



# NEWSLETTER

## Saint Agnes Newsletter

Family Newsletter

August 24, 2022

### FROM THE PRINCIPAL

We're excited for this year's school theme, *All Missions are Possible with God*, and our mission for August and September is friendliness. I have no doubt that our students will have great success with this mission. We hope to see you all at the Saint Agnes Homecoming on Friday evening. Everyone is welcome!

~ Erin Redleski

### SCHOOL NEWS

**Birthday Book Club:** The Birthday Book Club is back! If you attended St. Agnes as a child you might remember the Birthday Book Club and may have donated a book that is still in the library! This school year we are starting the club back up and a new generation can have their names featured in a book in the library. Information on the Birthday Book Club and how to participate is going home today. Be sure to turn in the form at least a week before your child's birth month to ensure they are honored during their birthday month. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Egan [negan@saintagnes.com](mailto:negan@saintagnes.com).

### SCHOOL CALENDAR

#### August

- 25 Spiritwear day
- 26 Parish Homecoming (6-11 p.m.)

#### September

- 1 Back-to-School/Curriculum Night (parents only)
- 5 No School: Labor Day
- 8 Lifetouch school pictures
- 12 BOCE New Member Orientation (7 p.m., Curia)
- 13 BOCE Meeting
- 23 Early Dismissal (11 a.m.)
- 23-25 Saint Agnes Oktoberfest
- 29 Spiritwear day

**Yearbooks:** If you ordered a 2021-22 yearbook from last year, they are being sent home today. Be sure to check your child's backpack.

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**Spiritwear Day tomorrow:** Tomorrow is our first spiritwear day! As a reminder to our uniform policy on spiritwear days, students may wear any Saint Agnes shirt (spiritwear, sports team shirt, gym shirt, etc.) with uniform bottoms (regular uniform bottoms or gym uniform bottoms). Sleeveless tops must have a short sleeved shirt underneath. Spirit wear shorts and spirit wear sweatpants may not be worn on spiritwear days.

**Lifetouch school pictures:** Order forms are being sent home with every student today so be on the lookout. The photographer will be here on September 8th for school pictures. Either send in the order form or you can order online at [mylifetouch.com](http://mylifetouch.com) using picture day ID: EVT492SH6. Students can dress out of uniform for picture day in nice/appropriate clothes for school.

**Message from the cafeteria:** The cafeteria is experiencing quite a few students with cafeteria debt. Please check your child's account on [K12paymentcenter.com](http://K12paymentcenter.com). If your child accrues a negative balance of \$10.00, an alternate lunch will be served until their balance is paid in full. At the end of everyday an email is sent to all of the parents of the students that have a negative balance. If you feel like you may be eligible for free/reduced lunch, you can get an application in the school office or click [here](#) for information. If you have any questions concerning your child's cafeteria account, please feel free to contact the Cafeteria Manager, Mary Long at [cafeteria@saintagnes.com](mailto:cafeteria@saintagnes.com)

**Water bottles:** Students may bring water bottles to school to keep hydrated. If a student does not have a water bottle, they can get a drink from the water fountain. We have water fountains and water bottle refilling stations on each floor of school.

**Lunch 'N Learn:** Would you like to help make sure your student's teacher is up-to-date with the latest technological trends? Please help us by providing appetizers and desserts for the teachers during their monthly Lunch 'n Learns. Our first Lunch 'n Learn is scheduled for September 19th.

What are Lunch 'n Learns?

St. Agnes Computer/Technology Coordinator, Christina Woolley, will hold monthly meetings, during teachers' lunches, to bring teachers up-to-date on the latest technology trends. There are about 30-35 teachers in all. We are asking for (at least) two volunteers for each category of food listed. The food would need to be delivered to school by 10:30 am the morning of the scheduled meeting.

You do not have to be Virtus trained to volunteer for this activity and please remember to count this toward your required service hours on Sycamore. If you have any questions, please contact Christina Woolley at [cwoolley@saintagnes.com](mailto:cwoolley@saintagnes.com). You can sign-up using the following [link](#). Thank you for your help!

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**Back-to-School/Curriculum Night** will be on the evening of September 1st - mark your calendar. It is a parent-only event that gives the opportunity for parents to meet their child(ren)'s teachers and learn about the grade level(s). More information will be sent next week.

**Substitute Bus Drivers Needed:** We are looking for some substitute bus drivers. Requirements and advantages of being a sub bus driver:

- 1) obtain a class B CDL with P&S endorsements (training may be provided)
- 2) be able to drive as needed for morning and afternoon routes (would be trained on all routes)
- 3) be able to drive field trips during the day, possibly do field trips for other schools (eg. NDA, CCH)
- 4) this could work into a regular driver in the future as current drivers are aging quickly
- 5) get to know the students and hear their family secrets. lol
- 6) GET PAID!

