



Principal's Thoughts

The season of Lent is quickly approaching, are you ready? This coming Wednesday our 8th grade class will provide a prayerful opportunity during Mass for the entire St. Agnes Community to receive ashes as we enter a period of repentance and reflection to prepare for the greatest feast day of the Catholic calendar, Easter Sunday. During this forty-day period we are asked to examine how we might become closer to God through prayer, reading scripture, almsgiving (time, talent & treasure) and fasting (self-control from distractions that take away from our relationship with God.) There are many resources from which you can choose to assist your Lenten journey: Hallow: <https://hallow.com/lent/> (all families have a subscription through their child's school email,) Dynamic Catholic: <https://www.dynamiccatholic.com/lent.html> or information posted on the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops website: <https://www.usccb.org/prayer-worship/liturgical-year/lent>. St. Agnes Church is also encouraging your participation in the Lenten Family Retreat, Thursday night soup meals, and Friday Fish Frys followed by Stations of the Cross. Each Friday, a class will be offering Stations of the Cross at 2:15 in the church.

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.

Education in Virtue

Weekly Virtue: *Courtesy* (also known as politeness)

Definition: Treating other people with respect, recognizing that all are made in God's image and likeness.

Prayer: Dear Jesus, help me to show respect toward others in my words, manners, and body language.

Looks Like: *Letting others go first.*

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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- **Valentine's Day Celebration**

- The Student Council is hosting a red, pink or white non-uniform dress day tomorrow February 12th to celebrate Valentine's Day. Many classes will also be having simple parties throughout the day! Enjoy!

- **Will You Be Attending?**

- Ms. Timms Memorial Mass will be held this Friday, February 13th at 11am. Please let us know if you are coming so we can notify the caterer.

- **Statements**

- Your scrip AND volunteer hour statements can be found in your envelope today. Please review these documents carefully.
- We are $\frac{3}{4}$ of the way into the school year; you have 3 months to complete your scrip and volunteer commitments.
- All CYO coaching hours will be included on the next statement.

- **Intent to Return Past Due**

- Please return your re-registration form ASAP. The form has been posted on our website and was due this past Monday.
- Your FACTS incidental account will be charged one half of the registration fee or \$250.00 on February 11th and payable on March 13th. The remainder of the fee will be billed in May.

BINGO THANK YOU!

Over 100 people attended Bingo Night hosted by PACE, last Friday. Thank you to Mrs. Burke and Mrs. Grant for coordinating this event, who could not have done it without the hardworking volunteers. We appreciate all the parishioners that attended and Fr. Luke did a fabulous job calling the numbers for the first game. Watch for information on future Bingo, it was a hit!

CONGRATULATIONS!

Kudos to our 8th grade girls CYO basketball team who won their league championship game this past Sunday with ONLY FOUR PLAYERS left to compete during the 4th quarter! We are proud of you! Great job ladies!

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- **Auction – Journey Beneath the Waves to Discover Everything You Need to Know**
 - Tables & tickets are selling fast! If you plan to attend this year's auction, please visit the website to purchase your tickets, here is the link: [Atlantis Discovered](#).
 - We are looking for scrip donations - specifically Sam's Club or Visa Gift Cards
 - Make sure you follow along on Instagram over the next few weeks for outfit inspiration, exciting Auction Items, and more!



TIME SENSITIVE


- **St. Patrick Celebration**
 - Please join us at the St. Patrick's Day Dinner on Saturday, March 14th from 6-9pm in the church hall. A flyer and order form has been posted on our website.
 - Early bird pricing will be in effect until February 22nd.
 - **Leprechaun Trap Contest is Back**
 - Children in grades 1-5 are invited to enter the contest. A flyer with all the details, for students in those grades can be found on our website.
- **Do Not Miss This Opportunity!**
 - The St. Agnes Family Retreat is scheduled for February 22-24th. Catholic mental health professionals will speak on various topics geared toward families.
 - Please see the flyer on our website for more details. We hope you will attend.
- **Help the Ojala Ministry Build Homes**
 - Once again, this group of dedicated adult leaders and youth will spend Easter break building houses in Mexico.
 - You are invited to support their efforts by attending a Mexican Dinner on Saturday, February 21 at 6pm in the St. Bonaventure Church Hall.
 - You will find a flyer with all the details and a QR code to purchase your tickets on our website.
- **Yearbook Pictures Needed!**
 - Mrs. Sacco needs 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!

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Schoolwide Learning Expectation 2.1: A conscientious person, in a diverse society who is able to treat self and others with dignity and respect.

	IMPORTANT DATES AND EVENTS
2/11	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• FACTS Billed for 50% Registration Fee
2/12	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Scrip Sold 9-11am
2/13	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• WCEA Workday-No School• Ms. Timms Memorial 11am
2/14	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Happy Valentine's Day!
2/15	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time (Matthew 5:17-37)
2/16	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Presidents Day Holiday-No School
2/17	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Spirit T-Shirt Tuesday
2/18	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ash Wednesday Mass 9am & 7pm Formal• Gr. 3 Off to Camp! We Will Miss You!
2/19	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Scrip Sold 9-11am