



Principal's Thoughts

Today is the Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary, a day to reflect upon the victory of the battle between Christians and the Turks at Lepanto on October 7, 1571: <https://ewtn.co.uk/article-remembering-the-battle-of-lepanto-450-years-ago>. The conclusion of the war is attributed to Christians and Pope Pius V praying the Rosary for victory.

The entire month of October is designated by the Catholic Bishops of the United States as Mary's month. We are asked to recite the Rosary each day to reflect on her unwavering devotion to God and her willingness to say yes to Him. As a school community, we recite one decade of the Rosary during morning prayer. If you walk along the porch, you will hear the beautiful sound of the children, preschool – 8th grade, reciting the prayers in unison. You are more than welcome to join us on the porch in front of the office or promptly at 8:05 from wherever you are located.

October is also specified as Respect Life month and the theme this year is Mary, Mother of Life. As we pray the Rosary, we are asked to request Mary's intercession for everyone to pray that all stages of life are respected. Don't forget that the Hallow app has many resources dedicated to Mary, one specifically is the Minute Mary series which is a collection of traditional prayers asking Mary to pray for us. Give it a try, what do you have to lose?

Education in Virtue

Weekly Virtue: *Trustworthiness* (related to the virtue of Justice)

Definition: Acting in a way that inspires confidence and trust; being reliable.

Looks Like: Doing the right thing even when no one is watching.

Saint of Note: St. Bernard, Doctor of the Church - Feast Day: August 20

Prayer: Dear Jesus, help me to be faithful in even the little things of the day. In Your eyes nothing is little when done with great love.

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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- **The Family Directory is Now Available**

- We are no longer printing the Directory. You can find this resource on our website in the Parents Tab under Resources and Forms.
- The document is password protected and case sensitive. The code is lri5h!

- **Time is Running Out**

- Please have your WAT pledges in by October 15th! Thank you!

- **The Little Vinnies Need Your Help**

- The Little Vinnie's Helpers are working on their annual community service project to provide hygiene kits to our neighbors in need. The Little Vinnie's assemble kits filled with personal care items and we are asking for your help to make this year's project a success!
- Collection bins will be placed on either side of the school, by the faculty and office entrances, from October 12th through 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 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.



TIME SENSITIVE

- **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.

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

- A flyer inviting you the praise and worship concert at St. Agnes is on our website.

- **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.
- A flyer with additional details can be found on our website.

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- **Dine Out Tonight!**
 - 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 at the Starbird on Ygnacio Valley Blvd.
- **Look Out! The Herd is on the Loose!**
 - 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 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 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 on our website.
 - Please remember this is a child friendly event, therefore this is an alcohol-free event.

Schoolwide Learning Expectation 2.3: A conscientious individual in a diverse society who is able to demonstrate respect for the environment.

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	IMPORTANT DATES AND EVENTS
10/7	• Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary • 3rd Gr. Leaves for Camp! • Minimum Day-12:00 Dismissal • Parent Teacher Conferences 1pm-8:00pm
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10/9	• 8:15 Mass-5th Gr. Formal • Minimum Day-12pm Dismissal • 3rd Grade Returns From Camp • Worship & Praise Concert 7pm
10/10	• Friends Walk for the Poor 9am
10/11	• 28th Sunday of Ordinary Time - Mt 22:1-14
10/12	• School Holiday
10/13	• \$2.00 Dress Day or Spirit T-Shirt Tuesday • Kinders Field Trip to Smith Family Farm • PACE Meeting 6:30 Cauchi Hall
10/14	• Scrip Sold 9-11am