If you are interested in this amazing opportunity, contact our head bus driver, Mr. Dan Lange, at 859-512-4691 or Mrs. Redleski [redleski@saintagnes.com](mailto:redleski@saintagnes.com).

## PTO NEWS

**Room Parent Volunteers:** Please 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 from either in or outside the classroom from home. 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 by Friday, August 26<sup>th</sup>. Note that you MUST be Virtus-certified. If you have any questions, contact Carlene Brungs at [cjbrungs@fuse.net](mailto:cjbrungs@fuse.net).

## BOOSTERS

**Volunteers Needed for Wednesdays:** We still have some open spots for September and October! The 7th grade volleyball league needs some volunteers to help with the Wednesday evening volleyball league that is hosted at Saint Agnes. This is a great opportunity for both students and/or parents to get some service hours. Sign up [here](#)! We will provide directions for all volunteer jobs.

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**Basketball League help needed:** St. Agnes hosts a 7th/8th combo league on Saturday mornings. We are looking for someone to help run the league this season. This league generates over \$5,000 for the Boosters program which has helped pay for new uniforms, backboards, basketballs and many other sports needs for your kids. Duties include, opening and closing the gym. Confirming referees and score keepers. Confirming additional workers to run entry fees and concession. Scheduling the games and running the end of the year tournament. Please let Rob Lynch ([RobLynch474@gmail.com](mailto:RobLynch474@gmail.com)) know if you are interested in helping with the 7/8 league.

**Basketball Registration for 2022-2023 Season:** Basketball registration is now open and will be until Wed, Sept 14th for all grades. Late registrations are not guaranteed and subject to a \$10 increase. 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](mailto:RobLynch474@gmail.com) for boys, contact Stephanie and Joe Lawrie at [Lawriefamily10@gmail.com](mailto:Lawriefamily10@gmail.com) for girls. Notice: Some leagues will be charging the whole team season unlimited gate fees, so you may be required to pay a 1 time gate fee of \$30-\$50 depending on team size and gate fees on top of your registration fee. You will have season long free unlimited visitors to your kid's games for leagues that choose to do this. Otherwise it's the normal per person/game fee of a few dollars.

## PARISH NEWS

**Parish Homecoming:** Mark your calendar for Friday, August 26 from 6 -11 on the parish grounds. This year will mark 51 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. 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 for set up and to work the kids games. (Set up will be after school on Fri, Aug 26 from 3-4. Pick up will be in the church parking lot near the basketball courts.) Sign up [here](#) to volunteer. Contact Debbie Finke ([dfine@saintagnes.com](mailto:dfine@saintagnes.com)) with questions.

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**Walking with Purpose:** Are you looking to grow your faith while connecting with other women in the parish? The Walking with Purpose bible study will begin on Tuesday, October 4<sup>th</sup>. We will have sessions in the morning (9-10:30 am) and the evening (7-8:30 pm). This is a great way to get to know other women and grow closer to God. You can send the attached [registration form](#) to Maureen Osterhaus, c/o Ava in 2G or it can be returned to the parish office.

**Oktoberfest:** This is our biggest parish fundraiser. And is it fast approaching...only 5 weeks away. This year's festival will be held on September 23rd, 24th and 25th and will feature a great selection of food, a beer garden, live music, raffles, games and fun for all ages.

- Sponsorships - There is still time to be a sponsor. Deadline is September 1 so you can be included in the signage. Click [here](#) for information.
- Bourbon - New this year we are offering a limited edition "Oktoberfest" etched bottle of New Riff bourbon. Quantities are limited and going fast so act quickly to reserve your bottle with this [bourbon pre-order](#).
- Silent Auction - Donations are needed for our silent auction. If you know of a business/individual that might be interested in donating, please give them the [attached letter](#). All donations are welcome!

## COMMUNITY NEWS

**Notre Dame Middle School Cross Country Team:** Cross Country season is underway for the Notre Dame Academy Middle School Team! We are looking for 5-8th grade girls who love running or are interested in learning more about the sport to join the team. Practices are at NDA on Tuesday and Wednesdays from 6:30-7:30 p.m. with six local meets around the area. If you have any questions feel free to reach out to our Coach Kiersten Proctor at [Kiersten.furnish@gmail.com](mailto:Kiersten.furnish@gmail.com) for more details.

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