



## Principal's Thoughts

It's showtime! Tomorrow the children will present "A Joyful Christmas-Through a Child's Eyes," under the direction of Mr. Hamerson. Students have been preparing for over a month and they can't wait to perform for you. We will feature our musicians and of course, your children's delightful singing. An extra bonus of this show is helping our students become effective communicators as public speakers as well as performers in front of an audience.

Here are some details you need to know:

- Afternoon performance-
  - Children need to come to school in the morning dressed for the afternoon performance.
  - After the show the students will return to the classrooms. Our regular dismissal will take place at 3:00.
- Evening performance
  - Children can arrive as early as 6:30 but need to arrive no later than 6:45 and come directly to the side door of the church nearest the Ministry Center. Students will report directly to their teacher.
  - If you are arriving early to stand in line, your child will need to stay with you. The parking lot is VERY unsafe and the children cannot be left unsupervised.
  - After the performance, please collect your child from their teacher.

The Christmas Concert has thrilled parents for over 40 years and for me, it never grows old, I hope that is true for you. New families, we hope you are dazzled and amazed!



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- **The Little Vinnies Need Coats**

- Please look in your closet for those unused coats and donate them to this very important outreach by our junior high students. I have only seen three coats so far and I know we can do so much more.
- One bin has been placed outside the office door and a second box near the faculty room door. **The Coat Drive ends this Friday, December 12th!**

- **Last Chance for Book Fair Certificates**

- Mrs. Cesca is offering gift certificates for the Book Fair scheduled during Catholic Schools Week.
- This is a wonderful way to support our library and give your child the gift of reading!
- An order form has been posted on the website and is **due by December 15<sup>th</sup>**.

- **Spread the Word!**

- Kinder Information Night is scheduled for Wednesday, January 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm.
- New student applications for students in preschool and those entering grades 2-4, are now available on our website.
- Please let your friends and neighbors know about us.

- **Need Scrip for the Holidays?**

- This Friday, December 12<sup>th</sup> is the last day to place special orders. If you need a ham for your Christmas dinner, Honey Baked Ham scrip is now a special order.

- **No Daycare on December 19<sup>th</sup>.**

- The last day for Kids Club will be Thursday, December 18<sup>th</sup>.



### TIME SENSITIVE

- **Greetings from Fr. Luke**

- Two important letters from Fr. Luke have been posted on our website. Many special prayer opportunities for the Christmas season are listed in this invitation.
- Please take a moment to read these letters.

- **Concert Tickets**

- Tickets for the concert will be available at door and will no longer be sold in the office.

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- **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 posted on the website.
- **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 17<sup>th</sup>.
      - Items will be mailed directly to the address of your choice. No products will be sent to the school.
    - **Sip & Shop Tonight!**
      - Join us to Sip and Shop at Wish in Walnut Creek from 5pm-7pm 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 30<sup>th</sup> at 6:00PM in the Church.
  - A flyer with details and audition dates and times has been included in your envelope today.
  - You will find a registration form and contract in your envelope. Each performer must have completed this document in order to audition.



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

- Joe Bausch Class of '05

*Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace.*

**Schoolwide Learning Expectation 4.2:** *An effective communicator who is able to cooperate and collaborate with others.*



### ***Education in Virtue***

**Weekly Virtue:** Humility (also known as humbleness)

**Definition:** Awareness that all our gifts come from God and appreciation for the gifts of others.

**Prayer:** Dear Jesus, You said, "Learn from Me, for I am meek and humble of Heart" (Mt 11:29.) You are God, yet You became little out of love for me. I desire to become little for love of You. Help me to be honest about my strengths and weaknesses.

**Looks Like:** Taking time for prayer; particularly a prayer of gratitude.

**Sounds Like:** Jesus, thank you for all the blessings you have given 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.***

### ***WITH GRATITUDE***

A HUGE thank you to Michael Crahan and Tony Santos for a wonderful Breakfast with Santa. The event set the holiday in motion and the joy was widespread! Thank you to our kitchen crew and pancake chefs Sal Evola and Tim McGallian. Welcome to chef Habib El Jacifi from Luna & Fiore Restaurants for joining us in the kitchen! The 6<sup>th</sup> grade students were very organized and patient with our crafters, thank you. Last but not least, blessings to Santa for traveling from the Sierras just for this event!


### **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
12/10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Sip &amp; Shop Event @ Wish Boutique 5:00-7:00pm</li></ul>
12/11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Scrip Sold 9-11am</li><li>Christmas Concert 1:30 &amp; 7pm</li></ul>
12/12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Scrip Sold 9-11am</li><li><b>Last day to place special scrip orders!</b></li><li><b>Last Day for Warm Coat Drive</b></li></ul>
12/14	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent</li></ul>
12/15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Last Day to Order Book Fair Certificate</li></ul>
12/16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Advent Reconciliation Grs. 3-8 Formal</li><li>Spirit T-Shirts Gr. PS-2<sup>nd</sup></li></ul>
12/17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Last Day for Dip Orders</li></ul>
12/18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Scrip Sold 9-11AM</li><li>Last Day for Kids Club</li></ul>
12/19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Minimum Day 12:00 Dismissal</li></ul>
1/5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Classes Resume</li></ul>