



Saint Agnes Newsletter

Family Newsletter
September 1, 2021

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Thank you for your continued cooperation in helping us maintain in-person instruction. If you ever have a question about a potential close contact or any other covid scenario on which you are unclear, please don't hesitate to reach out. As we saw last year, the only way to prevent spread in our building is by working together to keep our school community healthy.

~ Erin Redleski

COVID-19 UPDATES

Masks at All School Mass: Our all school Masses take place on Fridays at 9:20 a.m. Students and staff must wear a mask for Friday Mass due to the availability of seating and spacing between students and classes.

Lunch Seating: We've worked hard this week to restructure our lunch schedule to maximize spacing between students. We're using Murphy Hall, the teacher's lounge, the library, and the cafeteria to create a six foot spacing between students.

Positive Cases & Quarantines: As of today, four students are quarantined due to a positive test result, and 32 are quarantined due to a close contact exposure.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

August

23 Mum Online Sale Opens (PTO)

September

- 6 Labor Day - No School
- 7 Mum Online Sale Ends (PTO)
- 8 Fall MAP Testing Begins
- 9 Lifetouch Picture Day
- 14 BOCE Mtg. (6 p.m., meeting room)
- 15 PTO Meeting (7 p.m., school library)
- 17 Smiles and Miles Walk-a-thon
- 23 CCH/NDA 8th Grade Shadow Day
- 25 Saint Agnes Golf Outing (Athletic Boosters)

[Video instructions](#) on how to log your family service hours on Sycamore.

SCHOOL NEWS

Cafeteria News: Click [here](#) for the September lunch menu

BOOSTERS

Booster help needed: The Boosters are looking for a girls basketball director and other positions as well. Please contact Eric Dickman at ericd18@twc.com if interested.

Basketball Registration for 2021-2022 Season: Basketball registration is currently open. Deadline to register is Wednesday, September 15 for all grades. Saint Agnes offers basketball for students currently enrolled at St. Agnes in all grades. K-2 has the opportunity to participate in a 6 to 7 week instructional basketball session for boys and girls. This is held on Sunday afternoons starting in late October or early November. Grades 2 - 8 boys or girls will play in leagues hosted at various schools in the NKY area. Seasons start in the fall and run through winter. Registration for all leagues is found at the Boosters website: <http://tshq.bluesombrero.com/saintagnesboosters> (Click on "Registration Info"). For any additional questions about the basketball programs, contact Rob Lynch at roblynch474@gmail.com for boys, contact Ken Schneider at kwschneider@gaiig.com for girls, and contact Chris Lantz at lantzcm@gmail.com for K-2 Instructional Basketball.

Smiles and Miles: Smiles and Miles is an annual tradition in the Saint Agnes community to honor Maria Schaffstein and Katie Stewart, former students who lost their lives. In years past, we have come together mid- September for the 5K walk/run and fellowship. The funds raised from Smiles and Miles events support scholarships for students entering high school, Saint Agnes School, Boosters and Parish.

This year, on Friday September 17, we are transitioning the event to an in-school walk-a-thon for all students. Every student will have a pledge site and will receive a t-shirt. Volunteers, who are current on Virtus training, will be needed the day of the event. Event information will be sent home soon. If you have any questions, would like to volunteer, or would like to sponsor the event as a company or family, please email smilesandmiles5k@gmail.com.

Saint Agnes Boosters Golf Outing: Registration is now open for the 2021 Saint Agnes Boosters Golf Outing! This is a fundraiser for Saint Agnes Athletics and the Christian values we work to instill through athletics. September 25th - check in is at 3:00 p.m. with a shotgun start at 4:00 p.m. \$70 per person. Sign-up as an individual, couple, any size group, or an 8-person team. We will pair-up players not signed up as an 8-person team. This is a 9-hole scramble with alternate shot format at Kenton County. Dinner and live music at Kenton County Golf Course will follow the golf event. If you can't play in the outing, consider sponsoring a hole sign for \$100 to support Saint Agnes Athletics. To register to play or sponsor a hole, visit: <https://school.saintagnes.com/boosters>

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OKTOBERFEST

In an effort to make the Oktoberfest Silent Auction tent even more successful, we are having a “Gift Gathering” this coming Thursday, from 5 PM until 8 PM in Murphy Hall. Appetizers and drinks will be available. We hope this will further the success of the Silent Auction as well as provide an opportunity to meet and socialize with fellow parishioners. Particularly since this is an indoor event, we ask everyone to wear a mask, especially if you have not been vaccinated.

The Silent Auction is an important component of our Oktoberfest... and our Oktoberfest is important for our school. All of the proceeds are used to benefit our school by:

- Funding operating expenses which helps to keep tuition lower.
- Contributing a percentage of the proceeds into our School Endowment Fund, which currently contributes nearly \$60,000/year toward our school operating expenses
- A certain amount is also reserved for “off years” such as last year when the Oktoberfest was cancelled because of the pandemic. Needless to say, this reserve is nearly exhausted.

A \$50 donated gift per couple is suggested. Suggestions include but are not limited to: gift cards, high school “spirit wear,” tickets to sporting events, baskets of all sizes and shapes, gas/fuel cards, bottles of wine/liquor/bourbon, etc.

Thank you,

Father Mark Keene, Pastor of Saint Agnes Parish

Jason Collins, Chair of Oktoberfest Committee

Ginny France, Coordinator of Oktoberfest: Silent Auction

PTO

PTO Mumkin Fundraiser: A big THANK YOU to all of the families who have embraced our new fall fundraiser by selling Mumkins! We are off to a great start with \$6,000 profit in just one week of sales...And this is with just 53% of our school families activating their link! If you did not receive the flier in your youngest child’s folder, nor see the email from Fundraiseit.org (be sure to check your junk / spam folders) please contact Laura Mauller at 513-290-3503, so that we can get your family selling link set up! The sale runs through midnight of next Tuesday, September 7th – that leaves us a full week to beat our goal of \$8,000! Remember, those families who sell 10 items will earn an OUT OF UNIFORM DAY (date to be determined) for your kids. Thanks again for all of your support!

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Wildcat Social is looking for Volunteers: What is Wildcat Social you ask? Wildcat Social is a committee that will plan and put on four different social events throughout the school year. It's a fun way to socialize outside of school with old friends and meet new families, too, while raising money for PTO! This year we will be bringing back "Mother-Son" (shooting for an outdoor event in fall), "Father- Daughter" (early March), a ladies event "Hangover Christmas" (Jan/after Christmas break), and one more "open event" (TBD-an event to include students and families likely toward the end of the school year.) If you would like to be on the planning committee for any of these events, or have ideas for new events (we can only have 4/year), please email Stephanie Lonnemann at kenning.stephanie@gmail.com. Planning committees will meet in the evenings, beginning a month or two before the event. You choose which Wildcat Social event you would like to be a part of (would love to have 6-8 volunteers for each event.) So round up some friends, send me some names and let's start planning some fun! Thanks. Stephanie Lonnemann, Wildcat Social Chair

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