# St. Agnes School Newsletter 

## September 7, 2023

## WEEK AT A GLANCE

Thursday, September 7 Friday, September 8

Monday, September 11
Tuesday, September 12
Thursday, September 14

Family Cookout (6:00pm)
All School Mass (8:30am)
11:30am Dismissal
Grandparents' Day
No Late Day
1:30pm Dismissal (Faculty Meeting-Office Closed)
School Board Meeting (6:30pm)
School Mass for Kdg-8 ${ }^{\text {th }}$ (8:15am)

## LOOKING AHEAD

Saturday, September 16
Sunday, September 17
Monday, September 18
Tuesday, September 19
Parish Mass (4:30pm)
Parish Masses (9:00am \& 11:00am)
Mid Quarter (22.5 days)
Parents' Club Meeting (5:30pm)
Committee Meeting Night (6:30pm)
Thursday, September 21 No School Mass - Priest Convocation St. Agnes Night at K of C (Meadowbrook)

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Athletic Director/Jess Guzman 217-546-7094
or iguzman@stagnescatholicschool.org
Late Day: 415-1304

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## Message from the Principal

Dear St. Agnes School Parents,
Tonight is the evening that many have been anticipating - the Back-to-School Cookout!! We hope to see many of you in attendance so you can enjoy this evening of fellowship, fun and food!! Hamburgers, hot dogs, and chicken will be served and all families have been asked to bring a side dish. Tonight gives you the opportunity to meet the many families new to our school and catch up with old friends. Students will be able to enjoy the playgrounds and basketball court. We look forward to seeing all of you!!

## Grandparents' Day

We look forward to welcoming many grandparents tomorrow. Due to the large number of grandparents that we host, this event is not for parents as this is meant to be a special day for children and their grandparents or another significant adult in their life. The morning will consist of Mass at 8:30 a.m., followed by a short program honoring Grandparents, and then an Open House in the school. This is a day of attendance for students and they should be dropped off at the normal drop-off time. Students will meet their grandparents in the Church for Mass and program, and then proceed back to the school for an Open House. Dismissal is at 11:30 a.m. for those students not leaving with grandparents. There is no Late Day on Grandparents' Day.

## M.A.G.I.C. Match Sponsorship

Thank you to the parents and businesses who have already responded to requests to be a partner for one of our classrooms or programs during the school year. This M.A.G.I.C. Match program matches a sponsor with each classroom (PreK-8) and special programs including: art, computer, counseling, library, music, P.E., and Resource. Those who share in this partnership will hear from the class throughout the year. This program allows us to purchase current educational materials for instruction and provide a variety of class experiences. Sponsorship for the school year is $\$ 500.00$. This may be paid in one lump sum or it can be divided up into ten monthly payments of $\$ 50.00$. Several families may even want to consider going in on a sponsorship together.

Please contact Mrs. Kris Wellman at kwellman@stagnescatholicschool.org if you or someone that you know of would like to participate or fill out the attached form and turn it in, along with a check, to the office. All of this benefits our students so thank you, in advance, for your generosity.

## Parents' Club Black Friday Raffle

Last week, those in attendance at "Back-to-School Night" received an envelope containing five "Black Friday Windfall of Cash" raffle tickets. If you were not in attendance, your envelope was sent home with your youngest/only child last Thursday. Our Parents' Club holds this raffle yearly to assist in raising funds for events that they sponsor such as Grandparents' Day, Trick-or-Trunk and Student Appreciation Day. You are asked to sell the five tickets that have been issued to you before or on Monday, October 30. Please see the letter that you received in your ticket envelope for even more details on this raffle. Thank you for your cooperation and participation!!

## Arrival and Dismissal

The first bell of the day rings at 7:45 a.m. for children to have time to get themselves settled for the day. The tardy bell rings at 8:00 a.m. Please have your children here for school on time! When children come in every day tardy, it does not allow them time to prepare for their classes and it causes teachers to repeat directions, making other children wait. Our school day begins at 8:00 a.m. Please help us keep to this schedule. At dismissal time, parking along the north side of the tennis courts is not permitted unless you are a parent picking up a preschooler. Cars parking on the east side of the tennis courts are the cars that will be dismissed first in the line-up of cars for dismissal. Those cars should be turning left to go north out of the drive near the PeaceBuilders' Playground or going straight across the street. The parking area near Fr. Dan and Fr. Christopher's garage is not for school families at any time of the day. Our parents who are supervising at lunch time, in the cafeteria, on the playground or in the library are asked to park in the back of the school or along the drive near the PeaceBuilder playground. Also, remember to drive SLOWLY through the parking lot at all times. Please help us keep your children and all children safe!

