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## Principal's Thoughts

In one week, on October 4<sup>th</sup>, we will celebrate the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi the Patron Saint of all God's creatures and ecology. St. Francis came from a very wealthy family and gave up all his riches to follow God. He practiced true equality by showing respect to all people regardless of their economic status. St. Francis was very charismatic and others quickly joined his mission and took up the "cause" to teach others about God. This group later became known as the Order of Franciscans.

To recognize the work of St. Francis, the first grade class is very excited to lead us in prayer at a Blessing of the Animals Prayer Service. Please consider parking your car and joining us! You are welcome to bring your pets but request that all animals must be kept leashed or cozy in a cage. We do have some children that are not comfortable around animals and we want to also give them the opportunity to enjoy this prayerful time, thank you for creating this atmosphere for them. We will begin as soon as the first grade adopted priest Fr. Thi, concludes his morning Mass and joins us (8:45ish.) Once our Prayer Service is over we will say good-bye to all our feathered, scaled and furry friends and return to our classrooms. If your pet has had an accident, PLEASE clean up after them before you leave. Much appreciated!

### WAT COUNTDOWN - 2 Days!

- **Hurry!**
  - Time is running out to get those pledges. We are only at **39%** of our goal! Right now the Kinder class has raised the most with 2<sup>nd</sup> grade following close behind! Four classes however have raised less than \$1,000, which doesn't cover the cost for one bus.
  - Please remind family and friends to visit: <https://event.auctria.com/cf01f611-7a55-45a1-8258-cd0801bed408/> to make a donation towards the students' field trips.  
Visitors to the website will click on the class of the student they want to recognize and type in their donation amount.  
Before hitting the "submit" button, there is the opportunity to enter the specific student's name so they can receive credit for the donation
- **To Dos for the Big Day!**
  - Each student must have a signed permission slip and properly fitted helmet.
  - Bikes need to be labeled with each child's name and grade so similar bikes don't go home with the wrong family!!
- **Thank you** to Niko Lawler's family at True Story Foods-Schwartz Sausage for providing all the hot dogs for the day!



- **Scrip News**
  - Accounting  
Statements have been included in your family envelope today. The information



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reflects sales and the profit generated from May 1, 2023 to the present.  
Remember the profit number is the one that counts!

- Sales

Scrip will only be sold on Thursday this week due to the WAT and minimum day!

- **School Masses are Back!**

- The first school Mass of the year will be hosted by the 6<sup>th</sup> grade class and will take place on Friday, October 6<sup>th</sup> at 1:30pm. Formal uniform is needed for all students. Please join us!
- We are returning to our full liturgy and prayer schedule!

Classes will take turns hosting the Mass the first Friday of most months. Classroom teachers will let you know when it is your child's turn which is also reflected on the school calendar on our website.

Classes have been assigned time on the first Friday of most months to visit the chapel for Holy Hour/adoration. Teachers will determine what time works best for their schedules.

Additionally, classes will also rotate attending Mass with the parishioners on the remaining Fridays at 8:15 am.

- We are very excited to have this opportunity to pray together and celebrate the Eucharist!

- **Parent Teacher Conferences Coming Soon**

- A link will be sent home next week so you can access Sign-Up Genius to reserve your spot for parent teacher conferences.
- Conferences will take place October 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> from 1pm-8pm.
- Please be on time, each conference has been scheduled in 15 minutes increments.
- Be sure to leave a passing time between conferences if you have multiple teachers to visit.

*Weekly Schoolwide Learning Expectation: 2.1 – A conscientious individual in a diverse society who is able to treat self and others with dignity and respect*



TIME SENSITIVE

- **Peace, Love & Hope**

- A benefit concert is being held on Sunday, October 15<sup>th</sup> at St. Bonaventure Church in honor of Karen Mangini, previous principal of St. Agnes School.
- All proceeds will benefit the Food Pantry. A flyer has been posted on our website.



- **Dine-Out Coming Soon!**

- The Kebab Shop in the Orchards Shopping Center in Walnut Creek is offering to donate

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50% of our orders on Wednesday, October 4<sup>th</sup>, for the **ENTIRE** day!

- You need to present the flyer found in your envelope at the time of purchase or enter the coupon code "Fundraiser" for online orders.
- Thank you to the Kebab Shop owners for supporting St. Agnes School!

• **Have You Herd the Moos?**


- The stampede has begun so get your orders in!
- A flyer with additional details and a QR code for ordering has been included in your envelope today.
- Please consider spreading some joy to a new family, buddy family or that special someone!

• **Coffee Socials Are Back!**

- A schedule of the Coffee Socials can be found on our website.
- Mark your calendars, bring your mug and school spirit to join us for coffee, treats and community building!
- Stay as short or as long as you like, but please consider joining us!

• **Need Some Spirit?**

- General St. Agnes spirit wear is currently on sale on the Auctria website!
- There are many options from which to choose (hats, sweatshirts, tumblers etc.)

	<b>IMPORTANT DATES AND EVENTS</b>
9/28	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• School Board Meeting 6:30 - Ministry Center</li></ul>
9/29	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• WAT!</li><li>• Minimum Day 12:00 Dismissal</li></ul>
10/1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 26<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time (Mt. 21:28-32)</li></ul>
10/4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Blessing of the Animals - 8:45AM Formal</li><li>• Dine-Out Kebab Shop</li></ul>
10/6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• School Mass 1:30 - Formal</li><li>• Progress Reports Go Home</li></ul>
10/8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 27<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time (Mt. 21:33-43)</li></ul>
10/9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• School Holiday</li></ul>
10/10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Spirit T-Shirt Tuesday</li></ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• PACE Meeting 6:30 - 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Classroom</li></ul>
10/11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Parent Teacher Conferences 1-8</li><li>• Minimum Day-12:00 Dismissal</li></ul>
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## **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.**