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Principal's Thoughts

We are getting excited to welcome the WCEA accreditation team in seven days, to witness all that St. Agnes has to offer. Six representatives from various schools in the Oakland Diocese and a chairperson from the Archdiocese of San Francisco will arrive at 7am on Wednesday, March 4th. In order to verify the information in our Self-Study, this visiting team will spend two and a half days observing classrooms, facilitating discussions with the staff, school board and PACE boards as well as the student council members. The team will also attend the faith family meetings on Thursday afternoon and our school Mass on Friday morning. After the 12:00 dismissal Friday afternoon, the visiting team will meet with the staff and Fr. Luke to present their findings. This report will then be submitted to the WCEA for approval. Sometime in July, a letter will be sent giving us our final accreditation status. Please pray that our visit goes well and I'm sure you will be most gracious and welcoming to the group during their time with us.

Education in Virtue

Weekly Virtue: *Self-control (also known as discipline)*

Definition: Joyful mastery over one's passions and desires.

Prayer: Dear Jesus, thank you for all the desires You have given me, because they remind me of the desire in my heart that only You can fill! Help me to control my tongue when I am supposed to be silent; my hands when I am supposed to keep them to myself; my eyes when I am supposed to be focused on a particular person or thing; and my ears to listen to only those things I am supposed to hear.

Looks Like: Raising your hand before talking in class.

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, 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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BREAKING NEWS

- **NO KIDS CLUB**

- Due to the WCEA Report of Findings meeting, Kids Club will be closed the afternoon of March 6th. Apologies for any inconvenience.

- **Still Time to Donate**

- We know it has been busy, but you still have time to donate and help defray the costs for the reception at Ms. Timms Services.
- Thank you in advance.

- **Lenten Opportunities for Your Family**

- **40 Cans for 40 Days**

- Once again, we will be partnering with the Knights of Columbus to collect canned food to feed those in need. We ask for your generosity and suggest taking your child(ren) to the store and have them select which food they would like to donate. This could open the opportunity to discuss why for whom this outreach will benefit.

- **Rice Bowls**

- Last Wednesday, you received a rice bowl in your family envelope as in invitation to participate in a worldwide program hosted by Catholic Relief Services. This organization "carries out the commitment of the Bishops of the United States to assist the poor and vulnerable overseas,
- Twenty-five percent of donations made to CRS Rice Bowl, however, will stay in our diocese to support local efforts to alleviate hunger and poverty.
- Families are asked to have at least one simple meal a week and then place the money in the rice bowl that was saved from your typical menu.
- Once the bowl has been filled, you can count the money and then donate that amount directly to CRS. The donation information will be sent in a newsletter toward the end of Lent.
- Here is the link to learn more about the important work of Catholic Relief Services:
<https://www.csricebowl.org/>

Schoolwide Learning Expectation 2.3: A conscientious person, in a diverse society who is able to take responsibility for personal actions.

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- **March Dine Out – Parma**
 - Wednesday, March 4th Parma will be offering 20% back on pre-ordered dinners or walk-in lunch orders. All pre-orders must be placed by Monday, March 2nd.
 - A flyer with all the details has been placed in your envelope and is needed when ordering.
 - Please support this alumni family.
- **See's Candy Sale**
 - Order a box of See's candy and St. Agnes will receive 50 of the proceeds!
 - A flyer with additional details and QR code for ordering has been included in your family envelope today.
- **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

- **You are Invited**
 - The Just Faith Ministry of the parish is inviting you attend the weekly Lenten Soup Suppers on Thursday evenings. A flyer with the dates and topics for the presentations can be found in your envelope.
- **Mark Your Calendars!!**
 - The annual golf tournament has been renamed! Please mark your calendars for Saturday, April 18th for THE TRACY TIMMS OPEN golf tournament. A flyer with a QR code to register AND a flyer with sponsorship information have been included in your envelope.
 - This promises to be an amazing day!

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• St. Patrick Celebration

- You are invited to attend 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.

 IMPORTANT DATES AND EVENTS	
2/26	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Scrip Sold 9-11am• School Board Meeting 6:30 - 8th Grade Classroom
2/27	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 8:15 Mass (6th Grade Only)• Stations of the Cross 2:15 – Formal• End of Trimester 2
2/28	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Work Party 9am-1pm
3/1	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 2nd Sunday of Lent
3/3	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Lenten Reconciliation Grs. 2-8 Formal
3/4	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• WCEA Visit Begins 7am• Boards Meeting 6:30pm
3/5	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• WCEA Visit Continues• Faith Families 1:45pm
3/6	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• WCEA Visit Ends• Mass 9am Formal• NO KIDS CLUB TODAY