



Principal's Thoughts

Last night the first meeting was held of those interested in joining the St. Agnes Safety Committee and I am grateful for all who attended. Convening this group has been in the making since last year and is a component of safety training sessions by the Dioceses that both David Wood, the parish administrator and I have attended and will continue to attend. The purpose of this joint committee will look at various areas of safety to ensure the we are prepared for various situations such as medical emergencies, local incidents close to our campus that might affect us , intruders or utility issues (water or gas line break,) that could occur on the weekend during Mass or within the school day.

We gathered parishioners and school families with expertise in all areas of safety (medical, fire, security and law enforcement) to assess our needs going forward. This committee will be looking at best practices and how these compliment what is already in place and what adjustments might be a consideration in the future. An assessment will be done to ascertain what materials or equipment might need to be updated or purchased. Of course, anything we do will need to be in compliance with Diocesan policies and procedures. The most important consideration is to be thoughtful and thorough in our decision making.

Our emergency procedures have been reviewed by local law enforcement and no changes were suggested. You may have noticed that all school doors are now locked so please be patient if we do not answer immediately as we might be on a phone call or taking care of a child. The doors in the church will also remain locked when we are gathered there. Please plan to pick up your child before or after Masses or any prayer services, we would like to keep as much reverence for these liturgical celebrations as possible.

I hope this sheds a bit of light on the intended work of this committee. I will keep you posted.

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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Wheel-a-Thon (WAT)

IT'S TIME!

1 Day Left!

- We hope all bikes are in good working order and helmets have been labeled and fitted properly.
- Student Attire for the day:
 - Non-Uniform Dress in compliance with the Family Handbook. (Pgs. 78-79)
 - Basketball type shorts of appropriate length may be worn (no bicycle shorts, spandex or jogging pants.
 - Helmets
- Some permission slips have not been turned in. Please know this document is mandatory for a student to participate.
- Create your Pledgestar account for any donations your child receives.
 - Children electing not to ride can still secure pledges for cheering on their classmates. Please remember ALL students benefit from this event that is the only way we fund class field trips.



- **Thank you for Praying with Us**
 - There was a wonderful turn out on Sunday for our first children's liturgy of the year. We had so many children, we ran out of free dress passes! Please mark your calendars for October 19th to join us at the next children's liturgy.
- **Pickup Procedures**
 - A gentle reminder that the driveway farthest from the school is an entrance only. I have noticed many cars exiting this driveway in the afternoons.
 - Students may not wait at the statue of Mary for their rides. If you choose to park, please walk over and pick your children up.
 - You always have the option to arrive at 3:10 and drive right through without a wait.
- **Handbook Acknowledgement Page**
 - This document is past due. Children not having this by Friday, September 26th will not be able to attend school on Monday, September 29th.



Blessing of the Animals

The first grade class is very busy preparing the lead us in the Blessing of Animals Prayer Service on Friday, October 3rd. Please consider parking your car, visiting at the Coffee Social and then joining us on the playground to pray in front of the 4th-7th grade classrooms. If your pet(s) are joining us, please be sure they are kept leashed or cozy in a container. We do have some children that are not comfortable around animals and we want to also give them the opportunity to enjoy this prayerful time. Thank you for creating this atmosphere for them. We will begin as soon as Fr. Luke concludes morning mass and joins us (8:40ish.) Once our Prayer Service is over we will say good-bye to all our feathered, scaled and furry friends and return to our classrooms. We hope to see you there!



TIME SENSITIVE

- **We Need Altar Servers**

- Calling all children in grades 3 and above who have received the Sacraments of Eucharist and Reconciliation to consider becoming an altar server.
- Several dates to attend a training have been scheduled for your convenience: October 11, 18 or 25. Once trained students will shadow more experienced Servers during Sunday Mass and school liturgies. A flyer has been posted on our website with additional details.

Virtue

Virtues are dispositions and habits that guide your decision making and action steps to the positive. Through virtues, God gives us the grace to live as we should and to be charitable with all mankind.

Weekly Virtue: Obedience (related to the Virtue of Justice)

Definition: Assenting to rightful authority without hesitation or resistance.

Prayer: Dear Jesus, You are God, and yet You were obedient to Mary and Joseph. Help me to do all that my parents and teachers ask of me—promptly, joyfully, and completely.

Obedience Looks Like:

- Performing your duties faithfully and thoroughly.

Obedience Sounds Like:

I finished what I was asked to do.

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- **The Herd is Coming!**

- This is a fun way to surprise your child's buddy or just spread some joy to another family by purchasing a herd of "cows" to visit your yard. Consider adding cookies and milk for an additional \$5.00. A flyer has been added to your family envelope with more details.

- **October Dine Out-10/1**

- Join families at Jacks Urban Eats from 4-8pm or order take out if you are on the run.
- If you mention St. Agnes school when ordering or use the online code, Jacks will donate 20% of your order back to St. Agnes School! The flyer has been included in your family envelope.

- **Coffee Socials Return!**

- Different classes have been scheduled to host this opportunity to connect with parents in the morning at drop-off at the Ministry Center Patio.
- Bring you favorite vessel (cup, mug or Yeti) and grab a treat.
- See the schedule in your envelope so you can calendar them now.

Parish News

- **St. Vincent de Paul Friends of the Poor Walk**

- The annual Walk for the Poor takes place THIS Saturday 27th at 9am.
- A flyer with all the details on how to register has been posted on the website..
- Help us to help others!

- **Crab & Tri-Tip Dinner**


- The Knights of Columbus are inviting you to a dinner on Saturday, October 18th at 6pm.
- Be the first to kick off the crab dinner season!
- A flyer with details and reservation form has been included in your envelope.
- Reservations are due by October 10th.

Schoolwide Learning Expectation 2.1: *A conscientious individual in a diverse society who is able to treat self and others with dignity and respect.*

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	IMPORTANT DATES AND EVENTS
9/25	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Scrip Sold 9-11am• School Board Meeting 6:30 – Ministry Center• Order your herd
9/26	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• WAT!• Scrip 9-11am• Minimum Day 12:00 Dismissal
9/27	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Friends of the Poor Walk 9am @ St. Agnes
9/28	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 26th Sunday of Ordinary Time(Luke 16:19-31)
9/30	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Spirit T-Shirt Tuesday
10/1	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Minimum Day – 12:00 Dismissal• Dine Out @ Jacks 4-8pm
10/2	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Scrip Sold 9-11am
10/3	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Coffee Social• Blessings of the Animals 8:40am• Mass 1:30 - Formal

*****Please review the drop off and pick up procedures for our WAT day, they are both quite different than the norm. You might want to allow extra time for the morning.***



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