



Principal's Thoughts

The unexpected death of Tracy Timms was truly not the way we anticipated starting the New Year. Ms. Timms had had a short stay in the hospital but she appeared to be on the road to recovery after she returned home, so needless to say, this was a shock. What a blessing it has been however, to be immersed in this supportive catholic community where we strongly believe that her life has not ended but has only changed. During a Mass on All Souls Day, Pope Leo eloquently stated: "eternal life" can be thought of not as "a succession of time without end, but being so immersed in an ocean of infinite love that time, before and after no longer exist." I found this so comforting and I hope you feel the same.

Thank you for taking the time to prepare your child(ren) before coming to school on Monday, I know this was not an easy conversation. I visited each class to check on the students and to remind them that God has a plan for each of us and that Ms. Timms had completed the job He had set forth for her. I also stated how lucky we were to have Ms. Timms with us at St. Agnes School for these past 37 years, that their memories of her were God's gift to them. The children were comforted by this and appear to be taking the situation in stride. As they process this change in their routine, please do not hesitate to let us know if your child(ren) begins to experience difficulty with this loss. Mrs. Layton is available to assist as well.

I do not yet know when the services will be. I am working with the family to set a date in a few weeks so we can celebrate Ms. Timms and the gift she was to her family and St. Agnes School. I will let you know when this celebration of life will take place, as soon as I know.

As Jesus mourned the death of his friend Lazarus, he said to Martha, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live. And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die." (John 11:25-26)

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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- **PLEASE ATTEND**

- Fr. Luke is looking forward to seeing you THIS Sunday as the parish celebrates the Feast of St. Agnes at 10am.
- We are celebrating this early due to the Martin Luther King holiday, so you can attend. Autumn Azucena will dress as St. Agnes and hospitality will take place after Mass.
- **Hope to see you there!**

- **Did You Receive My Letter?**

- I used our schoolwide communication tool through PowerSchool, to send an email to each family informing them about Ms. Timms' passing followed by a text message to your cell phone.
- If you did not receive any or just one form of communication, please check your spam and call the office so we can verify your contact information.
- Should there be an emergency, this is the method we would use to notify you so we want to make sure you receive the message.

- **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

Thank you to Mr. Latteri for the Christmas joy. The children enjoyed visiting "Latteri Lane" to collect a gift. The children were delighted!

Schoolwide Learning Expectation 4.2: A faith-centered person living the gospel message who is able to demonstrate understanding of the Catholic faith and practices.

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- **Audition Time!**

- 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 on Thursday, January 15th at 3:00 in the church. Don't forget your registration form.

Education in Virtue

Weekly Virtue: *Respect (also known as reverence)*

Definition: *Speaking and acting according to our own and others' rights, status, and circumstances.*

Prayer: Dear Jesus, help me to show reverence to people who are in authority over me as I would to You. And help me give all persons the honor they deserve as Your unique creations.

Looks Like: Only saying nice things about siblings and classmates.

Sounds Like: You are really good at . . .

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.

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	IMPORTANT DATES AND EVENTS
1/7	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Kinder Information Night 7pm
1/8	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Scrip Sold 9-11am
1/9	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 8:15 Mass (Formal K & 8)• Scrip Sold 9-11am
1/10	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Work Party 9am-1pm
1/11	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Feast of St. Agnes 10am Mass
1/13	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Spirit T-Shirt Tuesday• PACE Meeting 6:30pm - Cauchi Hall• 1st Reconciliation 7pm - Church
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
1/19	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• No School – MLK Jr. Holiday
1/20	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 8th Gr. Graduation Pictures