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Principal's Thoughts

Wouldn't it be nice to be given a tax credit or voucher to help make a Catholic education more affordable? This is a reality in some states but currently, not in California. There is a glimmer of hope with a new federal program beginning on January 1, 2027, titled: the Education Freedom Tax Credit. A person may be eligible to receive a tax credit if they donate to a Scholarship Granting Organization (SGO) that is on a state list. Apparently, governors must opt into the program, it is not automatic. A flyer with information has been included in your envelope today. We are being encouraged by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) to participate in a messaging campaign to Governor Newsom to opt into this program. I intend to have postcards in your family next week if you choose to join this campaign. Normally I try to stay neutral regarding politics however, if this can open the door to assist families in gifting their children with a catholic education then I openly share this information with you.

Education in Virtue

Weekly Virtue: Generosity (related to the virtue of Justice)

Definition: Giving of oneself in a willing and cheerful manner for the good of others.

Looks Like: Giving your time, talent and treasure.

Saint of Note: St. Fabiola - Feast Day December 27

Prayer: Dear Jesus: Let me share myself with others as You share Your life with me.

IT'S TIME!

WAT: Ride, Raise, Win!

Friday, September 25th

We are excited the WAT is just two days away! A special thank you to Hayley Fanucchi and Morgan Justice for all their planning for this very special day. A few reminders:

- Label bikes AND helmets (children cannot ride without a properly fitted helmet.)
- Review the drop off and pick up procedures: THEY ARE DIFFERENT ON THIS DAY!
- No walking bikes or students onto or off the campus, this poses a safety hazard.
- Athletic wear is allowed to be worn on this day.
- Enjoy!

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- **Give Us Your Feedback**

- The Department of Catholic Schools is sending a survey to all families with children enrolled in a catholic school in the Diocese of Oakland. You should be receiving the survey in an email this coming week.
- The intent of the survey is together information on what is working, why you have chosen your particular school and what we can do to improve.
- Thank you in advance for giving your time to complete this.

- **Get Those Furry, Scaly and Feathery Friends Ready!**

- Next Friday, October 2nd our first-grade students will lead us in prayer for the Blessing of the Animals Prayer Service.
- We will gather on the blacktop in front of classrooms 4-7 at approximately 8:45am. Since this is the first Friday of the month and adoration takes place after Mass, we will not have an exact time to start.
- Friendly pets are welcome but must be on a leash, in a cage or secured in a carrier.
- **Please clean up after your pet should they become stressed or excited. Thank you in advance.**
- All pets need to go home at the conclusion of the prayer service.

- **"Calling All Singers!**

- The St. Agnes Parish Choirs are inviting our students to participate in the Parish Christmas Concert.
- Practice will take place on Mondays from 3:30 -4:00 pm in the church.
- The concert is on December 11th.
- If you are interested in having your child participate, come to the practice next Monday to sign up or contact Mr. Pete at petefrev@me.com. Hope to see you there!"

- **Mark Your Calendars**

- Parent teacher conferences are scheduled for October 7th & 8th. The Sign-Up Genius link will be sent in the newsletter next week.
- This is a wonderful opportunity to meet with the teacher to collaborate on helping your student have a successful year.

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

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- **Don't Forget**

- Check out the St. Agnes Spirit Store! A tab can be found on our website in the quick links section. The Tuesday Spirit T-shirt will be available on the site all year long in case you need a replacement!



TIME SENSITIVE

- **Red Zone Alert!**

- Our driveways have a red curb painted on each side. Please remember, this is a no parking zone in order to enhance visibility for those pulling out of the driveways.
- For the safety of the children, please find an alternative space. You don't want to be ticketed.

- **Entering & Exiting Campus**

- The driveway next to the Ministry Center is very tight and should only be used for cars exiting the property.
- **Please do not walk in this driveway, we have had some close calls.**
- Please use the driveway near the Chapel and walk to the statue of Mary so you can use the crosswalk or when exiting use the reverse route.

- **Altar Servers Needed**

- Any student who has received the Sacrament of Holy Eucharist is eligible to become an altar server!
- Only one, 2-hour training is required. A flyer with various training dates has been posted on our website in the resources and forms section in the parent tab.
- Every effort is made to assign students to the Mass their family usually attends.
- We can't wait to welcome new children to this ministry!

- **PARTY!**

- You are invited to attend the Oktoberfest Family Dinner on Saturday, October 3rd in the church hall immediately following the 5pm Mass.
- A traditional German meal will be served with Mac & Cheese for the children.
- A flyer with all the details on how to purchase tickets has been posted on our website.

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Community News

- **Pedal Fest!**

- The mayor of Concord has invited you to the 2026 Concord Pedal Fest this Sunday, September 27 from 10am-2pm at Baldwin Park.
- Demonstrations, food trucks, games and a bike trade will be available.
- A flyer with all the details has been posted on our website.

	IMPORTANT DATES AND EVENTS
9/24	• Scrip Sold 9-11am • School Board Meeting 6:30 Ministry Center
9/25	• WAT!! • Coffee Social 7:45am • 12:00 Dismissal
9/27	• 26th Sunday of Ordinary Time Mt. 21:28-32
9/29	• Spirit T-Shirt Tuesday
10/1	• 8th Gr. Retreat
10/2	• Blessing of the Animals 8:45am

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.