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Principal's Thoughts

Our accreditation visit is on the horizon and I thought you might appreciate an update. The self-study is nearing completion and will be sent to our Associate Superintendent and WCEA Commissioner for review by November 1st. This document contains information and supporting evidence about St. Agnes School in the following four areas: Mission & Catholic Identity, Governance & Leadership, Academic Excellence and Operational Vitality. Last year parents, students and staff participated in a survey to give input regarding these areas. The data from these surveys has been incorporated into the document. From this self-study, areas for growth were identified and one critical goal was written for each of the above-mentioned categories.

Our Educational Improvement Plan (EIP) outlines the goals and steps toward improvement in these areas for the next six years. Our goals are:

- <u>Mission & Catholic Identity</u>: St. Agnes School will intentionally integrate Catholic teachings across all curricular areas to strengthen students' understanding and application of the Catholic faith in academic and daily life.
- <u>Governance and Leadership</u>: St. Agnes School will strengthen the effectiveness of the school board by annually conducting self-assessments and participating in ongoing training/formation.
- <u>Academic Excellence</u>: St. Agnes School will advance its professional learning communities by deepening collaboration rooted in a shared mission to support student outcomes.
- <u>Operational Vitality</u>: St. Agnes School will develop and implement comprehensive strategies in the areas of: marketing, enrollment and development that encompass both sustainability and contemporary goals for the future growth of the school.

As you can see these are very hefty goals but strategies that will help us grow as a school community to strengthen our students' learning. Please continue to pray for us as we prepare for the visit in March!

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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Calling all CYO Basketball Players & Families

- Let's celebrate the opening of the CYO basketball season by attending the annual CYO Mass at 9am this Sunday, October 26th.
- o Join us in praying for a safe, joyful and courteous season!
- o Rumor has it that doughnuts will be provided!
- Let's see what team has the biggest participation!

School Directory Arrives!

- o Included in your family envelope is the 2025-2026 School Directory.
- o Please use this to arrange play dates, car pools etc. . but not for solicitations.
- o Let's try to support our families that have advertised their businesses in the back pages.

School Arrival & Departure

- Please drive safely and <u>slowly</u> when driving on Chestnut Avenue before and after school.
 We have children walking to and from school and there are also children and parents crossing the street from their parked cars.
- o I appreciate that you want to be on time for school however not at the expense of our children.

Kids Club & CYO

• While attending a meeting in the Ministry Center, I was alarmed at how fast people were driving on campus to pick up their children or arriving for basketball practice. PLEASE slow down, our children are precious and we want to keep them safe!

School Pictures

o Discounted picture pricing ends October 28th. All families received a Blast with the link and code for ordering.

WAT Assembly

- o Please join us on Halloween at 1:15pm in the church for our awards assembly.
- All students win by going on field trips and the total money raised will be announced.
 Recognition for students going above and beyond will also take place.

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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Student Council Events

Student Store

- The first sale of the year took place today! Each Wednesday the Student Council members will have snack items for sale during morning recess.
- o Items range from \$.50-\$1.00

Bake Sale

o Tomorrow, 10/23 at morning recess. Money raised will go to replace two more swings.

• Halloween Activities

- Art Contest 10/23-10/28
- o Rally 10/30
- Stickers under select classroom chairs 10/31
- o Pumpkin carving contest (bring decorated/carved pumpkins to the library) 10/31
- School Trick or treat 10/31
- o Orange and black free dress 10/31



Wrapping Paper on Sale Now!

- o Our Charleston Wrap fundraiser ends on November 5th and is fully online.
- o Please take a look and support St. Agnes School by purchasing an item or two.

• FALL FEST is this FRIDAY!

- We hope you are planning 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 (Thank you Barragan Families!)
- Parents will earn volunteer hours for providing a decorated trunk with candy for trunk-or-treating.
- o A two-sided flyer with details and a QR code has been posted on our website.

Help Us Celebrate Dia De Muertos

- Pictures were due to Maestra Light today and will be returned by October 28th. All photos need to have the child's name and grade on the back.
- A flyer with additional details has been posted on our website.



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Virtue

Weekly Virtue: Courtesy (also known as politeness)

Definition: Treating other people with respect, recognizing that all are made in God's image and likeness.

Prayer: Dear Jesus, help me to show respect toward others in my words, manners, and body

language.

Looks Like: Letting others go first.

Sounds Like: "Please, you can go ahead of me."

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.

	IMPORTANT DATES AND EVENTS
10/23	Scrip sold 9-11am
	School Board Meeting 6:30 Ministry
	Center
10/24	Scrip sold 9-11am
	Fall Fest 6-9pm
10/26	• 30 th Sunday of Ordinary Time (Lk 18:9-
	14)
	CYO Mass 9am
10/28	Spirit T-Shirt Tuesday
10/29	• Carondelet & De La Salle 7 th & 8 th Gr.
	Student Meeting 2pm
10/30	Halloween Rally
10/31	Coffee Social 7:45am
	Black & Orange Non-Uniform Dress
	WAT Assembly 1:15pm
	Treat-o-Treating