

# St. Agnes School Newsletter

## August 17, 2023



**ST. AGNES SCHOOL**  
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A PeaceBuilder School

### **WEEK AT A GLANCE**

Friday, August 18  
Saturday, August 19  
Sunday, August 20  
Monday, August 21

Friday, August 25

**1:30pm Dismissal**

Parish Mass (4:30pm)

Parish Masses (9:00am & 11:00am)

Preschool Classes Begin (3 & 4 yr. olds)

Full Day Classes for Kdg-8<sup>th</sup>

**Family Cookout Order Forms Due**

### **LOOKING AHEAD**

Saturday, August 26  
Sunday, August 27  
Wednesday, August 30  
Thursday, August 31  
Saturday, September 2  
Sunday, September 3

Parish Mass (4:30pm)

Parish Masses (9:00am & 11:00am)

Back to School Night for Parents (6:00pm)

School Mass for Kdg-8<sup>th</sup> (8:15am)

Parish Mass (4:30pm)

Parish Masses (9:00am & 11:00am)



**School: 793-1370; School Fax: 793-1238**  
**Athletic Director/Jess Guzman 217-546-7094**  
or [jguzman@stagnescatholicsschool.org](mailto:jguzman@stagnescatholicsschool.org)  
**Late Day: 415-1304**



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## Message from the Principal

Dear St. Agnes School Parents,

Welcome back!! The 2023-2024 school year has begun and we're off to a roaring start! All students are settling into their classrooms and are learning the routine of the school day. While visiting all of the classrooms and students yesterday and this morning, most have said that they are glad to be back at school and with their friends. This certainly seems to be the case as there are many smiles upon faces and lively conversations taking place - especially during lunch time :). The school building has come back to life and this is such a pleasure to witness.

### **Back-to-School Night**

Our St. Agnes School "Back-to-School" Night will be held on Wednesday, August 30 beginning at 6:00 p.m. This event is for parents only so we ask that one parent from each family attend. This evening gives us an opportunity to present to you our goals and activities for the school year and allows teachers to share with parent's information about curriculum, learning standards, class schedules, and expectations. The evening will begin in the gym with general comments and introductions of staff. Following there will be three 20-minute classroom sessions that teachers will conduct. Please attend your child(ren's) classroom teacher session. Mrs. Karen White and Mrs. Cathy Becker will be presenting, during the second and third sessions, information regarding our Rediker system, and the Safe Environment and Family Service Hour program. Scrip will also be available for purchase that evening.

### **M.A.G.I.C. Match Program**

We have in place at St. Agnes School, a M.A.G.I.C Match program where you, the business you work for, or just individual businesses can be a classroom sponsor for one or more of our classes. This program provides \$50.00 a month for ten months, or \$500.00 a year, that is given to classes to be used for learning materials or educational experiences that do not come out of the regular budget. Please contact Mrs. Kris Wellman at 217-793-1370 if you or someone you know would like to be a sponsor. Attached to this newsletter is a sponsor form if you wish to participate.

### **Morning Arrival/Afternoon Dismissal**

Please review the diagram that is located on our school website

[www.stagnescatholicparish.org](http://www.stagnescatholicparish.org) regarding arrival and dismissal of students. The link to this is located under *school, current families, arrival and dismissal procedures*. The link to this is located on the front page. All students should be let out on the north side of the school beginning at 7:35 a.m. where there are teachers and patrols on duty. Please do not drop off children at the church or south side of the school where we do not have adults or patrols on duty. Preschool families utilize the Gym parking area at dismissal time as preschoolers will be walked out to parents through the gym doors at 3:05 p.m. **When pulling into the parking areas, preschool families are asked to enter the parking areas on the north side and pull all the way up to the parking places facing south so that when you leave you can turn right and drive around the back of the school and exit the drive near the PeaceBuilder playground. Please do not go against the traffic.** At dismissal time our K - 8 families without preschoolers should park in the area near the field, on the east side of the tennis courts or the church parking lot. **Only preschool families use the parking areas nearest the school except the families that purchased the special parking spots at the St. Agnes**

**Auction event.** Do not park across the street on Amos and expect children to walk across to you, at the back end of the school without permission for special circumstances, or in Fr. Dan & Fr. Christopher's driveway. Please watch your speed once driving onto the parish and school grounds and watch for moving children. For everyone's safety, please adhere to these policies.

