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Principal's Thoughts

This coming Monday, September 7th our Nation will celebrate Labor Day. The first Labor Day was established to celebrate the economic and social contributions of workers in the United States on September 5, 1882, and became a federal holiday in 1894. For Catholics, this holiday recalls one of the social teachings of the church: Dignity of Work and Rights of Workers. The US Catholic Bishops released this statement: "If the dignity of work is to be protected, then the basic rights of workers must be respected." During these economic times we are reminded of the importance of work and the need for just wages and safe work environments. Blessings to you in all the work you do as parents and in the workplace. Prayers to you as you provide for your families each day! Enjoy the day that celebrates you!



Education in Virtue

Weekly Virtue: *Docility* (related to the virtue of Prudence)

Definition: Willingness to be taught not being stubborn or inflexible.

Looks Like: Listening to others and willing to follow directions. Thanking others for rightful corrections.

Prayer: Dear Jesus, You are my teacher in every situation! Before acting on important matters, please give me the humility to seek Your wisdom and the wisdom of others in order to make the best decision.

Schoolwide Learning Expectation 1.3: A faith centered person living the Gospel message who is able to make morally responsible decisions.

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- **Hallow Access for All Parents!**

- Each student has access to the Hallow app. using their stagnesconcord email address. Five additional licenses per child are associated with their email. A flyer with instructions on how to join has been included in your envelope today.
- I hope you will find this resource uplifting! Give it a try, what do you have to lose?

- **Non-Uniform Dress Days**

- Our very dear Sr. Rita was very dedicated to caring for those in need. In her memory the \$2.00 dress day was established.
- Each second Tuesday of the month, students may pay \$2.00 to wear non-uniform clothing. The money will be placed in the Sr. Rita fund. This coming Tuesday, is \$2.00 dress day.
- **Students always have the option to come in uniform or their Spirit Tuesday T-shirts.**

- **School Pictures September 9th!**

- Sandbox Photographers will be our new company this year,!
- All parents should receive an email from hello@sandboxphotographers.com in the next day or two with a reminder about picture day. Please check your spam folders before contacting them if you have not heard from them.
- Pictures will be available in approximately 2 weeks, at which time a link and password to the gallery will be sent.
- **All students will need to be in formal uniform.**

- **Calling Junior High Students**

- The Little Vinnies Helpers first meeting will take place on Thursday, September 17th from 3:15-4:10 in the Ministry Center.
- This group is the youth ministry of the St. Vincent de Paul Society and work together to provide for those in need in our community.
- Service hours are given for regular participation.

- **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.

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WAT: Ride, Raise, Win!

Friday, September 25th

Permission Slips Due 9/10

- In order for your student to participate in the WAT, we must have a signed permission slip. One form per child, in your family has been placed in your envelope today.

Gather Those Pledges

- Help us raise money for exciting field trips! No other money is collected during the year, the money raised is the budget for the year. Be sure to register and share your fundraising page with family and friends.

Exciting Wheel-A-Thon Prizes—and a Special Thank-You to the Wilcockson Family!

- We are thrilled to announce this year's incredible Wheel-A-Thon student prizes! The top fundraiser in each grade will receive a special grade-level grand prize:
 - Preschool: Light-up scooter, helmet and Stomp Rocket
 - Kindergarten: Giant KerPlunk and S'mores Maker
 - 1st Grade: Two-goal soccer kit
 - 2nd Grade: Giant Four-in-a-Row
 - 3rd Grade: Giant Guess Who? and Huge Yahtzee
 - 4th Grade: Adjustable basketball hoop
 - 5th Grade: Spikeball Weekender set
 - 6th Grade: Portable cornhole set
 - 7th Grade: Complete pickleball set
 - 8th Grade: Inflatable paddleboard package
- Students will also have the chance to win a brand-new Guardian bike! Any student who raises \$200 or more will be entered into the schoolwide raffle. Students do not have to ride in the Wheel-A-Thon to qualify—every student who reaches the \$200 fundraising goal is eligible for the drawing.

Profound Gratitude!

- These exciting prizes have been made possible through an extraordinarily generous donation from the Wilcockson family. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to the Wilcockson family for investing in our students and helping make this year's Wheel-A-Thon especially memorable. Thank you for your incredible generosity and for being such a wonderful part of the St. Agnes School community!

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TIME SENSITIVE

- **New Mandatory Training for All Parent Volunteers is Past Due**
 - 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.
 - New families will need the additional training: Protecting God's Children.
- **Family Directory Goes to Print Tomorrow!**
 - 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!
- **Handbook Acknowledgement Is Past Due**
 - The Family Handbook has been posted on our website under the Parents tab on the Forms/Resources page.
 - 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 posted on our website.
- **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.

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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- **Join Us Tonight!**

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

- **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!

	IMPORTANT DATES AND EVENTS
9/3	• Scrip sold 9-11am
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9/6	• 23 rd Sunday of Ordinary Time Mt 18:15-20
9/7	• Labor Day Holiday – No School
9/8	• Spirit T-shirt Tuesday
9/9	• School Pictures-Formal Uniform – All Students Formal Uniform
9/10	• Scrip sold 9-11am
9/11	• Elementary Staff Day – No School