



Principal's Thoughts

October is a busy month and there is more happening than just Halloween. As a church we take time to reflect and pray on God's gift of life. We are reminded that we are all made in God's image with talents that need to be developed and nurtured; therefore from conception to death we are to treat all people with dignity and respect. October is also the month dedicated to the Rosary. Each day this month, during the morning prayer, we will recite a decade of the Rosary and reflect on the gift of life and the importance of Mary in our faith, using scripture to focus on a specific Mystery:

- Joyful: Monday & Saturday
- Luminous: Thursday
- Sorrowful: Tuesday & Friday
- Glorious: Wednesday & Sunday

Data collection also seems to be important during October. The National Catholic Education Association sends a census to all catholic schools to gather information regarding enrollment, tuition costs, numbers of students with learning disabilities, ethnicity counts and staffing totals. This information is used to report trends and help facilitate initiatives on the national level to benefit catholic education. Bishop Barber and those in the Chancery Office are also interested in gathering data from the parishes. Mass attendance is one of the key factors in measuring the vitality of a parish. Each Sunday, the ushers will be counting those present at Mass. **PLEASE make every effort to attend Mass each week not only to celebrate the liturgy but to show Bishop Barber that St. Agnes is a growing vibrant community!**

Wheel-a-Thon (WAT) Update **Final Day for Pledges: 10/17**

- I received a lovely surprise from the Vesely family who sent a very generous donation in honor of their son, Kevin an alumnus of St. Agnes. The family gifted each class with \$500 toward their WAT account! We appreciate our alumni families and will forever remember Kevin's charming smile!
- Mark your calendars for October 31st @ 1:15 for the WAT Awards Assembly in the church. Many wonderful prizes await our riders.
- Thank you to Christie Lawler for donating the hot dog lunch, the Gernhardt Family for the WAT keychains and Tim McGallian for supplying the sound system. Our drinks were also donated by Alexaraee Toeaina, a Pittsburg High School track coach. Blessings to you all.

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- **School Picture Update**

- Student pictures should be online this week You will receive an email when they are ready.
- Pictures will be taken on Thursday, October 16th for students absent on picture day.
- Should you choose to have your child's picture retaken, there will be a \$12.00 retake fee.
- Please email Roots & Shoots to notify them you want your child's picture retaken no later than 5pm on Wednesday, October 15th: http://grow@roots-shoots.com

- **Lost & Found**

- If your child is missing uniform clothing, please check the tables outside the school office or faculty room doors. Items are piling up!

- **Appreciation**

- Thank you for adjusting your routine and following the pickup procedure, there is a notable difference.



TIME SENSITIVE

- **Parent Teacher Conferences Being Today!**

- Please be prompt, you don't want to lose precious time to hear about your child!
- The teachers are looking forward to sharing their information with you.

- **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 our Resources and Forms tab on our website.
- Reservations are due by Friday, October 10th.

- **Last Chance Altar Servers**

- If interested, please choose one of the scheduled trainings: 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.

Schoolwide Learning Expectation 2.3: *A conscientious individual in a diverse society who is able to take responsibility for personal actions.*



Virtue

Weekly Virtue: Foresight (also known as Preparedness)

Definition: Consideration of the consequences of one's actions, thinking ahead.

Prayer: Dear Jesus, when I come upon situations that require serious thought, please send your Holy Spirit to guide me, that I may always do Your holy will. Guide me with Your counsel, and give me the courage to act rightly when it is difficult.

Looks Like: Someone in thought.

Sounds Like: I can't do this because. . .

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.



- **The Herd is On the MOOOVE!**

- The sale ends soon, don't lose out on this fun way to surprise your child's buddy or spread some joy to another family.
- A flyer with a QR code for ordering has been posted on our website.

- **Wrapping Paper on Sale Now!**

- Our Charleston Wrap fundraiser begins today! The dates for this fundraiser are 10/8-11/5 and is fully online.
- Extra packets are in the office if you misplaced yours!

- **Back by Popular Demand!**

- Mark your calendars for Friday, October 24th to attend our annual Fall Fest Event from 6-9pm.
- Many activities have been planned: Trunk or Treat, Costume Parade and a pumpkin judging contest. Dinner can also be purchased from Ranchero Catering Taco Truck and a percentage will be donated back to St. Agnes.
- **Parents will earn volunteer hours for providing a decorated trunk with candy for trunk-or-treating.**
- A two-sided flyer with the details and QR code has been included in your family envelope.


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With Gratitude

- Thank you to the Dettlinger, Michael Gomez, Kwiatkowski and Witwer families for not only hosting a Speak Easy Sign-up Party (from the Auction) BUT turning it into an opportunity to raise funds for our security camera project. I received a very generous check for \$1,200 to help defray the costs! Our community is amazing! Thank you to the families who participated in the event.

|  | IMPORTANT DATES AND EVENTS |
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| 10/8 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Minimum Day – 12:00 Dismissal• Parent Teacher Conferences 1-8pm |
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| 10/10 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 8:15 Mass 5th Gr. (Formal)• Minimum Day – 12:00 Dismissal• Last Day to Purchase Crab Dinner Tickets |
| 10/12 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 28th Sunday of Ordinary Time (Lk 17:11-19) |
| 10/13 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Columbus Day Holiday – No School |
| 10/14 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• \$2.00 Non-Uniform Dress or Spirit T-Shirt Tuesday• PACE Meeting 6:30 – Cauchi Hall |
| 10/16 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Scrip Sold 9-11am• Picture Retakes• Little Vinnies Meeting 3:15-4:15 Ministry Center |

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.