And so tomorrow ends our first three days of the new school year. Next week will be a full week with 3:10 p.m. dismissals, and our preschoolers will also be joining us :). There are many fun days ahead!! We are all very fortunate to be part of this wonderful family that we call St. Agnes School and Church.

That's all for now. Until next week . . . . .

Blessings to you all,

Mrs. Cunningham



### **ABSENTEES**

**Each parent/guardian is required to notify the school office if a child will be absent that day.** Homework requests may be made at this time for absences. Parents should call the school office prior to 8:30a.m. and may leave a message on the school answering machine if the secretary cannot be reached. An email may also be sent to Pam Kink, School Secretary ([pkink@stagnescatholicsschool.org](mailto:pkink@stagnescatholicsschool.org)). **A call or email should be made each day the student is absent, unless it is known that the child will miss several consecutive days.** If such is the case, the school can be informed with the first phone call/email of the consecutive absence and the reason.

### **LATE ARRIVALS & EARLY DISMISSALS**

**Each parent/guardian is required to notify the school office if a child will be arriving late or leaving early for an appointment. A written note in advance of the appointment** is to be sent to the school office through the teacher for the release of a student from school for doctor, dental or other appointments. Emails may be sent to the teacher and to Mrs. Pam Kink ([pkink@stagnescatholicsschool.org](mailto:pkink@stagnescatholicsschool.org)) as well. **A parent must personally pick up the child at the school office. A student must check in at the school office upon returning from an appointment to get an admit slip to return to class.**

## **FAMILY COOKOUT – THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 7**

Parents' Club is sponsoring a family cookout on Thursday, September 7<sup>th</sup> beginning at 6:00pm. An order form is attached to this newsletter with more information. Return to the school office or email response to [watsonkatet@gmail.com](mailto:watsonkatet@gmail.com) by **Friday, August 25th**. Please join us for an evening of family fun!

## **NOTRE DAME FOOTBALL GAME TICKETS**

You still have the opportunity to purchase tickets for the Notre Dame Football Game Tickets Raffle. One person will win 2 tickets to the September 23rd game - Notre Dame vs Ohio State in South Bend.

The drawing will be during Back to School Night on August 30th. Raffle tickets can be purchased at the end of each Mass on August 19-20, at school, or Back to School Night. You can also send in the attached flyer to school with payment. Cash or check is accepted. Please make checks payable to St. Agnes School.

All proceeds from this raffle will go to ongoing improvements to the school stage and gym. Our next purchase will be railings for the stage.

If you have any questions, please contact Kris Wellman.

GO IRISH!

## **ILLINOIS TIME BEST OF SPRINGFIELD**

It is time again to nominate St. Agnes for Best Private School and Fr. Dan Bergbower for Best Clergyman in the Illinois Times Best of Springfield 2023. We humbly ask you take a moment and please nominate us in these two categories. The nomination period is until August 21st. Please use the link below. You will find Best Private School under the category "Kids Stuff" and the Best Clergyman under the category "Civic and Community". Here is the link to nominate: [https://www.illinoistimes.com/springfield/bestofspringfield/Page#//](https://www.illinoistimes.com/springfield/bestofspringfield/Page#/)

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Kris Wellman.

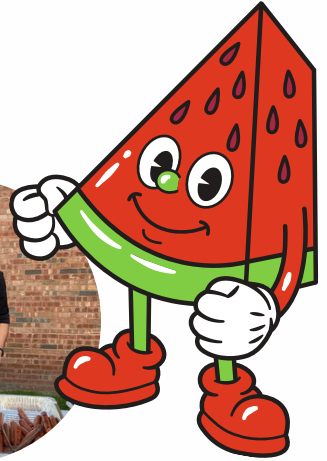
## **SHG BLACK & GOLD SHOWCASE**

This Friday, August 18th is our annual Black and Gold Fall Showcase. See the attached flier. At half time of the Varsity football game, the SHG Jr. Cheer and Poms camp kiddos will perform. There are over 120 of your students performing at the game and I know they'd love to see their classmates come out and support them!



