



Principal's Thoughts

Tomorrow, we will celebrate the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. with a prayer service followed by a 4-day weekend. St. Agnes is a PeaceBuilder school and therefore we can appreciate and embrace Dr. King's message of treating others with respect. In one of his books he stated: "Darkness cannot drive out darkness, only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate, only love can do that." This message was also reflected at our prayer service for Ms. Timms yesterday. We must strive to be beacons of light to the world to build kindness and peace by our treatment of one another and by spreading the Good News. This is reflected in our Mission that states we will inspire children to live the Gospel of Jesus Christ. There are times when showing kindness can be a challenge but we continuously encourage the students to keep trying. Each Sunday this concept is reinforced in the readings at Mass and we can always look to the social teachings of the church for guidance.

The teachers will be attending the Diocesan Elementary Staff Day on Friday. This professional development opportunity is offered by the school department to keep our teachers abreast of current pedagogy and catechetical training. We are always looking for best practices to keep our lessons relevant and meaningful for our students. Enjoy the long vacation!

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.



- **Get Ready!**
 - The Book Fair is back by popular demand and will begin during Open House in the library and will conclude Wednesday, January 28th.
 - Classes will have a scheduled time, prior to the fair, to walk through and create their wish list and will return again on a separate day if they intend to make a purchase.
 - A letter of explanation about the Fair has been included in your envelope today.
 - You have the option to create an eWallet if you don't want to send cash with your child.
 - The Fair helps support our library to keep the reading material up-to-date.
- **Please join us for the Feast of St. Agnes Mass - Wednesday, January 21st @ 9am (Formal)**

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We Love Our Decathletes!

- Our two decathlon teams continue to prepare for their competition by attending a weekly study session after school and during one lunch period. We are thankful for Ms. Papetti and Mr. Sheridan, our fearless coaches, who continue to encourage and challenge this dedicated group of students!
- Please consider supporting their efforts by:
 - **Bake Sale:** After mass on Sunday, January 25 and during Open House stop by and purchase a goodie or two. There will be a variety of baked goods and drinks available for ranging from 1 dollar and up. Please bring cash. Funds and/or donations raised during the bake sale will help the team cover costs for the Decathlon event that is happening on Saturday, March 7 at Moreau High School in Hayward. To learn more about the Decathlon team, stop by the tables located at the church patio during Open House.
 - **T-Shirt Sale:** Decathlon shirts will be available for purchase on Sunday, January 25 during Open House. Show your team spirit and purchase a shirt for \$25 or 2 for \$45. Please bring cash or a check made out to St. Agnes School. Limited quantity and sizes available.



TIME SENSITIVE

- **Enrollment Season is Here**
 - Preschool applications are now being accepted for the 2026-2027 school year. Children need to be 3 years of age by September 1st and fully potty trained.
 - Kinder and new student applications are ready on our website for those interested in joining our community. Please spread the word!
- **Mark Your Calendars**
 - Our Open House is scheduled for Sunday, January 25th. We will begin our celebration Mass at 9am followed by classroom visits, hospitality and the Book Fair.
 - Bring family friends and neighbors to see our community in action!

WITH GRATITUDE

With joy we welcome the newest member of our community Felipe de Jesus Cruz-Zavala! The big brothers (Juan Diego 1st & Alejandro 5th) are very excited!

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- **Talent Show News!**

- The Annual Talent Show - St. Agnes Talent Hunters - will take place on Friday, January 30th at 6:00PM in the Church.
- Auditions will take place in the church tomorrow, January 15th at 3:00pm in the church. Don't forget your registration form.

- **Auction Update**

- The Auction is promising to be quite the event, please plan to attend on Saturday, March 28th at Carondelet.

Education in Virtue

Weekly Virtue: Sincerity (also known as genuineness)

Definition: Trustfulness in words and actions; honesty and enthusiasm towards others.

Prayer: Dear Jesus, help me give the grace to be honest in all my words and actions. When someone is speaking, give me the patience to listen attentively.

Looks Like: Talking to others and letting them get to know you..

Sounds Like: "Let me be honest with 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.

Schoolwide Learning Expectation 1.2: A faith-centered person living the gospel message who is able to recognize God's love.

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	IMPORTANT DATES AND EVENTS
1/15	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Scrip Sold 9-11am• Martin Luther King Jr. Prayer Service 1:30 Church – Formal Dress
1/16	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• No School – Elementary Staff Day
1/18	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time (Jn 1:29-34)
1/19	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• No School – MLK Jr. Holiday
1/20	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 8th Gr. Graduation Pictures• \$2.00 Dress Day (We missed last week)
1/21	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• St. Agnes Feast Day!• Mass 9am Formal
1/22	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• School Board Meeting 6:30pm Ministry Center
1/25	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Open House<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Mass 9am○ Hospitality, Classroom Visits & Book Fair 10:15am-12pm

