



Principal's Thoughts

Welcome back! I trust your holidays were filled with various opportunities to gift your family with many joyful memories. The new year is upon us which often brings an abundance of resolutions to change our routines and become better people. Have you made a resolution to strengthen your faith? I found an article titled "Church as Resistance" (included in your family envelope) that might resonate with you. We already know that the catholic church is often counter-culture and while I don't agree with all opinions in this piece, especially that Mass is boring, I do believe the message is spot on. Can attending church offer a respite from the hustle and bustle of our daily lives? Is there something we are missing by not attending weekly Mass? Although this article is written from a parent's perspective with teenage children, I offer this as "food for thought" for all of us since it is not too late to make one more resolution for 2024!



- **Prospective Kinder Information Night-TONIGHT**
 - Our Kinder Information Night will take place tonight, January 10th in the Kinder classroom at 7PM. You still have time to invite a family to attend, no RSVP is needed.
 - Please help us spread the word that new student applications are now being accepted for the 2023-2024 school year!
- **Intent to Return**
 - The budgeting process will begin soon and we need to know how many children be enrolled for the 2024-2025 school year.
 - Included in your envelope today is an Intent to Return form. Please complete this form by January 26th. **Half of your registration fee (\$250) will be charge to your FACTS incidental account, payable on February 15th.**
- **Preschool Registration Now Open!**
 - Do you have or know someone who has a child turning 3 by September 1st? Our preschool is waiting for them. Applications are now online under the preschool tab on our website.
- **Book Fair**
 - The Book Fair is coming to St. Agnes from January 27th through January 31st. Make it easy on yourself by setting up an eWallet for your child to shop at the book fair. A flyer with instructions has been included in your envelope today.

Weekly Schoolwide Learning Expectation: 1.2 – A faith centered person living the Gospel message who is able to recognize God's love.

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Faith Opportunities

- **Help Us Celebrate the Feast of St. Agnes**

- Mark your calendars for Sunday, January 21st @ 10AM for the ONLY Mass of the day!
- We will be celebrating our Patron Saint on her feast day AND kicking-off an 18-month long 60th jubilee celebration of St. Agnes Parish!
- We hope to see you there!

- **Dinner Invitation**

- The Annual Knights of Columbus Crab & Tri Tip Dinner will take place Saturday, January 20th after the 5PM Mass in the Church Hall.
- A flyer with additional details and order form for your tickets can be found in your envelope today.
- A children's menu is available as well!

- **Ojala Ministries Fundraiser**

- Each year a group of high school students and adult leaders travel to Mexico to spend their Easter break building houses. If you're not a fan of crab, please consider supporting their efforts by attending a dinner on January 20th at St. Bonaventure Church. A flyer with more details is in your envelope.



TIME SENSITIVE

- **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.
- 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.

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- **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 has been posted on our website.
- We hope you will attend as we showcase the talent of our fabulous students!

- **Auction News**

- Save the Date for March 23rd for this VERY important event!
- All the information you will need, including an FAQ flyer has been posted on our website and on Auctria: <https://app.auctria.com/auction/greaseistheword>
- Please consider becoming a sponsor or donating an item for the Auction.
- **Together we will be "cruisin" to make this fundraiser a smashing success!**



- The Christmas Concert is a distant memory but what a glorious memory it is! Thank you to Mr. Hamerson for his vision, creativity and energy to provide us with such a heartwarming show. Thank you to all our families and guests for attending and please continue to pray for peace.
- Congratulations to our second grade students and a few additional siblings on receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation last night. We are grateful for the commitment of our families to offer their children the gift of faith! Blessings as they now prepare for the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist.

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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	IMPORTANT DATES AND EVENTS
1/10	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Talent Show Audition 3:15PM-ChurchProspective Kinder Parent Night 7PM – Kinder Classroom
1/11	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Scrip Sold-9AM-11AMMartin Luther King Jr. Prayer Service (Formal) 1:30Talent Show Audition 3:15PM-Church
1/12	<ul style="list-style-type: none">No School – Elementary Staff Day
1/14	<ul style="list-style-type: none">1st Sunday of Ordinary Time
1/15	<ul style="list-style-type: none">MLK Holiday-No School
1/16	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Spirit T-Shirt Tuesday8th Gr. Parent Graduation Meeting @ 7PM-8th Grade Classroom

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!
JANUARY 28TH – FEBRUARY 3RD



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