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Principal's Thoughts

Your assistance is requested~

Unfortunately I need to let you know of a reoccurring theme in the restrooms both in the main school building and Cauchi Hall and primarily but not exclusively in the boys' bathrooms. I have had numerous class conversations at the end of last year and beginning of this year about the proper use of these facilities. Our younger students (K & 1) are escorted to the bathroom so this is more of a request to make sure the training at home takes place with them. As the children become older however, bathroom etiquette becomes more about choices made rather than not knowing what is appropriate. My "go to" question, when inappropriate behavior takes place is: "Do you do this at home in your bathroom?" You will be happy to know the answer has always been "No." If you would reinforce and or retrain your child, both male and female (as appropriate) on the following expectations, the staff would be truly grateful. Unfortunately these expectations are not being followed on a regular basis:

- o The bathroom is a private space for taking care of bodily needs quickly, quietly and efficiently.
- The playground is the only location where playing takes place.
- o Food is to be consumed in the classroom or at the lunch table not the bathroom.
- o Urine, feces and an appropriate amount of toilet paper are to be deposited in the toilet and for the boys, only urine in the urinal not on the floor.
- o Feminine products are to be disposed of in the receptable located in the stall.
- o The toilet or urinal must be flushed after being used.
- o Hands should be washed with soap for 30 seconds.
- o Hands should be gently shaken at the sink (not the floor) to lessen any water remaining on hands BEFORE getting a towel.
- o Hands should be dried thoroughly and towels should be placed securely in the receptacle not thrown on the wall or the floor.

Keeping our bathrooms clean and safe are our priority. When water or urine are left on the floor this creates a slippery and dangerous surface, not to mention unsanitary. Privacy is also an expectation and having additional conversations in the bathroom does not allow for this courtesy. Plumbing bills are very expensive and when too much paper is disposed of improperly, the experts have to be called. Thank you again for your support.

This is a perfect opportunity and teachable moment about our virtue this week-circumspection.



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Calling All Veterans

- o We will be paying tribute to all veterans on Tuesday, November 11th at 1:30 in the church.
- o We encourage families to invite veterans they know to attend this prayer service.
- The 3rd grade students have been practicing to make these men and women feel extra special.

• Get It While It's Hot!

- o You are cordially invited to attend the St. Agnes Parish Christmas Dinner and/or Concert on Saturday, December 13th at 6:30pm and 7:30 respectively.
- o Early bird pricing ends on November 23rd (adults \$25 & children \$5.)
- o Parties of 8 will be seated together.
- o From the Artic to Africa, Songs for the Season Christmas Concert begins at 7:30 in the church. Refreshments will be available for purchase, during the intermission.
- o The dinner reservation form and concert flyer have been posted on our website.

Little Vinnies Meeting

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



Trimester | Ends on Friday

- o In order to monitor each child's progress, the STAR assessment was administered on November 4th for Reading and will be given tomorrow November 6th for Math.
 - Please be sure your child is in attendance to take these assessments.
 - A healthy breakfast and snack are encouraged, as well as a good night sleep.
- We use this data to inform our instruction so we need our students to show what they know and be at their best.

Schoolwide Learning Expectation 3.3: A life-long learner who is able to experience the fine arts.



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Today is the Day!

- Join us for our monthly Dine Out any time until 9:30pm at the Panda Express on Ygnacio Valley Blvd.
- You must present the flyer (included in your family envelope or shown on your phone) in order for St. Agnes to receive a 20% donation from your order. If ordering online, use the code listed on the flyer.

Auction News!

- o "Journey Beneath the Waves to Discover Treasure & Support Our School"
- o Reserve March 28th, 2026 on your calendars for the annual Auction in the Garaventa Center at Carondelet High School
- o This year's theme is Atlantis Discovered



A very big thank you to Mr. Latteri for providing the pizza lunch to all our children on Halloween. We are also grateful for the Halloween toys given to the children to make this day even more exciting! Mr. Latteri's continued generosity to our children is a blessing.

Virtue

Weekly Virtue: Circumspection (also known as carefulness.)

Definition: Careful consideration of circumstances and consequences.

Prayer: Dear Jesus, my actions affect not just myself, but others. Please give me the wisdom to think before acting. Please give me the gift of counsel, that I may act in the best way at each moment of the day.

Looks Like: Asking for advice from an older, trusted person.

Sounds Like: "May I ask you for advice about something?"

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.



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	IMPORTANT DATES AND EVENTS
11/5	Minimum Day-12:00 Dismissal
	(Teacher Articulation)
	PACE Dine Out until 9:30pm
11/6	STAR Math Assessment
11/7	• 1:30 Mass – Formal
	• End of the 1 st Trimester
11/9	Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran
	Basilica in Rome
11/10	Veterans' Day Holiday
11/11	Veterans' Day Prayer Service-Formal
	1:30pm
	PACE Meeting 6:30pm – Cauchi Hall
11/14	Jr. High Academic Awards Assembly
	2:30pm – Church
	Report Cards Go Home
11/15	Work Party 9am-1pm

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.