



Principal's Thoughts

Thank you to all the families who attended Mass and Open House this past Sunday. There were so many people at mass that extra rows of seats had to be added. The classrooms were bustling with energy and the hospitality was welcoming. I'm sure the prospective families were impressed by all of you! Thank you to the PACE social chairs for hosting the refreshment table, it looked amazing!

In your family envelope you will find a letter from our superintendent, Dr. Andrew Currier. This letter provides you with information describing the process to determine the 2026-2027 salary scales for the Diocese of Oakland. As stated in this letter, personnel costs (salaries and benefits) are the most substantial expense in our budget and therefore has a significant impact on our tuition rates. We value our teachers and staff and a full complement of assistants in our classrooms and specialty teachers has become the expectation, all of which comes at a cost.

The St. Agnes School finance committee has met and the budget process has formally begun. We continue to keep our families' expenses in mind as we look at various versions of the budget for the 2026-2027 school. While we do not have the actual tuition rates at this time, you might see up to a 5% increase in tuition rates. We want to be thoughtful but intentional during this process and hope to have these figures to you at the end of February. We welcome any prayers you might send!

Education in Virtue

Weekly Virtue: Modesty (also known as propriety)

Definition: Purity of heart in action, especially in regards to dress and speech.

Prayer: Dear Jesus, give me a pure heart like that of Your holy Mother! Please increase in me the gift of the fear of the Lord, so that I may never sadden You by the way I dress, act, or speak.

Looks Like: Dressing in an appropriate manner.

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.

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,

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inspiring them to live the Gospel of Jesus Christ, achieve their highest academic and creative potential, and actively serve and enrich the community.



- **Cameras are In!**
 - Our new campus-wide, 20 camera security system is now installed Your security enhancement fee and capital improvement fee have been well utilized! Thank you.
- **Yearbook Pictures Needed!**
 - Mrs. Sacco is in need of pictures for the yearbook. If there are cute pictures from school events you would like to share please email them to: ksacco@csdo.org. Thank you!
- **The Decathlon Bake Sale**
 - The St. Agnes Academic Decathlon teams, coaches and parents are very appreciative of the support at the bake sale this weekend. From bakers to buyers, each person contributed to the success of the day. Thank you to Fr. Luke for the special blessing!
 - The teams are filled with excitement and ready to compete!
- **Knock, Knock. Who's There?**
 - When you come to the school office, please be sure to knock so we know you are there. Remember all doors in the school are now locked throughout the day.



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!
- **Summer 2026 is approaching and De La Salle Camps registration is now open!**
 - Register before February 7 for 10% off all camps!
 - For more information, visit their website at <https://www.dlshs.org/athletics/camps-clinics/summer-camps>.
- **Registration is Now Open for Carondelet Summer 2026**
 - Many opportunities await! Flyers with information for Camp Carondelet (limited space for select sessions) and the Girls' Summer Sports Clinics have been posted on our website.

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- **See You This Friday!**
 - The Annual Talent Show - St. Agnes Talent Hunters - will take place on Friday, January 30th at 6:00PM in the Church. Please join us to see the wonderful talent at St. Agnes!
- **Dine Out – The Kebab Shop**
 - Join us on Wednesday, February 4th from 10:30am – 9pm at The Kebab Shop on Oak Grove Rd. in Walnut Creek.
 - Present the flyer, posted on our website 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 6th to enjoy dinner and a night of bingo, prizes and laughter!
 - Reserve your spot by scanning the QR code on the flyer posted on our website or return the slip at the bottom of the flyer with your check attached.
 - Special pricing if you order by February 4th!
- **Auction – Journey Beneath the Waves to Discover Everything You Need to Know**
 - The website is now open and ready for you to explore AND order tickets, here is the link: [Atlantis Discovered](#). Information giving you ALL the details for the Auction can be found on this site or on our website. Advertising, sponsorship opportunities and ways you can contribute are fully explained.
 - **HELP!**
 - Stephanie Zeller, the co-chair of the decorations committee, is on a mission to create unforgettable Atlantis themed centerpieces.
 - Do you have any of the following items that you would like to donate or lend?
 - The list includes: LED candles, various-sized vases, used wine bottles, gold/silver chargers, mirror plates, and similar décor pieces.
 - Please contact Stephanie if you can help:

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Schoolwide Learning Expectation 1.4: *A faith-centered person living the gospel message who is able to express compassion for others, locally and globally, through gifts of time, talent, and treasure..*

 IMPORTANT DATES AND EVENTS	
1/29	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• CSW Continues: Celebrate Vocations<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ Blessings on Fr. Luke!◦ College & Career Day Attire• Brain Bowl 1:30pm – Church• Scrip Sold 9-11am
1/30	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Scrip Sold 9-11am• Last Day of CSW-Celebrate Faculty, Staff & Volunteers• Class Theme Attire• Faith Families 1:45pm
2/1	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 4th Sunday of Ordinary Time: Mt 5:1-12
2/3	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Spirit T-Shirt Tuesday• Science Fair 6:30pm – Church Hall
2/4	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Minimum Day-12:00 Dismissal• Dine Out – Kebab Shop 10:30am-9pm
2/6	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mass 1:30 – Formal• Bingo Night
2/7	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• New Student Testing• 2nd Gr. Parent Eucharist Workshop
2/8	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Children's Liturgy – 4th Gr. Hosts