



## Principal's Thoughts

Our thoughts and prayers are with those experiencing the violence taking place in the Middle East. Yesterday, at the request of Bishop Barber we prayed the Rosary together as a school before our lessons began. We prayed for peace and that the Holy Spirit would gift those in charge with wisdom and compassion. This conflict is not new, it has been going on for decades, but the recent events have brought the violence to a new level. In addition, social media has made this disturbing content more accessible to our young people. So how do we talk to our children about the conflict in the Middle East in a way that will give them the pertinent information but protect their emotional well-being? We need to not only balance what they hear on the news or overhear from conversations occurring around them but also the images they are seeing on the news or on the internet. We also need to help our older students understand what is true as opposed to mis-information that may be posted. Here are a couple of resources that might give you additional support. Furthermore, as a community steeped in faith we know that we can never go wrong with prayer!

- [How to Talk to Your Children About Conflict and War](#)
- [How to Talk to Your Kids About War](#)
- [How to Talk to Kids About Violence, Crime, and War](#)

*God of all creation, bring justice and peace to our world.  
Teach us to be peacemakers. Guide us in our pursuit of  
justice and the common good. Inspire us to welcome all, forgive  
all, and love all. Direct us as we walk in the shadow of Jesus: the  
Way, the Truth, and the Life. Inspire us to perceive the world  
through your eyes, that we might find hope and joy each day,  
supportive of each other, for the sake of your Kingdom.*

*Amen*

<https://www.xavier.edu/jesuitresource/online>

### 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.

## Newsletter-10/18/23



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**BREAKING NEWS**

- **The Directory Has Arrived!**
  - The 2023-2024 Family Directory has been included in your envelope today.
  - Please use this to communicate with one another about play dates, events etc. and not to solicit families. Our advertisers on the back pages however, would love your business!
- **You Are Invited**
  - Our friends at The Living Way Church across the street are having a Fall Family Night on Saturday, October 28<sup>th</sup> from 4pm-7pm.
  - They graciously let us use their parking lot each year during the WAT and have invited us to their event. If you are looking for something to do on Saturday or if you can't attend our Fall Fest, you might want to give this a try! The flyer has been posted on our website.



- **Tickets Are Now On Sale!**
  - Our annual Fall Fest is scheduled for Friday, October 27<sup>th</sup>!
  - A flyer with all the details and QR code to purchase tickets can be found in your envelope. See you there!
- **Holiday Pies?**
  - The pie sale is back by popular demand with a variety of flavors.
  - Pies will be delivered frozen on November 15<sup>th</sup> and can last up to a year in the freezer.
  - A flyer and order form have been sent home today. Orders are due by November 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- **Need Hours?**
  - The Fall Fest committee is adding more games so additional volunteers are needed. Please contact Christine or Michelle at [fallfestserviceteam@gmail.com](mailto:fallfestserviceteam@gmail.com) if you can help!
- **Are You A Baker?**
  - The much loved Cake Walk will take place during the Fall Fest and homemade goodies are needed. NO NUTS, PLEASE!
  - Volunteer hours will be given for your hard work. A flyer with all the details is posted on our website. The form is due back by October 20<sup>th</sup>.

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### • Do You Enjoy Decorating?

- We are looking for participants for the Trunk or Treat event at the Fall Fest.
- The class with the most participants will receive a free dress pass!
- A flyer with an RSVP is included is on our website and is due back by October 20<sup>th</sup>.

*Weekly Schoolwide Learning Expectation: 2.3 – A conscientious individual in a diverse society who is able to demonstrate respect for the environment.*

	IMPORTANT DATES AND EVENTS
10/19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Scrip Day</li></ul>
10/20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Fall Fest Forms are Due!</li><li>• 7<sup>th</sup> Gr. Dance-St. Francis</li></ul>
10/22	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 29<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time (Matthew 22:15-21)</li></ul>
10/24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Spirit T-Shirt Tuesday</li></ul>
10/26	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• School Board Meeting-6:30PM Ministry Center</li></ul>
10/27	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Coffee Social</li><li>• Fall Fest!</li></ul>