



Principal's Thoughts

The chimney is installed, the cardinals have arrived and the Conclave is underway! By the time you read this newsletter a new pope may have been elected however that is unlikely, it usually takes 2-4 days for a Pope to be named. On the first day of the Conclave, the cardinals meet and discuss the issues facing the Church and what criteria is needed in a new leader. Only one vote is taken on the first day. Typically two rounds of votes are taken in the morning on the next day and if needed two more in the afternoon. After each vote, if no consensus is reached, the ballots are burned and black smoke is released from the chimney. This process will continue until two-thirds of the cardinals agree. Once the majority are in agreement, the newly elected pope is asked two questions: does he accept his election as pope and finally, what name will he choose. The ballots are then burned and white smoke will be seen. After the official documents are signed, the newly elected pope will be taken into a room to be fitted for his papal clothing. Three different, sized cassocks were delivered before the Conclave by the same tailor who has created this clothing for over two decades. Once dressed, the senior cardinal will announce to the faithful gathered outside that there is a new Pope, at which point the new leader will appear to the rejoicing crowds.

Each day you can follow the developments of the Conclave on your Hallow App. A Conclave Prayer Challenge has begun and you are invited to join in praying that the Holy Spirit will guide the Cardinals' vote. As a school, we too will join the world in prayer as we anxiously wait for that white plume of smoke.



- **Statements are In!**
 - Today, you will find your end-of-year scrip accounting and final volunteer hours statement.
 - Please review these documents carefully and direct questions to either the volunteer coordinators or Mrs. Kelley.
 - Your FACTS account will be billed on May 15th for any unfilled commitments and will be due on June 1st.
- **2nd grade Bake Sale**
 - The students in grade 2 will be hosting a bake sale on Thursday to raise funds for the Save the Bay. This organization advocates for wetland restoration and environmental education to drive positive change for the San Francisco bay.

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- Classes will have a scheduled time to visit the bake sale. Items range in price from \$.25 - \$1.00.
- **“Back to the Beginning” - Spring Play News**
 - Two flyers have been included in your envelope today with information about the upcoming Spring Play. Tickets are now on sale.
 - What would a play be without costumes? Please read the flyer regarding costumes. You might need some extra time to get those together but it will be worth it!
- **Still Have Your Rice Bowl?**
 - Please submit your donation directly to Catholic Relief Services.
- **Need a Summer Camp?**
 - Children in grades 2-8 are invited to attend the St. Agnes Summer Music Camp on June 9, 2025-June 13th!
 - The deadline to register is Monday, May 26th. A flyer with additional details can be found in your envelope.
- **Senior Send Off**
 - Please join us on Friday, May 16th to we welcome home the 8th grade class of 2021 as they prepare to graduate from high school and begin a new chapter in their lives.
 - Our celebration will begin at 2:00pm in front of the lunch tables.



TIME SENSITIVE

- **Dr. Bylund Returns!**
 - Please mark your calendars for Monday, May 12th at 7pm to attend a Zoom presentation by Dr. Bylund and his associate Danielle Morales. They will speak about child and adolescent mental health and the impact social media can have on a child’s emotional well-being.
 - You will receive a Zoom link in an email from your child’s teacher for this presentation.
 - I hope you will attend to hear the latest information on this very important topic.
- **Mandatory Parent Meeting**
 - Our annual May Parent Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 14th.
 - At least one parent from each household is needed as important information will be shared.
 - The staff is preparing a wonderful reception to thank you for all the support you have bestowed upon us this past year.

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- The reception will begin at 6:00pm on the Cauchi Hall patio. The meeting will immediately follow in the church at 7pm.
- We will welcome our new families who will join our community next year!
- **It's Time to Celebrate, Buy Your Tickets!**
 - Join us as we celebrate 60 years of blessings for St. Agnes Parish on Sunday, June 1st.
 - A flyer with details can be found on our website.
 - Mass will be celebrated with Bishop Barber followed by a BBQ from Back Forty!
 - Let us show Bishop Barber that we are a vibrant active community! It's our time to shine!
- **The 60th Jubilee is in Need of Volunteers**
 - Different shifts will be available (the event hours are approximately 11-4). Help will include check in, raffle tickets, clean up, etc. You or your Jr. High student will receive hours for the 25/26 school year.
 - Please fill out the Sign-Up Genius and the Jubilee committee will be in touch:
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050E4CA4A62CA5F85-56103643-60th>



- **Dine Out with TODAY!**
 - All preorders must be picked up this afternoon.
 - While it's too late to preorder your dinner, you can still stop for lunch with your flyer and Parma will donate 20% back to St. Agnes.
 - The flyer is on our website. You **MUST** bring it in when you pick-up your food.

Schoolwide Learning Expectation 1.1: A faith-centered person living the Gospels message who is able to demonstrate understanding of Catholic faith and practices.


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
5/8	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Scrip Sold 9-11am• Student Council Interviews• School Board Meeting 6:30pm - Ministry Center
5/9	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Scrip Sold 9-11am• 8th Gr. Graduation Dance
5/11	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Happy Mother's Day!
5/12	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Parent Ed. Night-Dr. Bylund Presents on Teenage Mental Health & Social Media
5/13	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• STAR Testing Reading-Gr. 2-8• \$2.00 Dress Day• PACE Meeting 6:30 pm-Cauchy Hall
5/14	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Parent Appreciation Reception 6:00 pm• May Parent Meeting 7pm