## Eucharistic Congress

You are invited to a historical diocesan-wide celebration and Mass at the BOS Center in Springfield. To celebrate the Diocesan Year of the Eucharist and the 100 ${ }^{\text {th }}$ anniversary of the transfer of the See city from Alton to Springfield, the Eucharistic Congress is taking place Saturday, October 28 at the BOS Center in Springfield. This dynamic experience will include nationally recognized Catholic speakers, adoration, confession, videos, and Mass. The arena will be packed with thousands of Catholics from across the diocese. To attend, contact your parish office for free tickets. For more information about the schedule, the speakers, FAQ, and more, visit the Eucharistic Congress website.


It looks like we're going to have a beautiful evening for the cookout!! We've got quite a nice crowd coming :).

That's all for now. Until next week . . . .
Blessings to you all,
Mrs. Cunningham


#### Abstract

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@stagnescatholicschool.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.

\section*{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@stagnescatholicschool.org) as well. If your child will be arriving late please indicate if he/she is a hot or cold lunch when contacting the school. 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.


## KINDERGARTEN NEWS - Mrs. Steinkruger

We are officially on day 17 of school! The kindergartners have learned how to transition for centers and what we do at each center. They loved exploring the science center and writing center which are new this year!

We also adopted a cow in partnership with the St. Louis Dairy Council program. Our class will receive monthly updates from our farmer, Farmer Graves in Dundas, Illinois. We took a class vote on her name and the winner was Leah! Leah is 2 weeks old and weighs 80 pounds. She drinks special milk out of a bottle and lives in a hutch which is a special type of house for the baby calves.

In phonics this week we are learning about letters Ff, Gg and Hh in ABC Bootcamp. In religion, we are finishing our creation books and learning about the gifts of God's love. Our sight words this week are orange, the, and we. In science we are continuing our study of being a scientist. In math, we are practicing writing numbers 6,7 , and 8 . Finally, our theme this week in reading is friendship. We read "Huggapotamus" by Steve Metzger. We learned about key details, characters, connections and problem/solution.

SECOND GRADE - Ms. Keane
Congratulations to Aaron Smith, Alaric Harder, and Cephas Houedakor for completing addition in XtraMath.

## MISSIONS

2 Corinthians 9:6-7: "Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."
Do you have a book that you think someone else would like to read? Would you be willing to pass it along? During the last week of September (25th through the 29th) a book sale to
support the missions will take place. You can bring in/donate a book that is in good condition and one you think another student would like to read. Then you can buy a book that someone else recommends for $\$ 1$, or more, if you feel you can. This sale will be taking place during students' normal library scheduled periods. Please bring in the books starting tomorrow through Friday the 22nd so they can be on display for others to choose from during library time. Your generosity is appreciated and also, someone will enjoy a good book as well. Mrs. Caveny/Resource

## ATHLETICS - Mr. Jesse Guzman

To the St Agnes Community, if anyone is interested in Coaching 5th grade boys' basketball or 5th grade girls' volleyball, we are in search of coaches who can take the lead on these teams.

If anyone is interested in helping in the following sports. Please contact Jesse Guzman, the Athletic Director.
$\begin{array}{ll}\text { Boys Basketball } & \text { Chess Club } \\ \text { Girls Basketball } & \text { Volleyball } \\ \text { Scholastic Bowl } & \text { Track }\end{array}$

## LATE DAY

Late Day invoices were emailed to parents on Wednesday of this week. Payment is due upon receipt of bill. Send Late Day payments in a separate envelope marked Late Day Admin Payment. Any special notes for Late Day other than payments are to be sent in a separate envelope marked Late Day. To pay Late Day Invoices online, please follow the directions on the website. Here is the link: https://bit.Iy/LateDayPayments. You may contact Karen White at kwhite@stagnescatholicschool.org with any questions.

