



NEWSLETTER

Saint Agnes Newsletter

Family Newsletter
November 30, 2022

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

The season of Advent is upon us. We will prepare our hearts for Christmas with our Advent activities and encourage our students to spread joy to others. May joy, peace and love fill your home this season!

~ Erin Redleski

SCHOOL NEWS

Registration for 2023-24: Our registration for new students (kindergarten and grades 1-8) for next year is now open. This is only for new students (not our current students who will re-register in January.) Please [click here](#) for information on the enrollment process or go directly to the [registration link here](#). Spread the word if you know of families waiting to register.

Tardies: As we enter the second trimester, we will keep track of tardies and follow the tardy policy in the [parent-student handbook](#). Hopefully everyone has established morning routines that will get them to school on time so they can maximize their learning. Thank you for encouraging punctuality.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

November

30 First Reconciliation for 2nd grade (7 p.m.)

December

5 Skyline Eat-Out Night (Ft. Wright Skyline 3-9pm)

8 NO SCHOOL - Immaculate Conception

9 Service Day (school-wide)

9 Update: Family Group Day (wear family group shirt)

12-16 Christmas Shop (Murphy Hall)

13 BOCE Mtg. (6 p.m., school)

14 Technology Presentation (5th-8th gr. students)

14 Big Blue Bash Meeting (7 p.m.)

15 Spirit Wear Day

15 Children's Theater Field Trip: Gr. 2

16 Children's Theater Field Trip: Gr. 1 and Kdg

18 K-3 Christmas Program (6 p.m. church)

18 Live Nativity (6-8 p.m., outside Murphy Hall)

18 Christmas Program Reception (Murphy Hall)

20 Family Group Day (wear family group shirts)

20 Early Dismissal (11 a.m.)

21-Jan.2 NO SCHOOL - Christmas Break

Student Council's Penny War: The Penny War ends this Friday, Dec. 2. Proceeds will purchase items needed for a school-wide Service Day (Dec. 9). Students are encouraged to use their own money, do small jobs to earn money, and/or check under couch cushions!

Student/Parent Presentation - *A Wired Family*: Mr. Steve Smith will be presenting to our 5th-8th grade students on Wednesday, December 14. Mr. Smith's presentation focuses on internet safety and social media trends. Parents are welcome to attend. The 5th/6th grade session will be from 12:30-1:15 p.m., and the 7th/8th grade session will be from 1:30-2:15 p.m. Additional information about [A Wired Family](#) can be accessed using the provided link.

K-3 Christmas Performance: Let's get into the holiday spirit! We are excited to invite parents and families to our Christmas Performance on Sunday, December 18th at 6:00 p.m. at Saint Agnes Church. All students in Kindergarten through 3rd grade will be participating. Please join us after the program for a winter reception in Murphy Hall!

Live Nativity: Our junior high service club and youth ministry will be setting the scene for the Christmas Season on Sunday, December 18 from 6-8 p.m. with their Live Nativity! If you have any costumes or items that can be lent out for this event, please contact Debbie Finke at dfinke@saintagnes.com

Cafeteria News: Starting this week the protein pack and hummus grab/go options will no longer be available.

Ft. Wright Tree Lighting Ceremony: Saint Agnes School has been selected to perform at the Ft. Wright Tree Lighting Ceremony on Saturday, December 3rd at 6pm. This is a public event held by the Ft. Wright Garden Club at the city building located at 409 Kyles Ln, Ft. Wright at 6pm on December 3rd. Please arrive by 5:30pm. Children should wear festive clothes appropriate for the weather. There will be hot chocolate and cookies served! Please arrive by 5:30 as we are first on the agenda for the program and will need to gather inside the Administrative building lobby to prepare. The St. Agnes Carolers (children and adults) will sing a few songs, then the mayor says a few words and lights the tree.

Family Service Hours: Just a friendly reminder to log your service hours in Sycamore. We ask that each family contribute 20 hours of service throughout the school year. You can download the Sycamore app - we are told it is very easy to log them this way! [Video instructions](#)

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PTO NEWS

Christmas Shop: Saint Agnes will continue the tradition of the Christmas Shop this year! Your children will have the chance to shop with their homeroom for special gifts for their family and friends. The shop will be open December 12 - 16th during school hours - a flier is coming home today! We need a lot of parent volunteers for this shop to run smoothly. A SignUp Genius link and the homeroom shopping schedule will be available soon. More information will be sent on this. If you have any questions please feel free to reach out to Stacey Moorhead, staceyscully4@aol.com.

