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Principal's Thoughts

Fr. Luke has been with us for five months now and he is already making his presence known. He is regularly popping into classrooms and I often see him visiting with the children during the morning and lunch recesses. He is an avid supporter of Catholic education and most welcoming to families at Mass. Father has requested that we celebrate our patron saint with a renewed enthusiasm each year. This year the Feast of St. Agnes falls on a Sunday so a special Mass has been planned. We are hopeful that our school families will join in the festivities. The only Mass scheduled for this Sunday January 21st is 10:00AM. The choirs will be combined, a special procession will take place and hospitality will be offered. St. Agnes is the patron saint of children so Father Luke will also offer a special blessing on all children present at this Mass. We look forward to welcoming many families and kicking off an 18-month long celebration of the parish's 60th jubilee. The schedule was planned so you can attend Mass and still make it to your child's CYO game! See you there!



• Budget Time!

- The budget process has begun and is due to the school department by the end of March.
- The finance committee will be meeting to forecast our expenses, analyze enrollment trends and set tuition rates for the 2024-2025 school year.
- Please remember that the more families enrolled, the greater impact this has on the budget and ultimately your family budget. There is still time to spread the word!!!

• Catholic Schools Week: January 28th – February 3rd

- Each day special activities have been planned to celebrate catholic education and St. Agnes School.
- A schedule of events will be sent home next week. You are more than welcome to join us!



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TIME SENSITIVE

- **Intent to Return**
 - The Intent to Return form is due by January 26th. **Half of your non-refundable registration fee (\$250) will be charged to your FACTS incidental account, on February 1st and will be due and payable on February 15th.**
 - If you are not returning, it will be sad for us but important to know.
- **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 posted on our website for you.
- **St. Agnes Kids Against Hunger Packing Event**
 - Event details:
 - Saturday February 10, 2024 from 2:00 – 3:30 pm
 - Kids Against Hunger Bay Area - 1258 Quarry Lane, Pleasanton
 - 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.
 - 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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- **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. This is a FREE event!
- Auditions are complete and rehearsals are now taking place. Hope to see you there!



March 23, 2024

- **Volunteers Needed!**

The Auction Committee is looking for volunteers to help with clean-up after the event. It's a great way to earn your hours because it's a 4 hour commitment, but you also get a **bonus of 2** additional hours for helping due to the late hours of clean-up for a total of 6 hours!! If you are interested, please click on the link to sign-up: [2024 Auction: Grease is the Word \(signupgenius.com\)](https://2024.Auction:Greaseis.theWord.signupgenius.com)

Weekly Schoolwide Learning Expectation: 1.3 – A faith centered person living the Gospel message who is able to make morally responsible decisions.

	IMPORTANT DATES AND EVENTS
1/17	• Talent Show Rehearsal 3:15-Church
1/18	• Scrip Sold 9-11
1/19	• Scrip Sold 9-11 • Progress Reports Go Home
1/20	• Work Party 9-1
1/21	• Feast of St. Agnes Mass 10AM
1/22	• Stocking Stuffer Non-Uniform Dress Week
1/23	• Spirit T-Shirt Tuesday

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