



Principal's Thoughts

As you read these thoughts, please take them in the spirit they are intended: not as a criticism but to build awareness and concern for our neighbors. Our PeaceBuilder Pledge states: "I will build peace at home, at school and in my community each day." As part of a larger community, and in keeping with our Pledge, we are called to show courtesy and care for our neighbors. I was contacted this week by two of our neighbors that are not quite feeling our love, especially during morning drop-off and afternoon dismissal. I know we are often rushing to get to work on time or trying to make scheduled appointments however, the following situations have been brought to my attention.

Every street with a school in a residential neighborhood has a posted speed limit of 25 miles per hour. Stop signs are posted to stop traffic so cross traffic and pedestrians can be seen. Both laws are true for Chestnut Avenue; however, it appears as if these laws are not always being followed. Last Friday during dismissal after Wheel-a-thon, a cat was hit by a white SUV and according to a neighbor the driver did not stop to check on the condition of the cat. The owner called me very distraught, to inform me that she had to euthanize her cat due to the extent of its injuries and the cost of medical care required to heal her pet.

We have many parents parking on Chestnut. The properties directly across from the campus, where there are no sidewalks, are no parking zones. I was surprised to find out that the owners' property line borders the street. So, I implore you to slow down, stop at the crosswalk, show courtesy to our neighbors and refrain from parking on the dirt sections next to the street.

To help improve this situation, we are going to ask families with first grade children, to join the Kinder families for drop-off and pick up at the flagpole, in the faculty parking lot. I hope this will help facilitate safer and less stressful mornings and afternoons for you. It would be helpful if you would stagger pickup rather than all arriving at 2:50 or 3:05 so we don't have cars backing up onto the street. Let's test this out and see if it works. Thank you in advance for helping build peace in our community.

"You shall love your neighbor as yourself." Mk 12:31

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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Education in Virtue

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

Definition: Keeping oneself physically clean and neat AND one's belongings in good order.

Looks Like: Picking up after yourself, taking pride in your appearance and using a planner to keep track of assignments and appointments.

Saint of Note: St. Benedict - Feast Day: July 11

Prayer: Oh, Infinite Beauty. In Your wisdom, You created all things with perfect order. Orderliness brings peace, beauty, harmony, and joy! Please help me to keep order in my own life so that I may respect those things You have entrusted to me.



- **October Counts!**

- Each year, during the month of October parishes are required to count those in attendance at each mass and report their numbers to the Diocese.
- Let's keep our numbers growing and PLEASE come to Mass at St. Agnes so we can show our Bishop how we continue to grow in community and vibrancy!!
- Fr. Luke thanks you in advance.

- **As Promised:**

- A postcard showing support for the Education Freedom Tax Credit Program has been placed in your envelope today.
- Please mail these to our governor by October 5th, National Teachers Day, to show your support. Thank you!

- **Mark Your Calendars**

Parent teacher conferences are scheduled for October 7th & 8th. Sign-Up Genius is open and ready for you to book your appointment. Here is the link that is also posted on our website:

www.signupgenius.com/tabs/23677D902A3CBEDC53-2627teacher1 Access Code 2627Conferences.

- **Please Attend October 9th at 7pm**

- A flyer inviting you a praise and worship concert at St. Agnes is in your envelope today.

- **Help Us Help Others**

- The St. Vincent De Paul Society is hosting a Friends of the Poor Walk here at St. Agnes on Saturday, October 10th. Bring the whole family to support this event.

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- A flyer with additional details can be found in your envelope.



- **New Dine Out!**

- Starbird is waiting for your order! Please use the code GIVEBACK when ordering and St. Agnes will receive 20% back!
- Join us throughout the day on October 7th at the Starbird on Ygnacio Valley Blvd.

- **Look Out! The Herd is on the Loose!**

- Sales open today to send a herd to friends, family and buddies.
- For \$20 a herd will mysteriously show up in your front yard for the day and give your family and neighbors a chuckle.
- A flyer with a QR code for ordering can be found in your family envelope or on our website. The herd will move to greener pastures and no longer be available after October 23rd.
- **HELP!**
 - We need more volunteers to help us corral and move the herd! Please contact Janelle Cooper at coop.janelle@gmail.com if you can help.

- **Get Your Trunks Cleared Out**

- The annual Fall Fest returns to St. Agnes on Friday, October 16th from 6-8:30pm.
- Come in costume and join in the fun! Participate in the parade, cake walk and if you dare, take a stroll through the Haunted House.
- Thank you to the Barragan family for providing a food truck to purchase a yummy dinner!
- **Host a trunk so the children can trick-or-treat!**
 - Considering taking part in the Trunk-or-Treat by decorating the trunk of your car and handing treats to the children. You will receive 3 volunteer hours while giving the children an extra fun activity.
- A flyer with all the details and information to purchase the activity bracelet can be found in your envelope.
- Please remember this is a child friendly event, therefore this is an alcohol-free event.

Schoolwide Learning Expectation 2.2: A conscientious individual in a diverse society who is able to demonstrate self-discipline.



TIME SENSITIVE

- **Deadline Approaching**
 - School Choir permission slips are due this Friday, October 2nd.
- **Get Those Furry, Scaly and Feathery Friends Ready!**
 - This 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.
 - 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.
- **Give Us Your Feedback**
 - The Department of Catholic Schools sent a survey to all families with children enrolled in a Catholic school in the Diocese of Oakland.
 - The intent of the survey is to gather information on what is working, why you have chosen your school and what can be done to improve. Thank you for participating.
- **"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 on Monday to sign up or contact Mr. Pete at petefrev@me.com. Hope to see you there!"
- **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.**
- **PARTY!**
 - You are invited to attend the Oktoberfest Family Dinner on Saturday, October 3rd in the church hall immediately following the 5pm Mass.
 - A flyer with all the details on how to purchase tickets has been posted on our website.

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Success!

- Huge accolades to Haley Fanucchi and Morgan Justice for a successful and joy-filled Wheel-a-thon! Everywhere you looked there were smiles and you could hear the laughter and cheering from every direction! Thank you to the many volunteers that made the day possible. A special thank you to our Mayor Laura Nakamura for beginning our day with prayer and starting the day with an enthusiastic countdown. We also appreciate the bracelet each child received from her. Finally, kudos to our families for their generous pledges to fund our field trips!!
- There is still time to register your account with PledgeStar. Donations will be taken through October 15th.

	IMPORTANT DATES AND EVENTS
10/1	• Scrip Sold 9-11am • 8th Gr. Retreat
10/2	• Choir Permission Slips Due Today! • Blessing of the Animals 8:45am - Formal • Make-up Picture Day 9:30am • Scrip Sold 9:30-11am • Progress Reports Go Home
10/3	• Work Party 9am-1pm
10/4	• 27th Sunday of Ordinary Time Mt. 21:33-43
10/5	• Send the EFT Postcard
10/7	• Parent Teacher Conferences 1pm-8:00pm
10/8	• Parent Teacher Conferences 1pm-8:00pm
10/9	• Minimum Day-12pm Dismissal • Worship & Praise Concert 7pm
10/10	• Friends Walk for the Poor 9am

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