



## Principal's Thoughts

Sunday, January 25<sup>th</sup> marks the beginning of Catholic Schools Week with Mass at 9am. This annual nationwide event was created by the National Catholic Education Association (NCEA) in 1974. Schools across the nation will celebrate not only their individual communities but Catholic education in general. Here's some interesting data: there are 5,852 Catholic schools in the US (4,683 of those schools serve elementary aged students.) Catholic high schools have a graduation rate of 98-6%. The percentage of Catholic high school graduates that attend a four-year college is 83.7% as opposed to 56.5% in non-sectarian schools and 60% in other affiliated religious schools.

We have many people to thank for the gift of St. Agnes, so each day during this upcoming week we will celebrate a different group. Hopefully you can find a moment to celebrate with us during the school day and attend the special activities the student council has planned for us. Here is the link to the schedule: [Catholic Schools Week Schedule](#)

In gratitude, we thank Fr. Luke for his presence, spiritual guidance and always making each one of us feel special. A special blessing for our teachers and staff who said yes to this ministry. Finally, we appreciate our families that support our efforts financially, gift us with their time and partner with us.

### Special Christmas Delivery!

During our Christmas vacation a very special gift was delivered to St. Agnes School. Our very own Mr. Latteri stopped by with an envelope and a shy smile. Inside the envelope was a check for \$25,000! This is the second year in a row that Mr. Latteri has shown his love for our school in this manner. We thank him, from the bottom of our hearts for his generosity! We pray many blessings will be showered upon him and Mrs. Latteri in 2026.

### 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.**



- **The Book Fair is just days away!**

- The Fair encourages students to read AND raises much-needed funds for our school.
- The easiest way for kids to shop the Fair is by creating and funding your child's eWallet. No more worrying about cash, and their balances show right on the register. Visit our school homepage to get started: <https://scholastic.com/bf/stagneselementaryschool>
- The Book Fair will begin during Open House in the library and will conclude Wednesday, January 28<sup>th</sup>.
- Additional information and a shopping guide have been included in your family envelope.

- **Decathlon Sale**

- **Bake Sale:** After mass this Sunday and during Open House a variety of baked goods and drinks will be available for purchase (one dollar and up) at the Decathlon table.
- 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.
- **T-Shirt Sale:** Decathlon shirts will be available for purchase at the Decathlon table for \$25 or 2 for \$45. Please bring cash or a check made out to St. Agnes School. Limited quantity and sizes available.

- **Calling All CYO Basketball Players!**

- Yearbook pictures will be taken THIS Friday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>.
- Please send your child's jersey in their backpacks.

- **Summer 2026 is approaching and De La Salle Camps registration is now open!**

- Register before February 7 for 10% off all camps!
- In addition to all the best-selling sports camps, DLS has expanded the Enrichment Camp offerings to include: woodshop, band, dance camp, broadcasting camp, art camp, and a new all-day offering called Spartan Plus!

- For more information, visit their website at [De La Salle Camps](#)

- **Registration is Now Open for Carondelet Summer 2026**

- Many opportunities await! Here is a link to view information for Camp Carondelet (limited space for select sessions) and Girls' Summer Sports Clinics: [Carondelet Summer Camp](#) and [Carondelet Leadership](#)

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### 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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!
- New student testing is scheduled for Saturday, February 7<sup>th</sup>.



- **Talent Show News!**

- The Annual Talent Show - St. Agnes Talent Hunters - will take place on Friday, January 30<sup>th</sup> at 6:00PM in the Church. Hope to see you there!

- **Auction – Journey Beneath the Waves to Discover Everything You Need to Know**

- Information giving you ALL the details for the Auction can be found in your family envelope. Advertising, sponsorship opportunities and ways you can contribute are fully explained.
- The website is now open and ready for you to explore: [Atlantis Discovered](#).

- **Dine Out – The Kebab Shop**

- Join us on Wednesday, February 4<sup>th</sup> from 10:30am – 9pm at The Kebab Shop on Oak Grove Rd. in Walnut Creek.
- Present the flyer, included in your envelope during checkout or enter the code FUNDRAISER when ordering online and St. Agnes will receive 25% back!

- **Bingo Night!**

- Mark your calendars for Friday, February 6<sup>th</sup> to enjoy dinner and a night of bingo, prizes and laughter!
- Reserve your place at the table by scanning the QR code on the flyer in your family envelope or return the slip at the bottom of the flyer with your check. Special pricing if you order by February 4<sup>th</sup>!
- How lucky do you feel? Come enjoy the fun!

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

**Weekly Virtue: Affability** (also known as likable)

**Definition:** Being easy to approach and easy to talk to - friendly.

**Prayer:** Jesus, King of my heart, You were kind to the little children who came to You. Be my strength as I try to be good to all those I meet today.

**Looks Like:** Smiling!

**Sounds Like:** Silence.

***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 1.3:** A faith-centered person living the gospel message who is able to make morally responsible decisions.

	IMPORTANT DATES AND EVENTS
1/21	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Happy St. Agnes Feast Day!</li></ul>
1/22	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Scrip Sold 9-11am</li><li>School Board Meeting - 6:30pm</li><li>Ministry Center</li></ul>
1/23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>8:15 Mass – 3<sup>rd</sup> Gr. Formal</li><li>Scrip Sold 9-11am</li></ul>
1/24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Work Party 9am-1pm</li></ul>
1/25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Open House<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>o Mass 9am</li></ul></li><li>Hospitality, Classroom Visits &amp; Book Fair 10:15am-12pm</li></ul>
1/30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Talent Show 6:00pm - Church</li></ul>

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