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Newsletter

Week of November 3, 2019



Go Light Your World ~

There is a candle in every soul
Some brightly burning some dark and cold
There is Spirit who brings a fire
Ignites a candle and makes His home

So carry your candle run to the darkness
Seek out the hopeless, confused, and torn
Hold out your candle for all to see it
Take your candle and go light your world!

Noteworthy News

Thanks to the generosity of our school community over \$600 has been donated to the Ellie Fund in support of Breast Cancer Awareness Month.



Scholastic Book Fair ~ November 4-8. Parents are welcome to come and visit the Fair with their student and other times during the week. Schedule will be forwarded under separate cover.

Save the Date ~ Wednesday, November 14th, ~ **Bringing the Book Wonder**

to Life ~ featuring Sam Drazin founder of Changing Perspectives. Parents are welcome to join K2-Gr. 8 students for this presentation. Kindly follow the link for more info and to register ~
<https://conta.cc/2JHUaRx>

The Holidays are coming!

Attached is the **Scripts Gift Card** order form. Families can order now and continuing through December 13th. **Order form here.**

Please consider becoming a sponsor for the **Saint Agatha School Winter Windfall Calendar** ~ \$5 per calendar * 31 chances to win Great Christmas gifts and stocking stuffers. **Sponsor form attached.**

COAT Drive at Saint Agatha School! Chloe McGrath is spearheading a coat drive sponsored by Jordan's Furniture and Anton's Cleaners. Please bring in gently used coats to SAS and Chloe will be sure they are delivered! **flyer attached**

BOYS Basketball Tryouts, Grs. 6-8, for the South Shore Parochial School League will take place on Nov. 12 & 14, 3-5 p.m.

BOKS ~ for ST AGATHA's K-8 Students. Not too late to sign up. Program runs through WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11th from 7:00 - 7:45 am. Classes take place in the St Agatha's gym with drop off through the gym door. There is a 30 Student Participant Limit per session and will have at least 2 adult trainers on hand to run the sessions. **Registration, Welcome letter, Permission slip**
HELP us spread the news about the great things happening in Saint Agatha's Early Childhood Program and our Middle School. We are hosting 2 informational evenings next month for existing and new families.

Early Childhood
Informational Evening ~ Open House
Wednesday, November 6, 6 p.m.

Middle School
Information Evening
Thursday, November 14, 6 p.m.

Academy Tutors:

Academy Tutors take place on Mondays and run from 2:30-3:30. Six National Honor Society student from Fontbonne Academy will work with students on homework, other school assignments, and help students study for tests. Please email Miss Perez at vperez@stagathaparish.org, if you would like your child to attend.

Christmas Shopping night is Friday, November 22nd. It is always a great event! If you would like to lend a hand, please join the volunteers on Wednesdays in the Gathering Space at 8 a.m.



Picasso Witches ~ Masterpieces by Grade 3 made with Mrs. Conte in Art!



Grade 6
attended
a hands-
on

presentation facilitated by Helen Bornhorst, coordinator of Saint Agatha's Young Youth Ministry, Emily Frazier, our guidance counselor and Maria Poles, MPD on Wednesday. Kindness, Mindfulness, Effects of Social Media and our relationship with God were all topics touched upon during the afternoon's program.



A busy week in Mrs. Wholey's K2 ~

The students read and learned about bats and made and flew paper airplane bats in the science lab with Mrs. Carito on Wednesday and welcomed their families in on Friday morning to get a peek into a day in their life at Saint Agatha's.

Faculty Spotlight



Mrs. Alanna Edstrom **Grades 6, 7 & 8 ELA**

Mrs. Edstrom has taught at SAS since 2010, when Saint Ann's in Wollaston unfortunately closed. She has taught all strands of ELA and history when she first arrived at SAS. She became a teacher because of her love of learning during her school days, and to assist children to gain a love of learning as well. SAS has been a wonderful and rewarding experience for her. Her favorite years of teaching have been the last three because of the configuration of our the present middle school. "It is so fulfilling, watching the academic, social, and emotional growth throughout the years from grade 6 to grade 8!" It is her motto to try and better her best each day in what she asks from her students. "The expectation in 6A is to be the best kid that you can be, try your level best, and be respectful to everyone. One of the gratifying experiences is when students come back to me and show their appreciation for the preparedness they received here in grammar school."

SAS is an incredible place. Mrs. Carr is a terrific leader, the middle school team is fabulous to collaborate with everyday, the parish is supportive, the parents are nice, and the students are wonderful. The camaraderie among the middle school teachers is an aspect of SAS which is endearing. Her enjoyment here is demonstrated by her dedication to the school and the students through Drama Club, Graduation, Student Council, Bingo, and Class Night.

When she is not at SAS, Mrs. Edstrom enjoys being with family and friends. There are frequent trips to Plymouth to visit one of her brother's homes. Trips to Fairfield, Connecticut to visit her daughter, Andréa, her son-in-law, David, and their rescue Huskies, Bodie and Alexi. Outings with other family and friends, and trips to Newport with her husband, Nils. Her love of the beach and shopping needs to be mentioned here as well.

Julie Love, MSN, APRN, PMHNP-BC, Director, McLean School Nurse Liaison Project presented at the faculty meeting today. Julie's 2 hr. presentation was on the topic of *Understanding ADHD*. In this presentation Julie discusses how to support those with ADHD, but recognizing that everyone's brain is a bit different, and we need to help all kids learn how to regulate their attention.



FSA News

Thank you to the families that have already subscribed to the FSA, In order to keep the community building activities, we need the help of each one of you, thus please subscribe to the FSA now. To date, 26% of students of SAS families have subscribed...74% are unsubscribed.

This year's dues of \$20 are due. FSA's yearly subscription form **here!**

The FSA has created a sign up genius link for upcoming events. Volunteers are needed ~ Thank you! **Sign up here!**

FSA Website

Lots of fun was had by our middle schoolers at last week's dance!



Upcoming events

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November

- 3** Grade 3 hosts family Mass
- 4** Scholastic Book Fair begins
- 6** Early Childhood Info Evening, 6-7 p.m.
- 7** History Fair Grs. 5-8; 1-2 p.m., 6-7 p.m.
- 14** Middle School Info Evening, 6-7 p.m.
- 22** Shopping Night 5:30-9
- 27** School Mass @ 9; Early dismissal; No extended day

November calendar [here](#).

Mrs. Besinger's Notes

To report an absence: rn@stagathaparish.org or 617-696-3548 x204

Neighborhood News

What has parents buzzing in the Milton community? Perhaps it is the 24th Annual Milton Cotillion beginning in January 2020 at Granite Links Golf Club on Quarry Hills Drive in Quincy.

More info found [here](#)!

Don't forget to visit our website! StAgatha.org
The weekly Newsletter can also be found on the website.