# **School Newsletter**

# ST. AGNES PARENTS CLUB FAMILY COOKOUT



## THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 7TH

### PLEASE JOIN US FOR AN EVENING OF FAMILY FUN!

**GRANDPARENTS ARE WELCOME!**

The Club will provide hamburgers, chicken, and hot dogs. Each family is asked to bring a dish to share according to the suggestions below AND to bring family-friendly beverages for your family.

**Suggested dish by last name:**

A-F: Appetizer

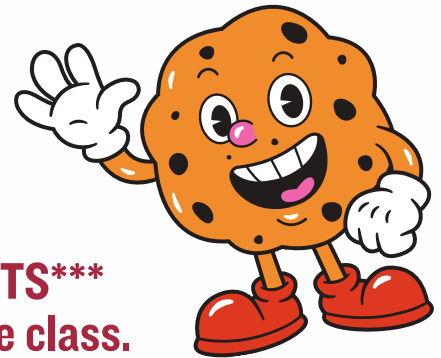
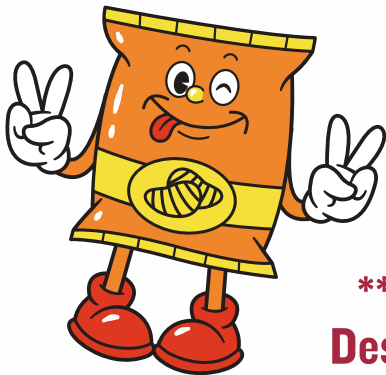
G-L: Chips/Dip

M-S: Fruits or Veggies

T-Z: Pasta or Potato Dishes

**\*\*\*NO PEANUT OR TREE NUT PRODUCTS\*\*\***

**Dessert will be provided by the 8th grade class.**



Please RSVP by **FRIDAY, AUGUST 25th** by completing the form below and returning it to school office OR by emailing [watsonkatet@gmail.com](mailto:watsonkatet@gmail.com).

Your RSVP ensures that we order enough food for all in attendance.

Please return to the SCHOOL OFFICE or EMAIL RESPONSE to [watsonkatet@gmail.com](mailto:watsonkatet@gmail.com) by **FRIDAY, AUGUST 25th**. If you have any questions contact the email above or text/call Kate at (217) 303-1650.

Family Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Number Attending: \_\_\_\_\_

# of Hamburgers: \_\_\_\_\_ # of Hot Dogs: \_\_\_\_\_ # of Chicken: \_\_\_\_\_





**\$20.00  
PER TICKET**



**\$100.00  
FOR 2**

# ST. AGNES CATHOLIC SCHOOL NOTRE DAME FOOTBALL TICKETS (2) RAFFLE

**Notre  
Dame**



**Ohio  
State**

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2023  
NOTRE DAME STADIUM**

**ONE DRAWING FOR 2 TICKETS WILL BE HELD ON AUGUST 30, 2023  
DURING BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT AT ST. AGNES SCHOOL  
NEED NOT BE PRESENT TO WIN!**

**WINNER WILL BE CONTACTED BY TELEPHONE NUMBER PROVIDED.**

## ***ST. AGNES NOTRE DAME TICKET RAFFLE***

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE # \_\_\_\_\_

NUMBER OF RAFFLE TICKETS \_\_\_\_\_

SEND FLYER AND PAYMENT TO ST. AGNES SCHOOL

**217-793-1370**

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**NOMINATE US!**



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**NOMINATION VOTING AUGUST 10-21**

**RUNOFF VOTING SEPTEMBER 14-25**

**VOTE AT [ILLINOISTIMES.COM/BESTOFSPRINGFIELD](https://illinoistimes.com/bestofspringfield)**

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**Bergbower**  
**Best**  
**Clergyperson**

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# Making A Generous Incentive Commitment

## REGISTRATION FORM



DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF  
BUSINESS/INDIVIDUAL: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

BUSINESS/INDIVIDUAL CONTACT: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE #: \_\_\_\_\_ E-MAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

### M.A.G.I.C. Room/Program Sponsor Preference:

Please indicate classroom or area you wish to sponsor. You may sponsor more than one.

