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Principal's Thoughts

We have an exciting event happening this Saturday, the Diocese of Oakland is holding its first Academic Junior High Decathlon at Moreau High School and WE are sending our very own first team to the competition! The past couple of years, a couple of schools in our Diocese were able to join with another Diocese to participate. This year our Associate Superintendent, Karen Goodshaw (St. Agnes alumnae) offered this opportunity to our schools and nine of us registered! According to the Catholic Academic Junior Decathlon website, our team of junior high students will be competing in 10 events:

- "Two are collaborative team efforts – a Logic Quiz with 20 rigorous thinking problems, and a Super Quiz with 50 multiple choice questions on five broad academic themes.
- The remaining eight events test individual knowledge of the Roman Catholic doctrine, English, Literature, Science, Mathematics, Current Events, Social Studies, and Fine Arts (Art and Music)."

This concept began 1989 when Dr. Mark Ryan (junior high teacher) wanted to offer students an academic competition that was similar to athletic competitions in the Los Angeles area. This event was embraced over the years and has now become a National event. We are excited to join with the other 25 Dioceses across the Nation in celebrating our students for their academic achievement. The team with the highest points from each of these regional events will compete virtually on March 15th. Here is a link to a video if you are curious about this event:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A8HNW-7ORkY&t=197s>. We are so excited for our students and proud of their commitment to represent St. Agnes School. Under the guidance of Ms. Papetti and Mr. Sheridan, they have been preparing for this event for the past couple of months during their lunch recess, after school and on their own time. We wish them fortitude, courage and blessings.





Lent



https://clipart-library.com/clipart/lenten-prayer-cliparts_13.htm

- **Daily reflections:**
 - Matthew Kelley - <https://www.dynamiccatholic.com/lent.html>
 - Mark Wahlberg - <https://hallow.com/>
- **"COME AND SEE" TONIGHT!**
 - "The Catholicism Series" every Wednesday @ 6:30pm in the Ministry Center until March 20th. One episode per session.
 - Rsvp to StAgnesAltarServerMinistry@gmail.com.
- **Family Resources:**
- **40 Cans for 40 Days**
 - Please support the Knights of Columbus Lenten Food Drive by sending one can of food to your child's classroom during Lent.
- **Rice Bowls**
 - The goal is to have your child do service projects (chores) and fill the bowl with coins.
 - Once the bowl has been filled, you can count the money and then donate the amount directly to CRS. The donation information will be sent in a newsletter at a later date.
- **Thursday Soup Suppers**
 - Delicious soup will be served in the church hall each Thursday during Lent. A guest speaker will follow at 6:30pm.
- **St. Agnes Church Annual Blood Drive**
 - Good Friday, March 29, 2024 from 10:00 am - 4:00 pm in Cauchi Hall
 - Our goal is 60 donors in honor of St. Agnes' 60th Anniversary Celebration!
 - To schedule your life-saving appointment, which is conducted by Vitalant, please choose one of the following options:
 - Visit the Vitalant website: donors.vitalant.org and Click on Blood Drive Code and enter Good Friday
 - Sign up after all masses the weekend of March 9th and 10th
 - Email Pat Cesnik at patcesnik@gmail.com

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BREAKING NEWS

- **St. Agnes Welcomes Jesse Manibusan!**

- Fr. Luke invites you to attend a Lenten Retreat: Come & See March 10-12th with Jesse Manibusan.
- Come one day or all three to see this wonderful songwriter and storyteller! A flyer has been included in your envelope.

- **Urgent Need**

- As part of our mission to serve and enrich the community, you're invited to join our food sorting event at the Fairfield Food Bank warehouse THIS Saturday, March 2, from 1:30 - 3:30 p.m.
- All participants must be at least 11 years old. Middle-school students and parents earn service hours for their time.
- This facility is right by the Jelly Belly Factory, so you could enjoy a "sweet" visit before or after our sorting event!
- Use this link to [register now!](#)

- **Help!**

- We want to document important school events with pictures in our yearbook! Do you have a special pictures with your child's classmates?
- Please send pictures to Mrs. Sacco: ksacco@csdo.org.

- **Are You Finished?**

- Volunteer statements through February 13, 2024 were sent home last week in your family envelope.
- Two and a half months remain for you to fulfill your volunteer commitment of 30 hours.
- Please see the Family Handbook regarding the fee for not reaching this goal.

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March 23, 2024

- **Do You Have Your Ticket?**

- Don't miss out on this very important night! Get your tickets now at:
<https://event.auctria.com/0d27404d-a9cd-4053-98e9-99c1ac428bd4/>
- This is the biggest fundraiser of the year and we hope you will join.

- **Double Dip?**

- The Silent Auction is a BIG part of the evening and it is only as good as WE make it.
- The Auction committee is looking for gift cards to supplement the Auction baskets. Please consider purchasing/donating scrip and receive credit toward your scrip goal at the same time!
- An order form is in your envelope today!



- **Dine Out with Parma!**

- Preorder your dinner by March 4th and it will be ready for pickup on the 6th from 10am-4pm
- All other purchases on March 6th, made in the Deli will generate a donation of 20% back to St Agnes.
- Let's show our appreciation to this very generous alumni family and support their business and St. Agnes!
- The flyer in your envelope MUST be presented at the time of purchase/pickup.

- **Spring Fundraisers**

- **See's Candy**
 - Get your Easter treats by shopping online through March 15th!
 - Free Shipping on orders of \$70 or more!
 - A flyer with a QR code is on our school website!


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- **Flower Power**
 - Spread some Spring cheer by ordering your holidays bulbs and plants online now until May 15th!
 - Shipping begins April 1st.
 - The QR code is on our school website.
- **Read-a-Thon!**
 - Join the St. Agnes Read-a-Thon during the Read Across American Week March 2nd-8th.
 - A Reading Log and flyer describing the prizes along with a QR code for donations, is on our school website!

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

|  | IMPORTANT DATES AND EVENTS |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 2/28 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Catechism Series 6:30pm – Ministry Center |
| 2/29 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Scrip on Sale 9-11• New Student Letters Mailed |
| 3/1 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Stations of the Cross 2:15 |
| 3/2 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Academic Decathlon |
| 3/3 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 3rd Sunday of Lent |
| 3/4 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• STAR Testing Continues• Parma Pre-orders Due |
| 3/5 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Spirit T-Shirt Tuesday |
| 3/6 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Minimum Day 12:00 Dismissal• Dine Out Parma 9am-4pm |

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