Skyline night: The Skyline Benefit Night will be next Monday, December 5th, from 3pm-9pm at the Ft. Wright Skyline location. Please mark this on your calendar and share with your family and friends. 10% of the night's sales will be donated back to our school. You can dine in or use the drive through, just make sure to say you are with St. Agnes grade school so we get credit for the sale. This fundraiser supports our school and a local business! We hope to see you there!

Big Blue Bash - Next Meeting Wednesday, December 14, 7pm

Planning is underway for the 2023 Big Blue Bash and you're invited to the next committee meeting! Everyone is welcome - Bring your ideas & talents to make this best BBB yet!!! Can't make the meeting but want to be involved? Email us at saintagnesschoolpto@gmail.com! For more info, check out our FB Page: <https://www.facebook.com/saintagnesbigbluebash>

APPLE (APPRECIATIVE PARENTS PROVIDING LITTLE EXTRAS) Program: Each week we like to provide a treat for the teachers - treats can be anything from baked goods to candy or anything else you think the staff would enjoy. We still have some openings - this is a great way to volunteer. Please [click here](#) to pick a week to sign up - then you can drop off your treat to the office any day during that week. If you have any questions, please email Heather Randolph at harandolph06@gmail.com

PARISH NEWS

Advent Mission with Fr. Hennigan: Please join us each week for a 20 minute reflection with Fr. Michael Hennigan at Saint Agnes Church, Ft. Wright. This Advent Mission will take place on Wednesdays, December 7, 14, and 21 from 7:00 – 8:00 pm in Church. Fr. Hennigan will offer reflections on the theme of “The Musical of the First Two Chapters of the Gospel of Luke,” followed by Eucharistic Exposition and Adoration. Confessions will be offered during Adoration. Benediction will close the Mission evening. Please come pray with us!

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Covington Catholic HSPT: The deadline for registering for the High School Placement Test is Wednesday, December 7th. Please use the link below to register your son. Parents are invited to join the administration in the cafeteria for a light breakfast and a chance to get to know other parents. Staff will be on hand to answer questions about tuition assistance, the admissions process and more. The Spirit Shop will be open during this event. This is a great chance to pick up a Christmas gift for your future Colonel.

Register for HSPT: <https://www.covcath.org/admissions/admissions-events/hspt>

RSVP for Parent Breakfast - <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0e45adad2ba6fcc16-hspt>

Notre Dame Academy HSPT: Attention parents of 8th grade girls! Don't forget to register your daughter for the High School Placement Test (HSPT) at Notre Dame Academy! The HSPT registration deadline at NDA is this Friday, December 2. The HSPT will be given at NDA Saturday, December 10 from 9 a.m. - 12 noon. You can find the registration form online here: <https://www.ndapandas.org/.../admission.../transfer-students>. All incoming freshmen are required to take this test. If the test is taken at another location the results can be sent to Notre Dame Academy; however, priority for academic scholarships will be given to students who take the HSPT at Notre Dame Academy.

Family Tailgate with Santa: Join us on 12/11/22 at Granite World to tailgate before the Bengals game. Click [here](#) for more information. Visit with Santa and hang out with the entire family!

Letters to Santa Program: Hello from Kenton County Parks & Recreation! It's that time of year for our "Letters To Santa, Letters From Santa" program, in cooperation with the Kenton County Public Library. This program runs through Monday, December 12th. Santa's workshop is really humming and Santa is busy reading letters and making lists! Through this program, children will be able to mail a letter to Santa and receive a response from him by Christmas. Santa Express Mailboxes are installed in Kenton County Public Libraries, the Kenton County Government Center in Covington, the Historic Kenton County Courthouse in Independence, and Kenton County Animal Services until December 12. There is no postage necessary for letters that are dropped off at these locations. Letters may be dropped off during regular business hours. Santa, of course, knows where each child lives; however, the post office needs home addresses to deliver the letters! Because each child at the same address will receive a different letter from Santa at home, it is very important that the child's name and complete home address are correct and legible. Letters will be mailed by December 16th. The program is free, but help Kenton County Parks & Recreation share the holiday spirit by bringing a non-perishable food or personal care item donation for Be Concerned when dropping off the letters.

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