger but not in the "top list" of virtues.

This fruit of the Holy Spirit holds great importance in our faith. Where would we be if God was not patient with us? The main way to find peace is by practicing patience. Typically patience comes to mind when we see someone lacking patience and usually that is when the phrase "patience is a virtue" is uttered. The writers of the books in the Bible often use the word forbearance in place of patience, meaning the ability to withstand challenges or enduring hardship. For many of us, we practice this skill regularly! When we can't see or understand God's plan we are called to be patient. As parents we practice this throughout the day and that is truly where the Holy Spirit comes in! Next time you start to lose it, take a breath and remember the Holy Spirit is with you and pray for patience.

*"Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience, bearing with one another and forgiving one another, if one has a grievance against another; as the Lord has forgiven you, so must you also do."*  
— Colossians 3:12-13



### • **A Letter from Dr. Currier**

- Enclosed in your envelope today is a letter for our Superintendent sharing information about the 2023-2024 salary scales and the process used to determine these wages.
- I'm excited we are taking every measure to ensure we attract and keep well-trained teachers for our children! I am confident we can agree that our teachers are most deserving!!
- Please know the finance committee is working diligently to create a balanced budget for the upcoming year with all shareholders in mind. Tuition rates will be determined and communicated soon.

### • **Student Store**

- The Student Council has decided to resurrect the Student Store! They are so excited and I know the students will be as well.
- A short form has been included in your envelope today. PLEASE complete this form ASAP.
- This shopping opportunity is completely optional. Dates and prices will be coming soon.
- The Student Council is responsible for community outreach opportunities and is currently raising money to replace chipped or missing statues of Mary for various classrooms.

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- **Celebrate!**
  - Each child is receiving a zipper pull for their backpack or jacket printed with the National Catholic Schools Week Logo. I hope they will wear it proudly!!
  - A prayer card with the Prayer for Catholic Schools has also been included! Please post this in full view for your family to see!
- **Open House is this Sunday, Invite a Friend!**
  - Please join us for Mass at 9am.
  - Classroom visits, tours, hospitality and the Book Fair will follow Mass.
    - Don't forget to visit the class your child will be attending next year to get a glimpse of what the future holds.
- **GET READY! The Scholastic Book Fair Begins Sunday!**
  - Choosing their own books empowers children and inspires them to become bolder, prouder and stronger readers. Every book they buy earns rewards for our school.
  - Here's what you need to know about the Fair:
    - Hours:
      - Sunday 1/29 from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm
      - Monday 1/23, Tuesday 1/24, and Thursday 1/26 from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm
      - Wednesday 1/25 from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm.
    - This year, say goodbye to cash and hello to *eWallet* your child's digital payment account.
      - Before the fair, set up *eWallet* for worry-free, cash-free purchases.
      - Anyone can contribute! Share each child's *eWallet* so friends and family can add funds and give your kids more books to enjoy.
    - Can't make it to the Fair?
      - Shop at our school's Online Book Fair.
      - All orders ship directly to your home, and shipping is free for book orders over \$25.
      - Your online orders will also benefit our school.
      - Visit our Book Fair homepage to learn more and get started with *eWallet* and online shopping: <https://www.scholastic.com/bf/stagneselementaryschool>
    - All purchases through the Book Fair benefit our school. Thanks for supporting our kids!
    - Information about the books begin sold has been included in your envelope. Happy reading!
  - **Full Calendar of Events!**
    - Please refer to the calendar at the end of this newsletter, for all the special activities planned by our Student Council to celebrate. Please help us with food donations for the Food Bank!

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### PACE NEWS

- **Kick Off Catholic Schools Week this Friday with a Cup of Joe!**
  - Starting January 27th join us at 7:45am right after morning carline, for a cup of java in the Ministry Center!
  - This will be a monthly event! A flyer with the dates for the remainder of the year is on our website.
  - Mark your calendars, all are welcome!
- **St. Agnes Talent Show is Friday!**
  - We're looking forward to seeing all the performances at the Talent Show Friday night, Jan 27!
  - Don't forget we are gathering in the church this year. **Hope to see you there!**
- **February Dine Out**
  - Join us at Nick the Greek on Wednesday, February 1<sup>st</sup>! This is a minimum day so lunch and dinner orders are part of the offering!
  - A flyer with more details can be found in your envelope. Please present this flyer so 20% can be given back to St. Agnes!
- **Bingo Night is back!**
  - We hope to see you Friday, February 3rd in the church.
  - The flyer is posted on our website and gives you all the info about the event as well as a form/QR code to purchase tickets.
- **Be a Part of St. Agnes history!**
  - Tiles for a new section to our wall will be going on sale soon!
  - Purchase one or multiple tiles for \$25 each to decorate.
  - Stay tuned for more details!