## ACTIVITIES AT ST. AGNES - Mrs. Wellman

## SHG Homecoming Parade

This Sunday will be the SHG Homecoming Parade. St. Agnes is invited to join in on all the fun. Families will receive 2 service hours if they walk, ride, roller skate, etc. in the parade. Students will receive 2 service hours if they join the parade. 1 service hour will be given per bag of candy brought. Please dress in St. Agnes attire. All students must have at least one adult present. Please meet across the street from the East campus. Line up begins at 3:30pm. You may show up at 3:00pm if you need to decorate. Please see the attached flyer.

## St. Agnes Night at Knights of Columbus Raffle

Thursday, September 21 will be St. Agnes Night at the KC Raffle on Meadowbrook. Our very own dad band "Jet Trio" will be performing. Come out and enjoy a family meal and enjoy great music on their patio. You could also try your luck with 50/50 and their famous raffle.

## Service Hour Alert

The Knights of Columbus are looking for volunteers to help during their Oktoberfest Saturday, September $9^{\text {th }}$. Help is needed in the kid's games area. Adults and students $6^{\text {th }}$. $8^{\text {th }}$ grade may volunteer. You will receive service hours for this event. Knights of Columbus will donate
to St. Agnes during our St. Agnes Night at the KCs on September 21. Please contact David Groesch at dmgroesch@att.net.

## Blessing of the Animals

Back by popular demand, we will have Blessing of the Animals again this year. Please join us on October 1, 2023 from 12:00pm - 2:00pm. Please see the attached flyer. All pets are welcomed. There will be a paw stamping art and photo stations. Adult and/or student ( $6^{\text {th }}-8^{\text {th }}$ grade) volunteers are needed.

## Veteran's Day Purple Heart Shirts

The Purple Heart medal is presented to service members who have been wounded or killed as a result of emery action while serving in the U.S. military. A Purple Heart is a solemn distinction and means a service member has greatly sacrificed themselves, or paid the ultimate price, while in the line of duty.
This year for Veteran's Day, St. Agnes will donate all the proceeds to Military Order of the Purple Heart. It is our honor to honor those that serve.
Once again, we will be selling t-shirts students can wear on Veteran's Day and Spirit Days. We are currently looking for sponsors for these shirts. Business logos or names of Veterans will be added to the back of these shirts.
Suggested donations are:
Business Logos - \$250.00
Names of Veterans - \$100.00
Please see attached flyer

## Committees

Do you have lots of ideas and would like to share your talents with St. Agnes? Did you know there is a committee where you can have your ideas heard? It's called the Development/Marketing Committee. We will meet once a month and brainstorm our ideas for the school. Input from parents and parishioners is always appreciated. If you would like to come join us, please email me at kwellman@stagnescatholicschool.org.

## Auction

We are starting to plan for this year's auction. If you are interested in being on this year's auction committee, please contact Kris Wellman at the school.

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

You or your business can sponsor a St. Agnes Classroom. This program is a unique relationship between one of our classrooms/learning areas and a local business/individual. This partnership involves a commitment from your business/individual of $\$ 500.00$ for a full school year. The funds provided by your business/individual will be used to purchase educational materials and/or provide "hands on" educational experiences such as field trips or assemblies. Please call the school for more information.
Classrooms/Learning Areas in need of a sponsor:
PK3, PK4A, Counselor, Library, Technology, Marketing, and the Office.

## SCRIP



RaiseRight (SCRIP) order form is attached to this newsletter. All pre-orders for physical delivery must be received whether by paper form or online by 9:00am on Mondays.

## DIRECTOR OF FAITH FORMATION - Mrs. Becker

Sacrament Candidates (grade 3 and up)
Your Saints, Sponsors and Bishop's Questionnaire are DUE NOW. You also should be working on the Eucharist portion of the packet and be sure to watch the videos on Formed.
Dates to remember: Mandatory Retreat II Sunday, Sept. 24 2pm to 5 pm with sponsor or parent. Sacramental Mass @ Cathedral Tuesday Sept. 267 pm Candidates must be at the Cathedral by 5:45pm

## Parents:

An Adult Bible Study on The Eucharist in the Bible begins Wed. Sept. 6 and runs through October 11. Choose 2pm or 6:30PM. Spiritual Works of Mercy service hours can be earned.

