



Principal's Thoughts

Happy new school year! We are off to a splendid start, and the children are quickly settling into their new routines. Thank you to those able to attend our Back-to-School-Night presentations. The teachers and I always appreciate meeting with you and continuing our home/school partnership. A recap of the important details shared that evening has been included throughout this newsletter.

St. Agnes School is a PeaceBuilder school. The foundation to building peace is treating others with dignity and respect. Each morning, during prayer, we recite the PeaceBuilder Pledge to set the tone for the day. The Pledge is included here, so you can support our work at home by reinforcing these concepts.

I am a PeaceBuilder.

I pledge to:

Praise people

Give up put downs

Seek wise people

Notice and speak up about hurts I have caused

Right wrongs.

Help others

I will build peace at home, at school and in

My community each day.

Education in Virtue

Weekly Virtue: Honesty (related to the virtue of Temperance)

Definition: Sincerity, openness, and truthfulness in one's words and actions.

Looks Like: Not covering up mistakes, telling the truth in all situations.

Prayer: Dear Jesus, You have made me for Truth because You have made me for Yourself! Help me to be honest in all that I say and do, that I may know true happiness in You..

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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- **New Mandatory Training for All Parent Volunteers**

- All volunteers are now considered mandated reporters as stated in SB 848.
- Yearly training is now required. Please log into your Virtus account, take this mandated reporter training and send in your certificate of completion to Mrs. Kelley by Sept. 1st.

- **Family Directory**

- Each year the Family Directory is given to all families. This Directory is a resource for you to arrange carpools, play dates and friendships. Please do not use the information included in this resource for solicitation purposes.
- The Directory is now ready in the office for your review. Please stop by to make sure your information is correct. We go to print on September 2nd!

- **STAR Testing**

- The STAR math assessment was given on Tuesday and the reading assessment will be administered this Thursday, August 27th. This benchmark score will be used to monitor academic growth during the first trimester.
- **Please** make sure your child is rested and fed a nutritious breakfast before coming to school on Thursday.

- **Handbook Acknowledgement**

- The Family Handbook has been posted on our website under the Parents tab on the Forms/Resources page.
- Please take some time to read the policies, procedures and expectations outlined in this document and discuss them with your child(ren).
- The Acknowledgement page, signed by ALL family members is due Sept. 1st.

- **You are Invited!**

- The annual St. Vincent de Paul Society BBQ dinner dance is scheduled for Saturday, September 12th after the 5PM Mass.
- Great food, live music, raffle baskets and much laughter are being offered.
- A flyer with all the details has been included in your family envelope today.

- **The Contra Costa County Health Department Needs You**

- Please complete this survey: [Community Health Assessment 2026 | Contra Costa Health](#) to help strengthen this agency's effectiveness in serving our community.

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TIME SENSITIVE

- **Read, Relax & Earn Returns!**

- Reading logs are due before September 9th to receive a dress pass and certificate for the book fair.
- Information about the program is posted on our website along with the reading log.

Time to Practice

Next Wednesday, September 2nd we will practice our annual Disaster Drill. At 10:30 students will "duck & cover" and then be dismissed to the field. All preschool and families new to St. Agnes will need to pick up their children beginning at 10:45am. Please pull into the staff parking lot and follow the route indicated. Please have a photo ID (driver's license) with you. We ask you to remain in your car and a staff member will bring your child/ren to you. Students will only be released to those on the Emergency Dismissal Form, so please make sure it is updated to accommodate your needs. No children will be released to those who walk on campus.

The remaining students will be escorted back to their classrooms to prepare for the 12:00 dismissal. Should you need to return to work and wish to use Kids Club, you may bring your child into the office at 12:30 and sign them back into school. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Get Ready to Ride!

Each September, students participate in a Wheel-a-thon to raise money for class field trips. No other money is collected during the year, the money raised is the budget for the year. Any unused money follows the class to the next year.

This year the event is scheduled for Friday, September 25th. A double-sided informational flyer, with QR code to register and get started, can be found in your envelope today. Children can begin securing pledges AND need to practice riding their bikes! An exciting new sponsorship opportunity is also available this year. More news to come! Spread the word to family and friends about this much-loved event! "Together We Go Further!"

Schoolwide Learning Expectation 1.2: *A faith centered person living the Gospel message who is able to recognize God's love.*

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- **Event Chairpersons are Needed**

- We have a few events scheduled but no one to coordinate them! Can you help?
- Gather a friend or two to ensure the following events become a reality:
 - 60th Anniversary-Preparing for the 2027-2028 school year
 - Talent Show-Feb. 5th
 - Mother-Son Event – Feb. 27th
 - Science Fair – Apr. 20th
 - Father-Daughter TBD
- Sign-Up Genius is open until September 15th to enter your name!

- **Join Us!**

- The first Dine Out of the year will take place at Skipolini Pizza in Clayton on Wednesday, September 2nd from 4:00PM - 9:30PM.
- A flyer, to be presented at the time of purchase, has been included in your envelope.
- St. Agnes will receive 15% back on all pick up or dine in orders.

	IMPORTANT DATES AND EVENTS
8/27	• STAR Reading Test Grs. 1-8 • Scrip Sold 9-11am • School Board Meeting 6:30pm – Ministry Center
8/28	• 8:15 Mass 7th grade (formal only) • Scrip Sold 9-11am
8/29	• Work Party 9am-1pm
8/30	• 23rd Sunday of Ordinary Time
9/1	• Spirit T-Shirt Tuesday • Handbook Acknowledgement Due
9/2	• Disaster Drill – Preschool & New Families • Minimum Day-12:00 Dismissal

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