- |          |          |
|----------|----------|
| 1. _____ | 3. _____ |
| 2. _____ | 4. _____ |

Please acknowledge our M.A.G.I.C. Match participation in print as:

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(If you would like your business logo included on the classroom sign, please contact Karen White -793-1370. You may e-mail your high-resolution (300 dpi) camera ready logo in .jpg or .tif format to [kwhite@stagnescatholicsschool.org](mailto:kwhite@stagnescatholicsschool.org))

Please choose payment plan:

\_\_\_\_\_ Single payment of \$500.00

\_\_\_\_\_ 2 Semi-annual payments of \$250.00

\_\_\_\_\_ \$50.00 Per Month Plan (10 months)

\_\_\_\_\_ Give Central online donation amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
<https://www.givecentral.org/location/327/category/139>

\_\_\_\_\_ **Total amount of donation (\$500 x # of classrooms sponsored)**

Please make checks payable to St. Agnes School and return this form to the school office.

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Business/Individual Contact Signature

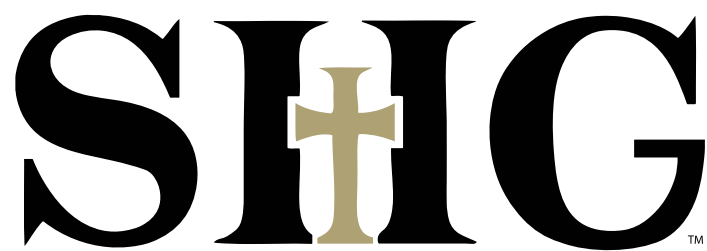
## **PROGRAM OVERVIEW**

The St. Agnes M.A.G.I.C. (Making A Generous Incentive Commitment) Match Program is a unique relationship between one of our classrooms/learning area and a local business/individual. The program provides opportunities for your business/individual to make a positive impact in the lives of children while increasing name recognition to a large, appreciative audience.

This partnership involves a commitment from your business/individual of \$500.00 for a full school year. The funds provided by your business/you would be used to purchase educational materials and/or provide "hands on" educational experiences such as field trips or assemblies. These important educational enhancements will provide St. Agnes students with an opportunity to experience learning in new ways. The partnership will connect your business to the learning community.

### List of Rooms and Programs

PK3	Mrs. Kelle Lee	Art	Mrs. Mollie Youngblood
PK4A	Mrs. Betty Bond	Counselor	Mrs. Beth LaFata
PK4B	Ms. Katie Harris	Library	Ms. Tara Driskill
Kdg	Mrs. Jessica Steinkruger	P.E.	Mr. Louis Kink
1st	Mrs. Abigayle Hill	Resource	Mrs. Meghann Newman
2nd	Ms. Kathi Keane	Resource	Mrs. Dawn Caveny
3rd	Mrs. Dawn Zerkel	Technology	Mr. Padrick Mulligan
4th	Mrs. Kate West	Music	Ms. Jessica Smith & Ms. Cicely McCain
5th	Ms. Stephanie Steele		
6th	Mrs. Stephanie Barber	Marketing Dept	Mrs. Kris Wellman
7th	Ms. Theresa Woiwode	School Office	Mrs. Rachel Cunningham, Mrs. Karen White, Mrs. Pam Kink
8th	Mrs. Amanda White		



## BLACK AND GOLD FALL SHOWCASE

**Bring the FAMILY FOR AN EVENING OF FUN!**

FRIDAY @ 4pm

### **Schedule** of **Events**

Frosh/Soph Football: 4:15

**Boys Soccer:** 4:30

**Volleyball:** West Campus 4:30

Girls Tennis: 5:00

Cross Country: 5:30

**Varsity Football:** 6:00

SHG Jr. Cheer and Poms will  
perform at halftime!



**Come to each sporting  
event for a chance to win  
an All Sports Family Pass  
for the 2023-2024 school  
year!**

Go to the Advancement tent on the  
hill in front of concessions to enter.



**Games will be played at the sporting events in bold.**



**-Concessions will be available from 4pm-6pm-**