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Principal's Thoughts

I hope you enjoyed the Christmas Concert! We all loved having you attend and celebrate this wonderful Advent and Christmas season with us. I have had a few guests (other than parents) reach out to me to commend the children on their performance and their joyful presence throughout the show. Additionally, the spirit of our community was also noticed, specifically our interactions with one another and the warmth you showed to each other. Thank you for creating such a caring and supportive environment for the children and one another. As we celebrate our last Sunday of Advent and await the celebration of Jesus' birth, the staff and I wish you the merriest of Christmas celebrations and a joy-filled New Year. If you are traveling during the holiday, please do so in safety. We look forward to welcoming you back as we begin the new year.

A Christmas Prayer

*"On this day of joy,
we are all called to contemplate the Child Jesus,
who gives hope once again
to every person on the face of the earth.*

*By his grace,
let us with our voices and our actions
give witness to
solidarity and peace.*

Merry Christmas to all!"

[Pope Francis, Christmas 2016](#)



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- **Student Council Christmas Contest**

- Gingerbread House Decorating Contest
 - Bring your decorated houses to the school library on Friday, December 19th.
 - A winner for each category will be chosen: colorful, snow, Santa's workshop, school spirited and most festive.

- **The Little Vinnies Thanks You**

- Two full bins of coats were collected, job well done! It is comforting to know that those without coats will have warmth this winter season.

- **Vinnies Meeting**

- This Thursday the Little Vinnies has a meeting scheduled at 3:15 in the Ministry Center.

- **No Daycare on December 19th.**

- The last day for Kids Club will be Thursday, December 18th.

Christmas Celebrations

- **Baby Jesus Mass**

- This special 4pm children's liturgy is a wonderful way to begin your Christmas Eve.
- A flyer with a QR code has been posted on our website to register your child's participation. **Deadline to register is today, December 18th.**
- A rehearsal is scheduled for Tuesday, December 23rd at 10:00am.
- Rumor has it that St. Nick just might stop by on his rounds.

- **Mass Schedule** (Holy Days of Obligation):

- Christmas Eve-4:00pm, 7:00pm & 12:00am
- Christmas Day-7:00am, 9:00am & 11:00am.
- New Year's Day-9:00am the Solemnity of Mary



TIME SENSITIVE

- **Spread the Word!**

- Kinder Information Night is scheduled for Wednesday, January 7th at 7:00pm.
- New student applications for students in preschool, kindergarten and those entering grades 2-4, are now available on our website. Please invite friends and neighbors.

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- **PACE Newsletter**

- The Fall newsletter can be found in your envelope today. Please take a moment and peruse the pages. So many fun activities are included in this publication.
- **Thank you PACE and publicity co-chairs: Kat Huynh and Kayla Tripp.**

- **One More Offer, Perfect for that Special Stocking!**

- Don't forget to purchase the non-uniform dress for one week!
- A flyer with all the details has been posted on the website.

- **Get Ready to Shop!**

- **Dipped Sale Ends Today!**
 - Yummy dipped apples and candy are now available online for purchase and 50% will donated to St. Agnes!
 - Items will be mailed directly to the address of your choice. No products will be sent to the school.
- **Wish Boutique Shopping Extended!**
 - Wish has graciously extended online shopping to 12/18. Just enter the code: STAGNES25 at checkout and St. Agnes will receive 20% of the sale.

- **Mark Your Calendars & Start Practicing**

- The Annual Talent Show - St. Agnes Talent Hunters - will take place on Friday, January 30th at 6:00PM in the Church.
- A flyer with details and audition dates and times have been posted on our website.
- The registration form and contract is also posted. Each performer must have completed this document in order to audition.

WITH GRATITUDE

- The concert was amazing thanks to Mr. Hamerson's vision and guidance. Thank you to Mr. Gill for the great sound and Mrs. Idul for all the dance moves!
- Thank you to our fabulous fundraising co-chairs: Sara Cabezas-Prendergast and Susie Howard, for coordinating Reindeer Lane. The children LOVED shopping for their families.

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Education in Virtue

Weekly Virtue: Kindness

Definition: Expressing genuine concern about the well-being of others' anticipating their needs..

Prayer: Dear Jesus, You are kindness itself. I desire to show charity toward my neighbor through my thoughts, words and actions. When others meet me, let them meet You in me!

Looks Like: Carrying bags for someone. Helping clean up a spill. Giving someone a glass of water.

Sounds Like: Do you need any help? You seem upset, is there anything I can do for you?

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
12/17	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Last Day for Dip Orders
12/18	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Scrip Sold 9-11AM• Little Vinnies Meeting 3:15• Last Day for Wish Online Orders• Last Day for Kids Club
12/19	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Minimum Day 12:00 Dismissal
12/24	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Baby Jesus Mass 4pm
12/25	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• For Unto Us a Child is Born-Merry Christmas
1/1	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Happy New Year
1/5	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Classes Resume
1/7	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Kinder Information Night 7pm
1/9	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 8:15 Mass (Formal K & 8)
1/10	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Work Party 9am-1pm

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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.