- **Thank you PACE!**
  - PACE provided each child with a Rice Krispy treat to help us celebrate the feast day of St. Agnes, our patron saint! We appreciate the snack and making our day a bit sweeter!

### ***Weekly Student Learning Expectation:***

***1.4 A faith centered person living the Gospel message who is able to express compassion for others, locally and globally, through gifts of time, talent, and treasure.***

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



- ***The Auction is What We Make It!***
  - ***Here's how you can help; we are seeking a variety of donations:***
    - Services
    - Cabin or timeshares
    - Sign up parties/experiences
    - SCRIP
    - Gift cards or baskets from your favorite restaurants and/or businesses
- ***Sponsorship Opportunities***
  - A flyer describing various sponsorship offerings is in your envelope.
  - Please consider finding or being a sponsor!
- ***Urgent Need!***
  - We need volunteers at the event.
  - We can't put this on without volunteers working the night of the auction.
  - Contact the auction chairs: [pace-auction@stagnesconcord.com](mailto:pace-auction@stagnesconcord.com)
- ***Auction Packets are Out!***
  - Important information regarding the Auction was sent home last week in your family envelope.
  - Make sure to thoroughly read your packet for all sorts of important information regarding the event, sponsorship and donation ideas.
- ***Tickets will sell out so don't wait to purchase your tickets!!***
  - Visit our website: [Charityauction.bid/StAgnes2023](http://Charityauction.bid/StAgnes2023)
  - Early Bird pricing ending soon!
    - ***Early Bird Pricing February 3<sup>rd</sup>:***  
\$65/single ticket, \$120/couple or Table: \$600
    - ***After Feb 3:***
      - Single: \$75/ticket, Couple: \$140 or Table: \$700

### **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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### TIME SENSITIVE

- **Preschool Applications**
  - We are now accepting preschool applications for students turning 3 by September 1<sup>st</sup>!
  - 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.
- **Kinder/New Student Testing-Tell One & All!**
  - Applications are 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 11<sup>th</sup>.
- **Welcome Aboard!**
  - I am excited to announce that Mrs. Jenny Miner has been hired to work with Mrs. McDonald in our Learning Support Center! Mrs. Miner has been employed in this capacity for the past 3 years in the Mt. Diablo Unified School District and we are VERY lucky that she has agreed to join our staff.
- **Looking for a Crab Feed?**
  - The Knights of Columbus are hosting a Crab & Tri-Tip dinner THIS Saturday, January 28<sup>th</sup>.
  - A flyer and ticket request form, with additional details is posted on our website.
- **Morning Supervision**
  - I am seeing many children arriving before 7:45 in the morning.
  - If you do not see a teacher on the playground, please be sure to keep your children with you.
  - Thank you for keeping us accident free before the school day begins.
- **Need a Refresher?**
  - Please take another peek at the uniform policy in the Family Handbook. Many children are out of compliance especially with regards to haircuts/style and leggings.




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	<b>IMPORTANT DATES AND EVENTS</b>
1/25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Stocking Stuffer Non-Uniform Dress Continues Through Friday!</li> </ul>
1/26	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• School Board Meeting 6:30pm - 8<sup>th</sup> Gr.</li> </ul>
1/27	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Coffee Social 7:45am – Ministry Center</li> <li>• Talent Show 6pm-8pm - St. Agnes Church</li> </ul>
1/28	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• St. Agnes Parish Crab Dinner 6:30pm</li> </ul>
1/29	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time Mt. 5:1-12a</li> <li>• Open House                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Mass 9am</li> <li>○ School Visits &amp; Tours 10am-12pm</li> <li>○ Book Fair 10am-1pm</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
1/30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CSW: We Celebrate Community                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Food Collection All Week Benefits the Food Bank</b></li> </ul> </li> <li>• Rally 1:30</li> <li>• College &amp; Career Day</li> </ul>
1/31	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CSW: We Celebrate Students</li> <li>• Brain Bowl 1:30</li> <li>• Crazy Hair &amp; Sock Day</li> </ul>
2/1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CSW: We Celebrate the Nation</li> <li>• National Spelling Bee 10:30</li> <li>• Yellow &amp; Black Dress</li> </ul>
2/2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CSW: We Celebrate Vocations &amp; Fr. Johnson</li> <li>• Bible Trivia 1:30</li> <li>• Class Theme Attire</li> </ul>
2/3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CSW: We Celebrate Staff &amp; Volunteers</li> <li>• Gratitude Art</li> <li>• Class Colors Dress</li> </ul>



**Catholic Schools Week 2023**  
**January 29–February 4**

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