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Principal's Thoughts

God is definitely getting our attention during this Lenten Season! The winds yesterday, were unlike any I have ever seen. I was born and raised in Concord and this is the first time I have heard of planes at the airport being upended because of the weather! I want to take this opportunity to thank you for your understanding with the cancelation of classes today. This decision was not taken lightly and I know for many of you this disruption wreaked havoc in your work schedule. You should have received two communications from me this morning, one by phone and a second via email. Typically I would only send one, however I was uncertain how many of you were affected by power outages and I wanted to ensure the information reached as many as possible. If you did not receive either messages, PLEASE let me know so we can update our database. We use a program in PowerSchool called SchoolMessenger when we need to send schoolwide information, (school closure, emergency notification etc.) so it is vital that we make sure your information is current. Please check to make sure the email address is not blocked in your settings. In light of the fact that St. Patrick's Day will be celebrated on Friday and due to the current weather situation, I thought it appropriate to share this prayer from St. Patrick!

**May the Strength of God guide us.
May the Power of God preserve us.
May the Wisdom of God instruct us.
May the Hand of God protect us.
May the Way of God direct us.
May the Shield of God defend us.
May the Angels of God guard us.
- Against the snares of the evil one.**

**May Christ be with us!
May Christ be before us!
May Christ be in us,
Christ be over all!**

**May Thy Grace, Lord,
Always be ours,
This day, O Lord, and forevermore. Amen.**

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

- **Kids Club Fees**

- If your child attends Kids Club the fees will be posted tomorrow, Thursday March 16th on FACTS and payable on April 1st.

- **St. Agnes Church Good Friday Annual Blood Drive**

- The Blood Drive will again be conducted by Vitalant. Please consider making a donation on Good Friday April 7, 2023 (11:00am - 4:00pm) in Cauchi Hall.
- Every two seconds, someone in the U.S. needs blood. This could be a child in the ICU or a parent with Stage 3 leukemia. When hospitals have an ample supply of blood, patients who need it - no matter the reason - have hope.
- To schedule your life-saving appointment you may:
 - Sign up after all masses the weekend of March 25th and 26th
 - Email Pat Cesnik at patcesnik@gmail.com -or-
 - Visit the Vitalant website: donors.vitalant.org and Click on Blood Drive Code and enter: Good Friday.

- **Carondelet Camp Offerings**

- **Girls Learn Code & Innovate AI Camp**

This exciting two-day, weekend camp will be hosted this April in partnership with AI Code Academy and is perfect for incoming 6th-9th Grade Girls who are interested in learning about coding or looking for ways to improve their skills. Note: All registrants must bring their own devices for both days of the camp. [To learn more and register, click here.](#) *Spaces are limited!*

- **Spring Girls' Softball Clinic**

Varsity Coach Mike Creecy is excited to host a Spring Softball clinic for incoming 6th-9th Grade Girls in April. To learn more and [register for the Softball Clinic, click this link.](#)

- **Spring Girls' Lacrosse Clinic**

Coach Phil Mannoni is looking forward to welcoming all incoming 6th-9th Grade Girls who have a passion for Lacrosse (or want to get started by exploring the sport this spring) to our sports clinics this May: [register today by visiting this link.](#)

- A flyer has been posted on our website with dates of each camp. All girls entering grades 6-9 in August, are eligible to sign-up.

Weekly Student Learning Expectation: 3.2 - A life-long learner conscientious individual who is able to demonstrate understanding of core curriculum.



For those who have died and those who mourn their passing: Ichiro Yamamoto, the maternal grandfather of Sophia Pou (6th.) Please keep the Pou family in your prayers so they will feel our love and know God's presence.


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PACE NEWS

- **The St. Agnes Easter Bunny is Arriving Soon!**
 - If you would like the Easter Bunny to “**Egg My Yard**” a flyer has been included in your envelope with the QR code to place your orders. You can also order directly on the Auctria website: <https://event.auctria.com/3f51c44d-3fe7-451a-90e6-46fb9bafa07b/>
 - Quantities are limited, so order soon!
- **Need to paint your tiles?**
 - The following dates are available if you haven’t had a chance to paint your tiles for our new tile wall: Monday, March 20th and Wednesday March 22nd from 6:30 to 7:30pm in Cauchi Hall.
- **Spring Shopping~**
 - **See’s Candies Online Shopping Now until 3/24**
 - Your Easter shopping just got easier with online shopping and free shipping on orders of \$70 or more.
 - A flyer with more information and the QR code has been posted on our website.
 - A portion of the sales will be donated back to St. Agnes.
 - **Garden Fun!**
 - The Flower Power fundraiser is back!
 - Shop online for your Spring bulbs, seeds and plants.
 - St. Agnes will receive 50% back!
 - The QR code is on the flyer and has been posted on our website.
- **Love You to the Moon and Back!**
 - Save the date for this wonderful opportunity to make life-long memories!
 - The Annual Father-Daughter Dance will take place Saturday, April 29th from 6pm-9pm on the Cauchi Hall patio.
 - A flyer will be sent home next week to reserve your spot and make your dinner selections.

	IMPORTANT DATES AND EVENTS
3/16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Daycare Fees Posted to FACTS • Just Faith Soup Meal
3/17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Happy St. Patrick’s Day! • Stations of the Cross 2:15 • Knights Fish Fry & Stations
3/19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4th Sunday of Lent – <i>Jn 9:1-41</i>
3/20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5th Gr. Leaves for Camp! • Tile Painting 6:30pm-7:30pm Cauchi Hall
3/21	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spirit T-Shirt Tuesday
3/22	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tile Painting 6:30pm-7:30pm Cauchi Hall



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Lenten Offerings

- **Friday Stations of the Cross**
 - Students in grades 6 & 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.
- **Family Rice Bowl Activity**
 - Don't forget to work on filling your Rice Bowl, provided by Catholic Relief Services.
 - 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.
- **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.