Greeter Ministry at All Parish Weekend Masses
Families are encouraged to help provide hospitality at Sunday Masses (4:30pm Saturday, 9am or 11 am Sunday) Earn and hour of Family Service. Sign up to greet parishioners assist them as they arrive for mass. Instructions and sign up are here:
https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040A4FA5AF2FAAFB6-hospitality\#/

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by your business/individual will be used to purchase educational materials and/or provide "hands on" educational experiences such as field trips or assemblies.
M.A.GIIC. Match Sponsors will be recognized by the following:

* A $14^{\text {" }} \mathrm{X} 28^{\text {" }}$ Professional printed signage, displayed by classroom/learning area
* Acknowledgement in the St. Agnes Parish Bulletin
* Acknowledgment in the St. Agnes School Spirit Newsletter, published two times a year
* Acknowledgement on several Facebook.Posts
* Invitation to End of the Year Donor Event

If interested in sponsoring a classroom/learning areas, please contact Kris Wellman at kwellmanestagnescatholicschool.org or 217-793-1370

## SHG

 HOMECOMING
## FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!

Parade route will begin across the street from our East Campus and will end at the the tailgate entrance of West Campus.

## JOIN US FOR FAMILY FUN IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE PARADE!

- Kona Ice Truck - Face Painting • Games

We will be selling hot dogs, chips and a drink for \$3/meal. Kona Ice prices range between \$3-\$5.

## FOOD and FUN for EVERYONEII



POWDERPUFF GAME 5:30pm
BOYS' VOLLEYBALL GAME 5:00pm

The junior boys play the senior boys in a volleyball game OUTSIDE at West Campus.

The junior girls face off against the senior girls in this decades long tradition on Ken Leonard Field.

## StoAgnes Night

# Knights of Columbus \#364 

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## Thursday,September 21




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Celehrate Mass with us 11:00

Blessing of the Animals 1:00



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## LEO'S PIZZA ON WHEELS - FOOD TRUCK LAKETOWN ANIMAL HOSPITAL

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BOS CENTER \| 1 CONVENTION CENTER PLAZA \| SPRINGFIELD, IL The Diocesan Eucharistic Congress will include nationally recognized Catholic speakers, adoration, confession, and Mass. The arena will be packed with thousands of Catholics from across the diocese. To attend, contact our parish office.

For details, speaker bios, and schedule - visit dio.org/revival-bos

Keynote Dr. Scott Hahn

## Sponsorship for Purple Heart T-Shirt

St. Agnes
veterans


All proceeds will benefit the Military Order of the Purple Heart

All logos and names will be printed on the back with one color only on purple shirts.
Shirts may be worn on Spirit Day Wednesdays and dress down days.
Please send completed form with payment to the school office by Monday, October 2, 2023. Please make checks payable to St. Agnes School.

Business Logo Sponsorship - \$250.00
Name of Business $\qquad$
Name of Contact

## Phone Number:

$\qquad$
Please send logo to kwellman@stagnescatholicschool.org in jpeg or pang format
Veteran Name Sponsorship - \$100.00
Name of Contact $\qquad$
Phone Number $\qquad$
Please include full name and branch (Joe Smith - Army) Name as printed on shirt:

| RESTAURANTS |  | \$\$ | REBATE | QTY | TOTAL |
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| Applebee's | E | \$25 | 8\% |  |  |
| Arby's | R | \$10 | 8\% |  |  |
| Bella Milano |  | \$25 | 10\% |  |  |
| Bob Evans | R, E | \$10 | 10\% |  |  |
| Buffalo Wild Wings |  | \$25 | 8\% |  |  |
| Chili's | E | \$25 | 11\% |  |  |
| Chipotle | E | \$10 | 10\% |  |  |
| Cold Stone Creamery | E | \$10 | 11\% |  |  |
| Cracker Barrel |  | \$25 | 8\% |  |  |
| D\&J Café |  | \$25 | 10\% |  |  |
| Dairy Queen (DQ) |  | \$10 | 3\% |  |  |
| Darden's (Olive Garden / <br> Longhorn, + more) | R, E | \$25 | 8\% |  |  |
| Domino's | R, E | \$10 | 8\% |  |  |
| Dunkin' Donuts | E | \$10 | 3\% |  |  |
| Engrained Brewery |  | \$25 | 10\% |  |  |
| Freddy's Frozen Custard |  | \$25 | 8\% |  |  |
| Golden Corral |  | \$25 | 9\% |  |  |
| Hardee's |  | \$10 | 5\% |  |  |
| IHOP | E | \$25 | 8\% |  |  |
| Krispy Kreme | R, E | \$10 | 8\% |  |  |
| Little Caesar's |  | \$20 | 8\% |  |  |
| Long John Silver's |  | \$10 | 8\% |  |  |
| Luca Pizza |  | \$25 | 10\% |  |  |
| McAlister's Deli | E | \$25 | 6\% |  |  |
| Noodles \& Co |  | \$10 | 8\% |  |  |
| Outback Steakhouse | E | \$25 | 10\% |  |  |
| Panda Express | E | \$25 | 8\% |  |  |
| Panera Bread | R, E | \$25 | 8\% |  |  |
| Papa John's | $\mathrm{R}^{*}$, E | \$10 | 8\% |  |  |

