



Principal's Thoughts

The first trimester has come to an end and we celebrate all the hard work the students have put forth. Report Cards will be sent home on Friday and I would like to especially direct your attention to the table titled: Work Habits/Social Development on the back page. A rubric listing the criteria for this table has been included in the report card envelope for you to review. This rubric helps clarify the criteria used to determine whether an "M" (consistently meets), "A" (approaching standard) or "N" (needs support) is marked. This information reflects the effort and commitment exhibited by each student as well as their social/emotional maturity. Please review this information with your child and discuss what their goal will be for the second trimester.

The standards-based report card for grades K-5 lists the essential standards for each core subject. There are multiple skills that are included within each standard. The number (grade) marked next to each, reflects what the student has learned. A "3" cannot be listed if instruction has not covered all the skill(s) associated with that essential standard or if the student has not exhibited mastery of every skill. If you would like more details or additional information, the Parent Guide to Standards Based Grading is posted on our website in the Resources and Forms section under the Parents tab. The traditional grading system with letter grades, is now only used on the Junior High Report Card, so that the information correlates with information needed by the high schools. With this in mind, we also use the California Junior Scholastic Federation criteria to determine First Honors for our awards assembly that is scheduled this for Friday before our Thanksgiving Prayer Service.

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.



- Today the children enjoyed a Thanksgiving lunch provided by Mr. Latteri! We are grateful for his generosity and commitment to make the students' holidays special! We think he's pretty special too! Blessings to Mr. & Mrs. Latteri!
- Thank you for all the donations sent in to support our Thanksgiving Food Drive! We were able to provide boxes overflowing with food items for some very deserving families.

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- **Awards Assembly**

- Each trimester various junior high students are recognized for their academic achievement. This assembly will take place at 1:30 on Friday, November 17th in the church. You are invited to attend!

- **Thanksgiving Prayer Service**

- Please join us as we pray with gratitude for all that God has given us. The 5th grade class will lead us in prayer at 1:45 in church on Friday, November 17th. See you there!

- **Altar Server Sale**

- The St. Agnes Parish Altar Server Ministry will be selling Advent Calendars and children's Advent calendar making kits for \$5.00 and \$10.00 respectively after the Masses on Sunday November 25 & 26.
- A flyer has been posted on our website with additional details.

- **Christmas Concert Tickets-Plan Ahead**

- The much anticipated Annual Christmas Concert will take place on Thursday, December 14th at 1:30pm and 7:00pm.
- You can pre-order your tickets or buy them at the door. An order form has been included in your envelope today.
- More information will be forthcoming in the newsletters upon our return from Thanksgiving break.

- **Fingers Crossed**

- Once again we have discovered a water leak on our campus near the main school building. Plumbers will be here on Monday, November 20th to locate the leak and then repair it.
- Please pray this will be an easy fix and relatively inexpensive!

- **Special Thanksgiving Mass**

- Fr. Luke is inviting you to a Mass at 9AM to begin your Thanksgiving Day.
- You are asked to bring an item or two to be blessed that you will share at your meal!
- What a wonderful way to show your gratitude to God!
- A flyer has been posted on our website with the details.

Weekly Schoolwide Learning Expectation: 3.3 – A life-long learner who is able to work to his or her ability.

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- **Pies Are Here!**

- The holiday pies have arrived. Please be sure your pie order has been picked up; we do not have freezer space to store them! They are waiting for you!

- **Santa is Hungry!**

- Our Annual Breakfast with Santa will take place on Saturday, December 2nd at St. Agnes.
- A flyer with a QR code to purchase tickets has been posted on our website. .
- This event sold out last year so don't delay!!!!
- There will be a Christmas tree raffle in case you are interested and need to decorate your home.

- **Holiday Gift Guide Reminders**

- **Five Little Monkeys Event Ends Today**

- www.5littlemonkeys.com
- 15% will be donated back from this vendor

- **Sip 'n Shop Event**

- The Wish Gift Boutique in Walnut Creek is partnering with PACE on Thursday, November 30th from 5-7PM to offer our families an opportunity to shop for some wonderful items.
- We appreciated the 20% of all sales that will be donated to St. Agnes School!

- **See's Candy Yum-Raising Shop is Open**

- This sale ends December 1st.
- The flyer with the QR code is posted on our website.

- **Stocking Stuffer Idea**

- Give your student the gift of non-uniform dress for the week of January 22-26, 2024. Deadline to purchase is December 23rd.
- A QR code to purchase has been included on the flyer that is posted on our website.



For those who have died and those who mourn their passing:
Robert Van Heel, Ms. Van Heel's father. Please keep his family in your prayers so they will feel our love and know God's presence.



TIME SENSITIVE

• **Volunteer Hours Statement**

- All volunteer hours served AND turned into the coordinators as of November 6th, are reflected in the Statement that were sent home last week in your family envelope.
- Please review this Statement and if you have questions, please contact the Volunteer Coordinators: pace-volunteer-hours@stagnesconcord.com.
- If you have not turned in your hours, there are voucher slips in the office to complete for any hours served and a container to turn them in. Please come see Mrs. Kelley for assistance, so you can receive credit for these hours.

Thanksgiving Blessings

On behalf of the entire staff, I extend to you and your family blessings for a wonderful Thanksgiving. May you find time to enjoy a special activity, embrace the opportunity to share a meal together, and if you travel that you do so in safety. We pray in thanksgiving for all that God has given us, especially our families, staff and our very own Fr. Luke!

Prayer for Thanksgiving Day

Gracious God,

As we gather together around this Thanksgiving table may we be ever mindful of your blessings.

For abundant food and the gift of family, we give you thanks.

For those whose hands brought this food to our table, we give you thanks.

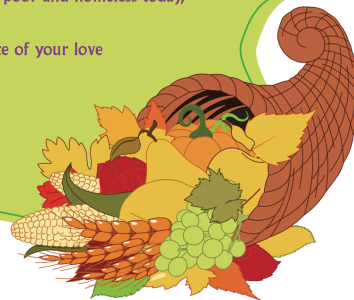
For those who are giving of their time and resources to feed the poor and homeless today, we give you thanks.

May our celebration of Thanksgiving be a reminder of the abundance of your love given to us freely each day.

Open our eyes to the surprises held in each moment.

With the deepest gratitude, we pray.


Amen.



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	IMPORTANT DATES AND EVENTS
11/15	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Thanksgiving Lunch from Mr. Latteri
11/17	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Coffee Social• 10AM Stone Soup K&1• Jr. High CJSF Awards 1:30PM• Thanksgiving Prayer Service 1:45PM• Report Cards Go Home
11/20	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Thanksgiving Vacation ALL Week
11/23	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Happy Thanksgiving• Thanksgiving Mass 9AM
11/26	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Solemnity of Christ the King (Mt. 25:31-46)
11/27	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• School Resumes
11/28	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Spirit T-Shirt Tuesday
11/30	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• School Board Meeting 6:30pm- Ministry Center• Wish Shopping Night 5:00pm-7:00pm
12/2	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Breakfast with Santa-Church Hall• Work Party 9am-1pm