



Principal's Thoughts

I am excited to share that our school has partnered with Hallow for the next two years as a way to intentionally bring God into the lives of our students, families and teachers - not only in the classroom, but all the time! Hallow is a Catholic prayer and meditation app with over 5,000 sessions to choose from. The content inside the app ranges from daily meditations, traditional prayers, Bible stories for sleep, kids and family prayers, mental health meditations, music, and so much more. You will also have access, free of charge through your child's school email address! We are currently in the process of getting the program setup but I wanted to let you know this news right away. This will be another wonderful Lenten resource for you to explore. More news to come soon, I promise!



- **Smile! Track Pictures Tomorrow!**

- The deadline to submit our yearbook is rapidly approaching and we want to have the CYO track team represented.
- All track athletes need to bring their jersey in their backpack tomorrow, March 13th.

- **WCEA Work Day-Calendar Change**

- Our accreditation document needs additional work so we are extending your Easter vacation by one day to give the staff uninterrupted time to focus on this important task.
- The school will be closed Monday, April 28th. Apologies for any difficulties this may cause.

- **Children's Liturgy Mass**

- Please join us at 9am Mass this Sunday 3/16. Students in 5th grade will be hosting.

- **Little Vinnie's Helpers**

- The students will be hosting a Bake Sale after the 9am and 11am masses this Sunday, March 16th.
- The money raised will go towards preparing meals for those in need at Cowell Park."

- **1st Grade Service Learning Project**

- The students are learning about the work of the Contra Costa Humane Society and how this relates to caring for God's creatures (specifically cats.)
- They are collecting much needed items that they will donate to CCHS and would like your help.
- A two-sided flyer with all the details has been included in your envelope today. They will be accepting donations until March 28th in order to attend a Kitten Shower on the 30th!



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Lenten Parish Activities

- **40 Cans for Lent**
 - Please support the Knights of Columbus in this annual Lenten food drive.
 - Bins have been placed in each classroom and we ask that children donate one can each day of Lent to benefit those in need.
- **Soup for the Soul**
 - The Just Faith Ministry is offering soup meals each Thursday during Lent.
 - A flyer with dates and topics to be presented has been posted on our website.
- **Friday Fish Fries**
 - The Knights of Columbus will hold their Lenten Fish Frys each Friday during Lent in the Church Hall. Stations of the Cross will follow.
- **Soul Food to Go – St. Agnes Parish Lenten Retreat**
 - Mark your calendars for March 16th -17th from 6:30pm-7:30pm to hear Fr. Sidney Speaks as he leads us in reflection about hope and renewal.
 - Refreshments straight from the Bayou will be served!
 - A flyer has been posted on our website.

Lenten Resources

- Dynamic Catholic: Best Lent Ever Daily Reflections: <https://www.dynamiccatholic.com/lent.html>
- [Family Lent Calendar 2025](#)
- [Family Lent Activities](#)
- [Stories of Hope & Reflections](#)



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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Education in Virtue: Honesty

- **Definition:** Sincerity, openness and truthfulness in one's words and actions.
- **Related to:** the virtue of temperance
- **Looks Like:**
 - Telling the truth even if it means you will get in trouble.
 - Speaking up when someone is being treated wrongly.
 - Beware that God knows your heart; don't hide things from those you love and respect.



TIME SENSITIVE

- **On Your Mark, Get Set. . .**
 - The CYO track season is here and registration is open now until March 15, 2025.
 - To register, log onto: www.stagnescyo.com
- **St. Patrick's Dinner March 15th**
 - A flyer with all the details is posted on our website.
 - **Join the Leprechaun Trap Contest (open to students in grades 2-5)**
 - VISA gift card prizes will be awarded for the best traps!
 - **Need volunteer hours?**
 - If you would like to help with event please contact Marina at 805-625-1662.



Auction

10 Days to Go!

- **Get Your Shopping List Ready**
 - Many auction items are now posted on Auctria. Take a look so you can decide what you will include on your wish list!
- **Host a Party?**
 - One of the most popular items at the Auction are the sign-up parties. Please consider hosting one of these opportunities.
 - Collaborate with a friend or two to split the cost and work to offer a themed party for families to attend. Past parties included: corn hole tournament, wine & cheese tasting etc.

Schoolwide Learning Expectation 3.1: A life-long learner who is able to use knowledge, skills, and strategies necessary to learn.

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- **Spirit Design Contest**

- Students in grades K-7 are invited to submit artwork to be considered for the 2025-2026 Spirit Shirt.
- A flyer with important information can be found in your family envelope.
- All artwork must be in by April 1st.

- **Calling All Mothers and Sons!**

- Mark your calendars for Friday, April 4th for our Mother Son Bingo Event.
- Tickets are on sale through March 28th. A flyer with the QR code to purchase tickets has been included in your envelope today.

- **Daddy Date Night!**

- Saturday, April 5th dads and their daughters are invited to attend the Father-Daughter Dinner Dance!
- A flyer with all the details and the QR code has been placed in your family envelope.
- Tickets will be sold through March 29th.

	IMPORTANT DATES AND EVENTS
3/13	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Soup for the Soul 6:00pm Church Hall• Preschool Special Ladies Night 6:00pm
3/14	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 8:15am Mass (1st & 7th)• Stations of the Cross 2:15 (Formal)• KOC Fish Fry and Stations of the Cross
3/15	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• St. Patrick's Day Dinner Church Hall
3/16	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Children's Liturgy 5th Gr. 9am• Parish Lenten Mission Begins 6:30
3/17	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 9am Mass with Fr. Speaks (formal)• Parish Lenten Mission 6:00pm
3/18	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Spirit T-Shirt Tuesday• Lenten Mission & Reconciliation 6:00pm

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