



## Saint Agnes Newsletter

Family Newsletter

June 30, 2021



**“It takes a big heart to shape little minds.”**

Welcome to these new faces of Saint Agnes School! We are so excited that they will be joining us for this school year!

*Thank You, Lord, for all that has led to this wonderful day. It is with great anticipation, hope, and joy that we greet our new teachers. Bless the wisdom, talents, diversity, and novelty that they bring and share. Help us to bring out the best in those we welcome today, as they will bring out the best in us. Together, help us to do Your work by doing our work with excellence and reverence. God bless our shared mission and future. Amen.*

Melissa Smith - 2nd Grade: I'm excited for my first year here at St. Agnes! I received my degree in Elementary Education at Northern Kentucky University and am certified to teach grades P-5. I currently have two years of experience teaching second grade in the Diocese. I am looking forward to teaching the same grade at St. Agnes.



Katie Graham - 2nd Grade: I live in Ft. Wright with my husband and three kids. I attended St. Thomas for grade school and Newport Central Catholic for high school. I have a Bachelors, Masters, and Rank 1 degree in elementary education. I am also Nationally Board Certified in elementary language arts. I have been an elementary teacher for 16 years. I have taught 1st grade, 4th grade, and worked with every grade level in reading and math intervention. I am so excited to be starting my journey as a Catholic school teacher at St. Agnes. It is where I got married, where my children were Baptized, and where I attend Mass on Sunday. I look forward to being part of this school community and meeting even more families. I think St. Agnes is the best school around!

Sue Wadsworth - 7/8th Science: I have 31.5 years of teaching experience. I retired this past summer after spending 18 years at Dixie Heights High School. I have also taught in Virginia, Colorado, and with the Department of Defense in Germany as a military spouse. I have two sons; William is 26 and Lance is 24. I like to sew, collect shells, rocks and minerals, and I love to travel. I'm really excited for this new teaching chapter!





Lisa O'Connor - 3rd Grade: I feel blessed to be joining the Saint Agnes community. I am married and have three children who all attend the University of Cincinnati. I live in Villa Hills and have been teaching elementary grades 3-5 for ten years. I began my teaching career at River Ridge Elementary and most recently taught at Grandview Elementary in Bellevue. My hobbies include working out, reading, gardening, and listening to live music. I am thrilled to be teaching third grade this year, and I promise to be fully committed to the call to inspire and empower our students to live the gospel message of Jesus Christ!

Jenny Steffen - Academic Support: I am thrilled to be a new member of the St. Agnes community! I recently finished my 11th year of teaching at a Catholic school in Cincinnati, Ohio. I received my undergraduate degree in Early Childhood Education with a focus in Elementary Special Education from the University of Dayton. I grew up in Cincinnati, Ohio, but recently moved to Northern Kentucky with my husband, our dog Rosie and our new baby, John. I am beyond excited to get to know the staff, students and families, while dedicating myself to St. Agnes in the role of academic support! I am looking forward to a great year!



Katie Schweitzer - 6th Science/Social Studies: I went to St. Anthony for K-8th grade then continued my Catholic Education at Holy Cross High School. I graduated from Northern Kentucky University after completing my student teaching abroad in South Africa. I taught 6th grade Mathematics in Kenton County School District for 2 years after graduating from NKU. In my free time, I enjoy being active by running or partaking in Yoga and Pilates! Also, I love anything Disney related, am a HUGE Kenny Chesney fan, and coffee is my biggest weakness. I am looking forward to a great school year and feel so blessed to be a part of the St. Agnes Family!

Sara Auciello - 6/7th Religion: I graduated from Northern Kentucky University in 2019, this is my first year at St Agnes, and I have a background in both education and junior high and high school Catholic youth ministry. I was born and raised on the west side of Cincinnati where I've lived all my life, and I am engaged to marry my fantastic fiance in May. On a day where I'm not teaching you could probably find me in a coffee shop curled up with a book about fairy tales, Jane Austen, or St. Mother Teresa. I am passionate about the importance of the role our youth play in the future of the Church, and I am extremely excited for an opportunity to give students the tools necessary to help them to embrace our Catholic faith and to make it their own. In the words of St John Paul II, "Life with Christ is a wonderful adventure..." and I would hate for my students to miss it!



Maggie Flanagan - 7/8th Social Studies: I have lived in Northern Kentucky my whole life, attending St. Pius X and Notre Dame Academy. I currently hold a Bachelor of Fine Arts from Morehead State University, a Bachelor of Arts in History from Northern Kentucky University, and am working on my Master's in Teaching at NKU. I have two dogs, Angus and Gidget, and in my free time I love to discover treasures while antiquing - you may see some of these treasures in my classroom! I'm very excited to be a St. Agnes Wildcat and to help my students have a safe and fun school year!

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## KINDERGARTEN FAMILIES

Just a reminder that all kindergarten students will need to turn in an immunization certificate and a preventative health care form by the first day of school. Check with your healthcare provider to get these completed forms. If you have questions, email Mindy Sucher [msucher@saintagnes.com](mailto:msucher@saintagnes.com)

## INCOMING 6th GRADE FAMILIES

If you have a student entering 6th grade, it is likely that we need an updated immunization certificate and preventative healthcare form. Please check with your healthcare provider to make sure your child is current with required immunizations and send updated forms to the office. If you have questions, email Mindy Sucher [msucher@saintagnes.com](mailto:msucher@saintagnes.com)

## SCHOOL SUPPLIES

It's back to school shopping time! Here is the [school supply list](#) for 2021-22. It is also posted on the school website for your convenience.

If you would like to order the school supply packs sold by PTO, the deadline to order is July 1. Avoid the rush in the store and pick up your complete kits along with personalized labels at school before school starts. PTO receives \$5 from each kit sold. Place your order [here](#).

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

August 15 - Classroom Sneak Peek, Welcome Back Mass, & Cookout (more details to come)

August 18 - First day of school (11 a.m. dismissal)

August 27 - Parish Homecoming Event (6:00 pm - 11:00 pm)

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