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Principal's Thoughts

The Fruit of the Holy Spirit we will focus on this month is kindness. Kindness is defined as the quality of being friendly, generous and considerate. Take note that this is being defined as a “quality” and not an act of showing kindness. I’m sure we can all think of someone who is a genuinely kind person. One would think kindness would be intrinsic in every person. However, how would we know this to be true when other experiences may disguise a person’s true kindness. Unless a person observes kindness in action or receives it, they might find it difficult to give this gift to someone. I worry about the unkind world our children are being exposed to right now. Clearly it is up to us to model what it means to be kind. As a catholic community we are often called to be counter culture, I can’t think of a better time than now. Perhaps we need to bring back random acts of kindness into our day. I found this great website called Coffee Cups and Crayons (<https://www.coffeecupsandcrayons.com/category/acts-of-kindness/>) that shares 100 wonderful ideas families can do to show kindness. Maybe this can be your Lenten focus this year!

On a related note, during the last School Board meeting it was brought to my attention that some members in our community are feeling unwelcome because they cannot come into the school office. The last message we want to convey is a sense that they are not welcome! While we are trying to manage the amount of traffic coming through the office, in order to help all stay healthy, we have offered to come to your car when you arrive at the flagpole as a service so you do not have to get out of your car. Should you have business that needs to be taken care of in the office and you prefer we do not come to your car, please know you are welcome to come to us.



• **Calling All Educators!**

- The Diocese of Oakland will be holding a job fair this Saturday, March 4th at St. Theresa School in Oakland from 10am-12pm. If you are interested in hearing all that the Diocese offers its parish and school employees, please consider attending.
- A flyer has been posted on our website if you need further details.

• **You are Invited**

- St. Patrick’s Day will be celebrated with a special dinner in the Church Hall on March 18th after the 5pm Mass. Tickets are now on sale at the Welcome table after Mass or in the Ministry Center.

PACE NEWS

• **Don’t Forget the Dine Today!**

- The deadline to order dinner has already passed, but lunch is still an option!
- A flyer is on our website and must be mentioned or brought into the Deli in order for St. Agnes to receive 20% back! Dinner orders must be picked up by 4:00pm today.

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



- ***Auction volunteers***
 - For questions regarding: set up, working the night of the event and clean up, please email: Pace-auction@stagnesconcord.com.
- ***Online Auction Opens Tomorrow!***
 - You will have the opportunity to begin online bidding this Thursday March 2nd @ 6am until approx. 6:45pm Saturday, March 4th.
 - An email address and credit card must be registered in Auctria in order to bid.
 - A preview of the auction catalog and live auction items are available now on the auction site.
- ***Planning to Use Mobile Bidding?***
 - If you plan to participate in text bidding, you must input your cell phone number in Auctria.
- ***Plenty of Fun!***
 - There will be games, a tuition raffle, the wine pull, and dessert dash in addition to the online and live auction.
- ***Lucky Bidder?***
 - Please be prepared to take all your purchases home with you after the Auction concludes. Baskets cannot be left at the Garaventa Center overnight.



TIME SENSITIVE

- **CYO Track and Field Has Begun!**
 - Do you have a 2nd-8th grade student interested in running? It's not too late to sign up for the CYO Track and Field team. Contact Ann Schultz to sign your child up to join!
 - Practice takes place at St. Agnes on Tuesdays from 3:30-5:00 and Concord High on Thursdays 4:00-5:30.
- **De La Salle Camps are back and better than ever for the summer of 2023!**
 - De La Salle offers a wide range of athletic options as well as a science camps.
 - Camps are offered to students in grades K-12 (depending on the camp) and are open to boys and girls.
 - These camps are designed for kids to have fun, meet new friends, meet the coaches, and improve their skills. For more information visit: www.dlshs.org/athletics/camps-clinics.

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Lenten Offerings

- **Family Rice Bowl Activity**
 - Don't forget to work on filling your Rice Bowl, provided by Catholic Relief Services.
 - The goal is to fill the bowl by doing good deeds, chores or having a simple meal. Traditionally coins were used to fill the bowls, but the banks now charge to count this currency so now you can decide what you will use to fill the bowl (beans, notes etc.)
 - Once the Rice Bowl is filled, you can determine its value and make your donation directly to: <https://crseastbay.org/donation/>. Please be sure to type in St. Agnes School on the form.
 - Thank you for supporting this very worthwhile tradition!
- **40 Cans for Lent**
 - The Knights have invited us to partner with them in this wonderful Lenten tradition.
 - Please send in a can of food a day to support feeding those in need.
- **Just Faith Thursday Soup Meal**
 - Each Thursday during Lent hearty soup, bread and beverages will be offered, followed by a special guest speaker(s). All you need to do is bring a bowl and spoon!
 - A flyer with additional information and the topics for the presentations is posted on our website.
- **Friday Stations of the Cross**
 - Students in grades 3-7 will take turns as a class, presenting a portion of the Stations of the Cross each Friday at 2:15 in the church. You are welcome to join us!
 - The 8th grade class will re-enact the Stations on Good Friday at 12:00 in the church.
- **Fish Fry Dinners**
 - The St. Agnes Knights of Columbus Council will offer fish fry dinners each Friday during March, followed by Stations of the Cross.
 - A flyer with additional details can be found on our website.




- Kudos to Riyo Almarinez for winning our Spelling Bee and representing St. Agnes School at the regional level. While she didn't qualify this year, we are very proud of her!
- Congratulations to the following teams for winning their District Championship: 7th Gr. National boys & girls, 6th grade National & American girls, 5th grade American boys & 5th Gr. National girls AND 4th grade National boys & American girls. Way to go!

Weekly Student Learning Expectation: 2.4 - A conscientious individual in a diverse society who is able to demonstrate respect for the environment.

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	IMPORTANT DATES AND EVENTS
3/1	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Minimum Day-12:00 Dismissal• DINE-OUT- Parma Deli
3/2	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Soup Dinner/Welcoming the Stranger 6:00pm
3/3	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Knights' Fish Fry Dinner 5:30 – Church Hall
3/4	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• AUCTION!!! 5:00pm – Carondelet Garaventa Center
3/5	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 2nd Sunday of Lent – Mt. 17:1-9
3/6	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Last Week for Star Testing
3/7	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Spirit T-Shirt Tuesday
3/10	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Report Cards Go Home Today!

*Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.
Ephesians 4:32*



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.