



Principal's Thoughts

Yesterday, students in grades 4-8 traveled to St. Bonaventure to visit the relic of St. Bernadette. Relics have three classifications: first-class (the item comes directly from the saint's body,) second-class (a personal effect i.e. clothing) and third-class (an item that has come in contact with a first-class relic.) A fragment of St. Bernadette's bone, a first-class relic, was displayed in a cross-shaped vessel called a reliquary. The students stood before the relic, two at a time and were given the opportunity to place their rosary beads at the base of the reliquary. It was so moving to see the children reverently praying with their hands placed on top their rosaries. They were surprised to learn, that by participating in this prayer ritual, their rosaries are now considered third-class relics! This was definitely a beautiful moment in their faith journey and a testament to our mission!

On a separate note, I have to share that multiple people in attendance of this visitation, came up to me to compliment the students on their reverent behavior. This was definitely a proud principal moment but more complimentary to our students and their parents!



- **Greetings from Fr. Luke**

- Two important letters from Fr. have been placed in your envelope today. Many special prayer opportunities for the Christmas season are listed in this invitation.
- Please take a moment to read these letters.

- **Little Vinnies One Warm Coat Drive**

- Need to make room for your new winter coat? Please consider donating a new or gently used coat to keep a neighbor warm.
- One bin has been placed outside the office door and a second box near the faculty room door. The Coat Drive ends next Friday, December 12th!

- **Need a Christmas Gift?**

- Mrs. Cesca is offering gift certificates for the Book Fair scheduled during Catholic Schools Week, at the end of January.
- This is a wonderful way to support our library and give your child the gift of reading!
- An order form has been included in your envelope and is due back by December 15th.

- **Spread the Word!**

- Kinder Information Night is scheduled for Wednesday, January 7th at 7:00pm.
- New student applications are now available on our website.

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TIME SENSITIVE

- **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 posted on our website.



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

- Be a hero to your children and purchase non-uniform dress for one week!
- A flyer with all the details has been included in your envelope today.

- **Get Ready to Shop!**

- PACE is offering a variety of shopping opportunities to help with your Christmas shopping. Many flyers have been posted on our website.

- **Dipped (New Vendor)**

- Yummy dipped apples and candy are now available online for purchase and 50% will be donated to St. Agnes!
- 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 Boutique (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 this Saturday, December 6th.
- There will be two seatings: 8am-10am & 10am-12pm.
- A flyer with a QR code to make your reservation is posted on the website.
- This event typically sells out quickly. Ticket sales close **TODAY**, December 3rd.



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*Joyful Christmas
Through the Eyes of a Child*

- **Tickets Going Home Today**
 - If you have purchased concert tickets, you will find them in your family envelope today.
 - Please search all the way to the bottom of your envelope, the tickets are small.
- **8 Days Until Showtime!**
 - Our Christmas Concert is just around the corner and something you don't want to miss!
 - 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 was sent home before the Thanksgiving holiday and is also posted on our website.

Education in Virtue

Weekly Virtue: Prayerfulness (associated with the virtue of justice)

Definition: Being still, listening, and being willing to talk to God as a friend.

Prayer: Dear Jesus, I desire to have You as my best friend. Give me a desire to spend time with You each day, as I do with my friends. Help me always to put You first in my life, even when I am busy. Amen!

Looks Like: Hands folded in prayer, visiting a chapel to pray or attending Mass.

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.



We pray for those who have gone home to our loving God and all those who mourn their passing:

- Fr. Luke's brother, Leo..
- Anthony Hamel; son of the Wilcocksons (Maddie Class of '25.)
- May their family feel God's loving presence


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Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.
May they rest in peace. Amen.

Schoolwide Learning Expectation 4.2: *An effective communicator who is able to communicate effectively both verbally and in writing.*

 IMPORTANT DATES AND EVENTS	
12/3	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Minimum Day – 12:00 Dismissal• Faculty Articulation Meeting 1-5pm• Dine Out – Rocco's 12-9pm
12/5	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Scrip Sold 9-11am
12/6	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Breakfast with Santa - 8am or 10am
12/7	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 2nd Sunday of Advent (Mt. 3:1-12)
12/8	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception Mass 9am - Formal
12/9	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• \$2.00 Dress Day or Spirit T-Shirts• PACE Meeting 6:30pm
12/10	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sip & Shop Event @ Wish Boutique 5:00-7:00pm
12/11	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Scrip Sold 9-11am• Christmas Concert 1:30 & 7pm
12/12	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Scrip Sold 9-11am• Last day to place special scrip orders!

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.