



Principal's Thoughts

It's beginning to sound a lot like Christmas, everywhere we go. This song certainly gets us in the holiday spirit however let's not rush it and forget Thanksgiving! While this holiday is not without controversy, we as Catholics know the virtue of gratitude is one of the greatest gifts we can receive. It is not only an emotion but a practice, when done intentionally, that can even change the prefrontal cortex of the brain. Teachers often use lessons on gratitude to help students develop a positive mindset to help their mental and emotional well-being. Here is an article from Psychology Today about gratitude that you might find interesting: [The Basics of Gratitude](#) On behalf of the entire staff, we wish you blessings for Thanksgiving. May you be showered with gratitude. Please travel in safety.

Thanksgiving Is

Thanksgiving is
a time of gratitude to God, our Creator and Provider,
whose guidance and care go before us...
and whose love is with us forever.

Thanksgiving is
a time to reflect on the changes,
to remember that we, too, grow and change
from one season of life to another.

Thanksgiving is
a time of changing seasons, when leaves turn golden
in Autumn's wake and apples are crisp
in the first chill breezes of fall.

Let us remember the true meaning of Thanksgiving.
As we see the beauty of Autumn,
let us acknowledge the many blessings which are ours...
let us think of our families and friends..
and let us give thanks in our hearts.

- Author Unknown

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- **Annual Thanksgiving Food Drive**

- We are partnering with the SHARE Ministry of the parish to provide for families in need.
- Food donations and \$1.00/child were due today Wednesday, November 19th.
- A list is posted on our website with items designated by family last name.
- We will take donations through tomorrow morning.
- Thank you for your generosity.

- **Mr. Latteri's Thanksgiving Lunch**

- Mr. Latteri is showing his gratitude tomorrow for our children by providing them with turkey sandwiches and chips for lunch. THANK YOU M. LATTERI!

- **PLEASE PRAY**

- A letter from Bishop Barber regarding the status of the bankruptcy case can be found in your envelope. Please read this important communication.
- Please join us in prayer for a resolution and healing for the victims.

- **You are Cordially Invited**

- Sharon Sobel Idul, mom of Leo 6th & Liliana 3rd and Artistic Director of Black Diamond Ballet is inviting you to a performance of The Nutcracker from December 5-14 at the El Campanil Theatre in Antioch. Leo and Liliana will be performing in this production!
- A flyer with a QR code to order tickets has been included in your family envelope today.



TIME SENSITIVE

- **Little Vinnies Meeting**

- The meeting this month will take place on November 20th @ 3:15pm in the Ministry Center. We hope to see our junior students there!

- **Statements**

- We are halfway through the scrip and volunteer year. Statements for your volunteer hours and scrip usage were sent home last week. Please review carefully.
- Questions about scrip should be directed to Mrs. Kelley
- Questions about your volunteer hours can be sent to: PACE-volunteer-hours@stagnesconcord.com

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- **Get Ready to Shop!**

- PACE is offering a variety of shopping opportunities to help with your Christmas shopping. Many flyers can be found in your envelope today!

- **Reindeer Lane**

- This event is offered to give your child(ren) a chance to shop for you or a family member. (No peeking on your part!)
 - The process is run similar to our book fair. Students will have time with their class on December 1st to walk through the library to preview items for sale.
 - December 2nd-3rd, classes will have a designated shopping time.

- **Dipped (New Vendor)**

- Yummy dipped apples and candy are now available online for purchase and 50% will be donated to St. Agnes!
 - A flyer with additional information and a QR code for shopping can be found in your envelope. This sale ends on December 17th.
 - Items will be mailed directly to the address of your choice. No products will be sent to the school.

- **Wish (Back by Popular Demand)**

- Join us to Sip and Shop at Wish in Walnut Creek on Dec. 10th and St. Agnes will receive 20% of the sale. Online sales will count but a special code will be needed. Watch for further details in the newsletter.

- **Ho! Ho! Ho!**

- Santa is working up an appetite and would love to have some company for breakfast.
- Join us at our Annual Breakfast with Santa in the church hall on Saturday, December 6th.
- There will be two seatings: 8am-10am & 10am-12pm.
- A flyer with a QR code to make your reservation is included in your envelope today.
- This event typically sells out quickly. Ticket sales close on December 3rd.

Schoolwide Learning Expectation 4.1: *An effective communicator who is able to listen actively to others.*



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*Joyful Christmas
Through the Eyes of a Child*

- **Come One, Come All**
 - Our Christmas Concert is just around the corner and is something you don't want to miss!
 - The children are busy preparing this musical delight for you.
 - Don't forget to get your tickets for the Christmas Concert. The order form is posted on the website.
- **Concert Clothing**
 - A flyer informing you of the costumes/clothing needed by class for the Concert is in your envelope today.
 - We thought you might like to take advantage of the sales after Thanksgiving.

Education in Virtue

Weekly Virtue: Magnanimity (also known as benevolence.)

Definition: Seeking with confidence to do great things in God; literally "having a large soul."

Prayer: Sacred Heart of Jesus, You loved us even to the point of death. Give me a big heart! Give me Your heart! Help me to love others with all my heart!

Looks Like: Having an awareness of the goodness of God in yourself. Here is a YouTube video about this virtue for you: [Magnanimity](#)

Sounds Like: "At baptism, I received God's grace and became His child."

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.


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
11/20	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Scrip Sold• Mr. Latteri's Thanksgiving Lunch• Faith Families Gathering 1:45• Little Vinnies Meeting 3:15 Ministry Center• School Board Meeting 6:30 Ministry Center
11/21	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Scrip Sold 9-11am• Stone Soup (Kinder and 1st) 10am• Thanksgiving Prayer Service 2:15pm
11/22	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Thanksgiving Break Begins!
11/23	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe: Luke 23:35-43
11/27	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Happy Thanksgiving• Mass 9am
11/30	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• First Day of Advent-Happy Church New Year! <i>Matthew 24:37-44</i>
12/1	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Classes Resume
12/2	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Spirit T-Shirt Tuesday• Reindeer Lane Shopping
12/3	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Minimum Day – 12:00 Dismissal• Faculty Articulation Meeting 1-5pm• Dine Out – Rocco's 12-9pm
12/6	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Breakfast with Santa - 8am or 10am



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