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| GROCERY |  | \$\$ | REBATE | QTY | TOTAL |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| County Market |  | \$25 | 5\% |  |  |
|  |  | \$100 |  |  |  |
| GFS | R, E | \$25 | 4\% |  |  |
| GAS |  | \$\$ | REBATE | QTY | TOTAL |
| Casey's |  | \$25 | 3\% |  |  |
| Circle K |  | \$25 | 1.5\% |  |  |
| Meijer | R* | \$25 | 3\% |  |  |
|  |  | \$100 |  |  |  |
| Shell | R | \$25 | 1.5\% |  |  |
|  |  | \$100 |  |  |  |
| Wal-mart <br> Sam's Club | R, E | \$25 | 2.5\% |  |  |
|  |  | \$50 |  |  |  |
|  |  | \$100 |  |  |  |
|  |  | \$250 |  |  |  |
| MAJOR RETAILERS |  | \$\$ | REBATE | QTY | TOTAL |
| JCPenny | R, E | \$25 | 5\% |  |  |
| Kohl's | E | \$25 | 4\% |  |  |
|  |  | \$100 |  |  |  |
| Macy's | E | \$25 | 10\% |  |  |
| Meijer | R* | \$25 | 3\% |  |  |
|  |  | \$100 |  |  |  |
| Target | R, E | \$25 | 2.5\% |  |  |
|  |  | \$100 |  |  |  |
| Wal-mart <br> Sam's Club | R, E | \$25 | 2.5\% |  |  |
|  |  | \$50 |  |  |  |
|  |  | \$100 |  |  |  |
|  |  | \$250 |  |  |  |


| ONLINE SHOPPING |  |  |  |  |  |  | REBATE |  |  |  | QTY | TOTAL |
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| Amazon | E | $\$ 25$ | $1.7 \%$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Apple / iTunes | E | $\$ 15$ | $5 \%$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Groupon | E | $\$ 25$ | $7 \%$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| InstaCart | E | $\$ 25$ | $4 \%$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Overstock | E | $\$ 25$ | $8 \%$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Shutterfly | E | $\$ 25$ | $9 \%$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Wayfair | E | $\$ 100$ | $6 \%$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |


| HOME IMPROVEMENT |  | \$\$ | REBATE | QTY | TOTAL |
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| Ace Hardware | E | \$25 | 4\% |  |  |
| Home Depot | R, E | \$25 | 4\% |  |  |
| Lowe's | R, E | \$25 | 4\% |  |  |
|  |  | \$100 |  |  |  |
| Menards |  | \$25 | 3\% |  |  |
|  |  | \$100 |  |  |  |



## Before turning in your order:

Check your order for accuracy. Inaccurate orders will be returned unprocessed. PLEASE FILL IN ALL BLANKS.

ORDER INFORMATION
ORDER DATE: $\qquad$
$\qquad$ / Purchaser Name (if different)
Family Name:
Best Contact Name \& Phone Number:
DELIVER TO: Pick up in Church Office: $\qquad$

## Send Home with Student Listed Below

(Orders sent home with student on Fridays*)

General Information: All pre-orders for physical delivery must be received whether by paper form or online by 9:00am on Mondays. Questions? Contact Tami Dillon in the Church Office. Phone: 217-793-1330 or Email: stagnesscrip@gmail.com

## St. Agnes Student Name, Grade, Teacher:

Make Checks Payable to: St. Agnes Scrip
Total SCRIP Cards Purchased:
Total Amount Due: \$
$\qquad$
$\qquad$ Cash Date Delivered: $\qquad$

