



## Saint Agnes Newsletter

Family Newsletter

August 26, 2020

### FROM THE PRINCIPAL

A big THANK YOU to our maintenance staff, Rick Wolking and Dan Lee, who worked all summer to make sure the school building was properly equipped for a safe and healthy start for in-person student instruction.

~ Erin Redleski

### SCHOOL NEWS

**Bus service for friends/car riders:** Because of the assigned bus seating we cannot make accommodations for students who occasionally ride the bus with friends. Only students who are scheduled to ride the bus can ride on their assigned bus route. This assigned seating is necessary in order to follow our school reopening/COVID protocols. Please make plans accordingly. Thank you for your help on this.

**School Masses:** Only Saint Agnes students and staff may attend school Masses at this time. Unfortunately, we cannot accommodate parents and outside guests at this time

### SCHOOL CALENDAR

#### August

27 Spirit Wear Day

#### September

2 Late Start (8:45 a.m. - student arrival)

3 Lifetouch Picture Day

7 No School - Labor Day

8 BOCE Mtg. (7 p.m., Cafeteria)

11-20 Smiles & Miles 5K Virtual Event

11-18 Virtual Book Fair

24 Spirit Wear Day

25 Early Dismissal (11 a.m.)

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**Thank you:** Today all students received a white gaiter. Thank you to the anonymous donor who gifted these to our Saint Agnes students. We appreciate it! If you would like an extra one, they are now included on the gym order form.

**Lifetouch school picture day:** Today we are sending home order forms for next week's school pictures. School pictures are on September 3. Lifetouch photographers will be following safety protocols, including but not limited to safety training, social distancing, enhanced cleaning and face masks. Students may be out of uniform to wear nice clothes on picture day (follow out of uniform policy in the handbook if you have questions.) If you want to order your school pictures online, you must order by September 2nd! Go to [mylifetouch.com](http://mylifetouch.com) and use picture ID: EVTBRKRJJ

**Gym uniforms/white Saint Agnes gaiters/school sweatshirts:** Here is the [order form](#) for gym uniforms, white Saint Agnes gaiters and school sweatshirts. The order form is also on the school website if you need to order during the year.

**Names on sweatshirts:** Please remember to mark names on school sweatshirts, lunch boxes, etc. If we see a name on the item we can get it back to its owner. We already have some unclaimed sweatshirts in the office with no names.

**Update on school yearbooks:** Lifetouch is working hard to print and deliver the yearbooks from last year. We hope to have them soon. Many things impacted their production facility over the summer, including the COVID shutdowns, absences due to COVID and the riots. They check in with us often and as soon as they arrive we will send them home.

**Virtual Bookfair:** Our Book Fair is online from Sept. 11-24! Support our school and help your child discover new books, favorite characters, value packs, and more! Orders are delivered right to your home and you can take advantage of FREE shipping on book-only purchases over \$25. It's a new school year... let's instill a new-found love of reading! Order at <https://www.scholastic.com/bf/stagnesschool8>

**Cafeteria lunch calendar:** Click [here](#) to see the lunch options for September.

## PARISH NEWS

**2020 Smiles and Miles 5K Run/Walk and Frog Hop Family Challenge:** We are excited to announce that Saint Agnes will host the 10<sup>th</sup> annual Smiles & Miles 5K Run/Walk in honor of Maria Schaffstein as well as the Katie Stewart Frog Hop, but it will look a little different. The sign up link is LIVE for the 2020 Smiles and Miles 5K Run/Walk and Frog Hop Family Challenge! Both VIRTUAL events will take place between Friday, Sept. 11 – Sunday, Sept. 20 with a lot of flexibility for you to work it into your schedule. Click the link below for information about the event & to sign up. Join us for some FITNESS, FUN, & FRIENDLY COMPETITION! [smiles20.givesmart.com](http://smiles20.givesmart.com)

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**Oktoberfest Canceled:** Because of the concerns and resulting protocols about the Covid-19 virus, our parish Oktoberfest for this year is canceled. It would have been held September 25-27. Various options and alternatives were considered, but none seemed satisfactory nor promised to have the desired result. We are all disappointed that this has to be done. Our Oktoberfest has been a great success and is an event we look forward to socially each year. It has also been very helpful for our school and parish finances. If you would still like to support the parish and school, donations can be sent to the parish office. Also, our school has an “Annual Appeal” each fall and it is a great way to support some of the special projects in our school, such as security equipment, technology equipment, carpet, and more...

I take this opportunity to thank Jason Collins for his leadership and all of the members of our Oktoberfest Committee as they have had several meetings to discuss the Oktoberfest and have had to deal most directly with the uncertainty until a decision was reached. –Father Mark Keene

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