



Saint Agnes Newsletter

Family Newsletter

August 4, 2021

NEW FACULTY

Welcome to these new faces of Saint Agnes School! We are so excited that they will be joining us for this school year! Remember, our classroom sneak peek on August 15 is a great opportunity to see the classrooms and introduce yourself to the teachers.



Maddie Axtell-Stegman - 7/8th Reading & Grammar: I graduated from Mount St. Joseph University in May with a degree emphasizing English and education, and I am thrilled to begin my journey in the field of education. I am also newly married, so I am beginning a new chapter of my life in so many exciting ways! Teaching is my passion, and I am beyond excited to have the opportunity to teach at Saint Agnes. I look forward to getting to know each of you as we begin this new school year!

Vanessa Dixon - Spanish: Hola! Hello! I am from Caracas, Venezuela and my family is from Spain which I visited often as a child. I lived in Costa Rica for three years prior to moving to Cincinnati almost 20 years ago. I worked for Procter and Gamble both in Venezuela and Costa Rica and started teaching Spanish 17 years ago. I live in Anderson with my husband, three children and our dog. I love traveling and learning about cultures from around the world. I have been taking French lessons because being a student helps me be a better Spanish teacher. I feel blessed to start this new journey at St. Agnes and cannot wait to expose kids to the Spanish language and its rich culture!



Natalie Egan - Library: After subbing here for the past two years, I am excited to join the faculty at St. Agnes! I have my bachelors in Elementary Education and Middle School English from Thomas More University and my Masters in English from Northern Kentucky University. I taught 3rd grade for three years before being a stay at home mom. My husband and I live in Fort Wright. Our son, Adam, will be in 2nd grade at St. Agnes, and we are in the process of adopting our foster daughter, Hannah, who is 10 months old. I'm looking forward to sharing my love of books and reading with all the students at St. Agnes!

Joanne Lape - Instructional Aide: One year of retirement was enough for me! I missed St. Agnes too much! I missed the students! After thirty years of teaching fourth and fifth grade at St. Agnes, I am excited to be coming back as a part time fourth grade instructional aide. I am looking forward to working with the faculty and staff, parents, and mostly the students!



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

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

ROOM PARENT OPPORTUNITY

Consider signing up to be a Room Parent/Helper for your child's classroom this year! If you're new to St. Agnes, or haven't done this before, it's a great way to do something special for the kids and support our teachers. We'd love to see some new faces for these roles – it's really quite easy and a fun way to be involved! More information and the form is attached [here](#). Please return as soon as possible. Note that you MUST be Virtus-certified. If you have any questions, contact Carlene Brungs at cjbrungs@fuse.net

PARISH NEWS

St. Agnes Homecoming turns 50!: This year will mark 50 years of our parish, current and past members alike, coming together for an evening of fun, fellowship, and family. If you are new to St. Agnes, our Homecoming is something that is unique to our parish. It is a FUN- raiser, not a fundraiser. There is music, good food and drinks, games for kids, and the opportunity to visit with parishioners from long ago and those who just joined our family. It is an inexpensive evening of fun. Mark your calendar for Friday, August 27 from 6 -11 on the parish grounds. We are always in need of many volunteers to help to make this evening a success. Please consider signing up to volunteer or bake/ bring a special dessert. Students grades 5 and up are encouraged to volunteer at the kids games. Watch for sign up information in the next newsletter.

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VIRTUS

Saint Agnes will be hosting an in-person VIRTUS training session in Murphy Hall on Wednesday, August 11 at 6:30 p.m. Please register online at www.virtus.org

COMMUNITY NEWS

Notre Dame Academy - Middle School Cross Country: NDA welcomes any 5th-8th grade girls who attend an NDA feeder school and are interested in participating on our 2021 middle school cross country team! This is a wonderful introduction to the rewarding sport of cross country. Our first practices will be Monday August 16 from 5-6pm. and Wednesday August 18 4-5pm at NDA. We will practice twice a week at NDA or Devou Park. We compete in approximately 6-7 meets over the course of a couple months, with the season ending in late October. A KHSAA physical is required. Please direct all questions to our Jim Parsons at 859-802-1008 or jim.parsons@citcowater.com

Seeking Lower Tuition Payments?: Parishioners of St. Thomas (POST) is a non-profit group based in St. Thomas Parish, Fort Thomas, that provides opportunities to school families to reduce tuition costs or for parish members to meet personal tithing goals by working Reds and Bengals games. Any family member of a Diocese of Covington parish or school is eligible to participate. Training is necessary. Currently we are looking for anyone interested in working Reds games. For more information, email Oak Martin at poststthomas@gmail.com.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

August 10	BOCE Mtg. (6 p.m., virtual)
August 11	New Family Orientation - parents only (6 p.m., gym)
August 11	VIRTUS Training (Murphy Hall, 6:30 p.m.)
August 15	Classroom Sneak Peek (school, 9-10 a.m.)
August 15	Welcome Back Mass (church, 10:30 a.m.)
August 15	Cookout (field, 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.)
August 18	First Day of School (Dismissal, 11 a.m.)
August 25	Back-to-School Orientation (6 p.m.)
August 27	Parish Homecoming (6-11 p.m.)

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