

## Newsletter-1/4/23



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### Principal's Thoughts

Happy New Year and welcome back to the second half of the school year! January is a very busy time in the office and we are geared up and ready to go! Enrollment time is upon us and data has proven that you, our families, are the best marketers we have. Most often, families indicate on their application that they have heard of St. Agnes School from parents whose children have attended or are currently enrolled. Thank you! Once again, I am asking for your help to spread the word. In appreciation, each family giving a referral will be credited with a month's tuition on their 2023-2024 FACTS account for each family referred that has been accepted, enrolls and attends school in August. You might wonder why our enrollment is important to you. Each empty seat is potentially a loss of \$8,750 and our budget is based on the number of students enrolled in the school. The finance committee and I spend many hours looking at the data which provides income and expenditures for the last five years, projected staffing and salary increases and the number of one, two, three and 4+ children families projected for the next school year. Based on this information and the minimum tuition increase given to us from the School Department, we then calculate the tuition scale for the upcoming school year.

During the last two years of COVID, we limited the number of students in each grade in order to comply with social distancing protocols. Given the decrease in revenue this situation created, we remained dedicated to our goal of maintaining the programs we valued as a community. Due to careful planning and funding granted by the government to private schools, we were successful in this endeavor! The reality is we are even better than before due to the new programs that have been implemented and the 1:1 technology we now have for all students in 2-8<sup>th</sup> grade! Ironically this situation has provided the opportunity for us to cap the primary class size to 32 students and continue to maintain all that we love about St. Agnes School! With this being stated we still need students to join our community and why we need your help, especially with Kinder enrollment. Assuming that all families will be returning next year, we will have openings in the following grades: K, 1, 3, 4 and 6. This equates to approximately 17 openings (not including incoming Kinders.) When you multiply this number by the single child tuition it equals \$148,750 added to the budget! Of course this doesn't mean that everyone who applies will be accepted, incoming students will need to be academically prepared and their families must show a commitment to Catholic education and our wonderful community. Applications are on our website and new student testing will take place on February 11<sup>th</sup>! Happy recruiting!

### 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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### **BREAKING NEWS**

#### • **Got Tests?**

- We are sending 4 COVID testing kits home with each child today! Thank you government officials!
- Stash at least one kit away in the cupboard, we will be testing upon our return from Easter break.

#### • **Kinder Information Night**

- Please help spread the news, we are looking for children to join the Class of 2032!
- We are currently taking RSVPs for the Kinder Information Night to be held next Wednesday, January 11<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. Please call the office to sign-up.

#### • **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 11<sup>th</sup>.

#### • **\$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!

### **PACE NEWS**

#### • **Dine Out TONIGHT!**

- Please consider ordering from Starbird for your menu tonight and St. Agnes will receive 15% of the proceeds!
- A flyer has been included in your family envelop that is needed when ordering.

#### • **Got Your Act Together?**

- Information and a sign-up form for the Talent Show scheduled for January 27<sup>th</sup>, can be found on our website.
- Don't forget to sign-up and attend tryouts!




We hope you enjoyed the Christmas Concert! A special thank you to Mr. Hamerson for his vision, patience and expertise to bring back this very important tradition. Thank you to Mr. Gill for helping with the sound system and the 8<sup>th</sup> grade for their "behind the scenes" work! The children were fabulous!

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***Weekly Student Learning Expectation: 1.1 A faith centered person living the Gospel message who is able to demonstrate understanding of the Catholic faith and practices***

	IMPORTANT DATES AND EVENTS
1/4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Dine Out-Starbird</li></ul>
1/7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Work Party 9-1</li></ul>
1/8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>The Epiphany of the Lord (Mt. 2:1-12)</li></ul>
1/10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>PACE Meeting 6:30-8<sup>th</sup> Grade</li><li>2<sup>nd</sup> Grade First Reconciliation 7:00pm-Church</li></ul>
1/11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Kinder Information Night 7:00pm-Kinder Room</li></ul>
1/13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Elementary Staff Day-No School</li></ul>
1/16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday-No School</li></ul>