



Principal's Thoughts

"Christmas joy" is a common phrase we hear this time of year but for Catholics, this phrase comes early during advent to remind us that God is our source of joy and therefore not isolated to the Christmas season. This 3rd Sunday of Advent is also called Gaudete Sunday. Gaudete is a Latin word that means rejoice. We are reminded to rejoice in anticipation of Jesus' birth. The candle is pink and is also known as the shepherd's candle to remind us of the shepherds that journeyed to see the Christ child even before the Wise Men! ***"But the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid; for see — I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.'"*** (Luke 2:10-12)

Tomorrow we will welcome you with **joy** to our Annual Christmas Concert. The practices have come to an end and the children are very excited to perform for you! We will be showcasing instruments, choreographed numbers and of course, beautiful angelic voices. Don't forget your candle!

Many blessings as you celebrate and gather with family for Christmas. May you feel the Holy Spirit's presence with the awe and wonder that the children experience. Safe travels.

CHRISTMAS BLESSING

May the blessing of joy, abide within you;
May the blessing of peace, rest upon you;
May the blessing of love, flow out through you;
May all the blessings of the Lord
Be yours at Christmas
And in the new year.

Author Unknown





- **Prospective Kinder Information Night**

- Please help us spread the word that new student applications are now being accepted for the 2023-2024 school year!
- Our Kinder Information Night will take place on Wednesday, January 10th in the Kinder classroom at 7PM. Your personal invitation just might be what a family needs to come see what we're all about!

- **No Kids Club This Friday**

- Kids Club will not be offered Friday, December 15th in order for the staff to gather for their Christmas celebration.

- **Book Fair Stocking Stuffer**

- Your gift certificates for the Book Fair are in your envelope today.

- **Save the date (and [register now!](#)) for the St. Agnes Kids Against Hunger packing event.**

- As part of our mission to service and enrich the community, locally and abroad, you're invited to join our packing event and help assemble meals to feed families worldwide. Volunteers as young as 8 can participate; both middle-school students and parents will earn service hours for their time. There is a \$20 registration fee, which is used to purchase supplies for the event. Every \$20 feeds 100 children!
- [Register now](#) and feel free to share the link/flyer with friends and family. Many hands make light work and the more participants we have, the more people are fed.
- Event details:
 - Saturday February 10, 2024 from 2:00 – 3:30 pm
 - Kids Against Hunger Bay Area - 1258 Quarry Lane, Pleasanton
- While this is not officially a school sponsored event, we thank Shannon Dorsey for arranging this wonderful opportunity to come together and serve those in need.

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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- **Read All About It!**

- The PACE newsletter has been included in your envelope today!
- This publication is filled with pictures of the many wonderful events that PACE has sponsored this year.
- **Thank you** to Rita Encarnacion for the many hours given to create this newsletter for your reading enjoyment!

- **We've Got Talent, Yes We Do!**

- The St. Agnes Eras Tour a.k.a. annual talent show is scheduled for Friday, January 26th in the church.
- A packet filled with information about rehearsals and guidelines for performers is in your envelope.
- Encourage your children to get their acts together over the Christmas vacation so they will be ready!

- **Stocking Stuffer Idea**

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

- **The Auction Packet Has Arrived**

- Save the Date for March 23rd for this VERY important event!
- All the information you will need, including an FAQ flyer has been provided in your envelope.
- Please consider becoming a sponsor or donating an item for the Auction.
- **Together we will be "cruisin" to make this fundraiser a smashing success!**



A big thank you to the Barragan family for spending last Saturday removing all the unwanted items from our storage container! In collaboration with the Knights of Columbus, PACE and school we will

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have a brand new container moved onto the property soon!

Weekly Schoolwide Learning Expectation: 4.3 – An effective communicator who is able to cooperate and collaborate with others.

Christmas Celebrations

- **Simbang Gabi-Advent Novena**

- In preparation the Christmas season, the St. Agnes FilAm Community will once again host Simbang Gabi from December 15 through December 23, 2023.
- Mass will be celebrated each night at 7pm in the church. A light reception will be held following the Mass on the last day, December 23rd.
- All are invited to these festive nights of Simbang Gabi as we herald a joyous Christmas Day."

- **Christmas Mass Schedule (Posted on our website)**

- Christmas Eve: 4:00 (Baby Jesus Mass), 7:00 & Midnight
- Christmas Morning: 7:00, 9:00 & 11:00

	IMPORTANT DATES AND EVENTS
12/14	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Christmas Concert 1:30 & 7PM- Bring a Battery Operated Candle
12/15	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Coffee Social 7:45AM• Minimum Day-12:00 Dismissal• No Kids Club• 8th Gr. Dance – St. Francis
12/16	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Christmas Vacation Begins
12/24	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 4th Sunday of Advent-Love
12/25	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Merry Christmas!
1/1/24	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Happy New Year!
1/3/24	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Classes Resume• Minimum Day-12:00 Dismissal
1/5/24	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• School Mass 1:30 (Formal)
1/6/24	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Work Party 9-1

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