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Principal's Thoughts

Fall has finally arrived which means the beginning of the holiday season is now upon us. We are familiar with the secular traditions associated with Halloween, but have you heard the term AllHallowTide? This three-day celebration of our faith begins on October 31st and embraces our belief in the Communion of Saints and Christ's triumph over sin and death through the resurrection. Halloween or All Hallow's Eve is the vigil for All Saints Day. It is not a celebration of darkness or death but anchored in God's grace and the promise of heaven. As a family you might consider encouraging your children to dress up as saints or praying a Litany of the Saints before treat-or-treating. November 1st, we honor all saints by attending the All Saints Day Mass. We reflect on and give thanks for the lives of our greatest models of faith. Finally, on the third day, we pray for the faithful departed being purified on their way to heaven. Each year the Church creates a Book of Remembrance for our loved ones who have gone before us. This book is prominently displayed during the month of November to remind the congregation to pray for those included in the book. If you are interested to learn more, here is a link to an article on AllHallowTide from the Catholic World Report: Catholic World Report: AllHallowTide

Education in Virtue

Weekly Virtue: ***Foresight*** (related to the virtue of Prudence)
Definition: Consideration of the consequences of one's actions; thinking ahead.
Looks Like: *Learn how to gather information to make a decision. Plan ahead for tests and projects.*
Saint of Note: St. Frances Xavier Cabrini - Feast Day: November 13
Prayer: When I come upon situations that require serious thought, please send Your Holy Spirit to guide me, that I may always do Your holy will. Guide me with Your counsel and give me the courage to act rightly when it is difficult.

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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- A Gift for your Family
  - Today you are receiving a book to help facilitate conversations about the Sunday gospels for your family. Celebrating Sunday for Catholic Families offers the Gospel reading and a reflection about the message with questions to discuss before and after Mass. A section titled Living the Word offers concrete suggestions of what can be done as a family.
- Come Celebrate with Us
  - Friday, November 6th our 3rd grade class with lead us in prayer to celebrate the Saints. We will gather to pray at 1:30pm in the church.
- Looking Ahead
  - Children may wear black, orange and white clothing to celebrate Halloween on Friday, October 30th. Appropriate Halloween themed shirts or sweatshirts can also be worn. No skeletons, skulls, weapons or blood, please.
- Wheel-a-thon Assembly
  - The results are in and prizes await. Join us next Friday, October 30th at 1:15 for the assembly where many prizes will be awarded.



TIME SENSITIVE

- Don't Forget to Help the Little Vinnies
  - Collection bins are available on either of the school until October 30th.
  - A list of requested items and an Amazon Wishlist link can be found below: https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/JGE0KPTOV5T7?ref_=wl_share or you can provide travel size containers of the following: deodorant, hand sanitizer, tissues, hand lotion, shampoo, conditioner, men's black socks.
  - Thank you in advance for your generosity.
- 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 too.

- Cancelled Events
  - We are getting very close to having to cancel some events this year due to no response.
  - The following activities do not have a chair or co-chair:
    - Talent Show
    - Art & Science Fair
    - 4th of July Parade
  - Please contact a PACE member if you are interested or email: PACE-president@stagnesconcord.com
- B 10!
  - Our popular Bingo Night is scheduled for Friday, November 6th in the church beginning with dinner at 6:00pm and games starting at 7pm.
  - Gather your friends and family to join in the fun.
  - A flyer with a QR code to register is in your envelope today.
- Last Chance for the Herd
  - A flyer with a QR code for ordering can be found on our website. The herd will move to greener pastures and no longer be available after October 23rd.

Thank You

- Angels arrived recently with a generous donation of $500! Thank you to the Dettlinger, Gomez, Kwiatkowski, Gomez and Witwer families for hosting a sign-up party at the Auction and having a mini raffle to benefit the music program! Thank you to all who participated!!
- Big thanks to Mrs. Marco and Mrs. Gregg for a wonderful Fall Fest. Their attention detail and organization made for a well-run event. Kudos to the Barragan family for their infamous food truck to fill our tummies. We could not have done this without all our hardworking volunteers! Job well done!
- Kudos to the Vela family for hosting the spooky haunted house. MANY hours were spent planning, building and decorating to transform Cauchi Hall into this popular activity. The children loved it!

Schoolwide Learning Expectation 3.1: A life-long learner who is able to use knowledge, skills, and strategies necessary to learn.

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	IMPORTANT DATES AND EVENTS
10/21	• 1st Gr. Field Trip-Lawrence Hall of Science
10/22	• Scrip Sold 9-11am • Carondelet/De la Salle 7th & 8th Gr. Visit 2pm • 6:30pm School Board Meeting-Ministry Center
10/23	• 8:15 Mass (3rd Gr. Formal) • Faith Families 1:45pm
10/25	• 30th Sunday of Ordinary Time Mt. 22:34-40
10/27	• Spirit T-Shirt Tuesday
10/29	• Hearing Screening (Grs. K, 2 & 5) • 8th Gr. Retreat
10/30	• Black, Orange and White Non-Uniform Dress. • Wheel-a-thon Awards Assembly 1:15pm • Classroom Treat-o-Treating