



## Saint Agnes Newsletter

Family Newsletter

February 15, 2023

### FROM THE PRINCIPAL

We have many good things happening at Saint Agnes School. Between our sports teams, our academic teams and our many after-school clubs, we love showcasing student achievements and talents. Our teachers, staff and coaches pave the way for a lifetime of learning. Great job, Wildcats!

~ Erin Redleski

### SCHOOL NEWS

**Fat Tuesday Ice Cream Treat:** We have rescheduled our Catholic Schools Week ice cream sundae treat for Fat Tuesday (2/21/23). Volunteers are needed to help scoop and serve ice cream. Please sign up [here](#).

**Congratulations** to our 5th grade academic team on a successful 2nd place finish at the district Governor's Cup competition. We also had many students place individually in math (Cooper 2nd and Branson 4th place), science (Murray 2nd and Jack 3rd), social studies (Liam 1st, Cooper 2nd and Cooper 3rd), language arts (Maevy 2nd), arts and humanities (Mason 1st), and composition (Maevy 3rd place.) Congratulations to all these 5th graders who will move on to the regional competition.

### SCHOOL CALENDAR

#### February

- 15 End of Trimester 2
- 20 NO SCHOOL - Presidents' Day
- 20 Virtus Training Session (6:30 p.m., Murphy Hall)
- 21 Family Group Day (wear family group shirts)
- 21 Ice Cream Treat for students
- 22 Ash Wednesday
- 22 Big Blue Bash Committee Mtg (7 p.m.)
- 23 Spiritwear Day
- 23 Children's Theater Field Trip: Gr. 2
- 24 Children's Theater Field Trip: Gr. K-1
- 28 Rags to Riches Orchestra Show: Gr. 6

#### March

- 3 Family Group Day (wear family group shirts)
- 6 Skyline night fundraiser (3-9, Ft. Wright location)
- 17 NO SCHOOL - Faculty in-service day
- 31 Big Blue Bash (Newport Syndicate)

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**Congratulations** to our Mathcounts Team who represented Saint Agnes at the NKU competition last Saturday (Brylee, Mia, Brooklyn, Dominic, Cole and Jackson.)

**Congratulations** to Haley P. who will represent Notre Dame Bowling in the regional All-Star Tournament! She had one of the highest average scores for our region. We are proud of her!

**Congratulations** to Trudy Carr in our cafeteria who was recognized for working 31 years at Saint. Agnes. An accomplishment like this should not go without a sentiment of gratitude from our school kids so in her honor, today will be Miss Trudy Day at Saint Agnes!

**Brain Quest Club:** Does your Kindergartener or first grader love to test their knowledge? Do they enjoy trivia? Well this is the club for them! We will be offering a quick recall club for 25 students in kindergarten and first grade (first 25 to sign up). Meetings will be on Tuesdays: March 7, 14, 21, 28 and April 4. The club will be from 3:00-3:45 and meet in the kindergarten room. Click on the [Brain Quest](#) link to sign up!

**8th Grade Forensics Club:** Join your fellow 8th graders as we learn to classify and process fingerprints, analyze hair samples under a microscope, create blood spatter patterns, and experience a pickle autopsy. This club is limited to twenty 8th graders. Forensics club will meet on Mondays from 3-4 p.m. on the following dates: February 27, March 13, March 27, April 17, May 1, and May 15. Complete the [Google Form](#) to sign up.

**Lost and Found (left at Skyline several weeks ago):** Is your son missing a pair of khaki pants, a size 14-16 black winter coat, and a pair of brown shoes? They are here in the school office - contact Mrs. Sucher if they are yours.

**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](#)

## BOOSTERS

**Track and Field Registration:** Saint Agnes will have a grade school track and field team again this spring! The team is open to all students grades K-6. Practices will begin March 7 and be held Tuesdays and Thursdays. We will compete in several local meets from late March through mid-May on Saturdays. Registration is now available on the booster website (<https://tshq.bluesombrero.com/saintagnesboosters>) and will run through March 3. If you have any questions please contact Coach McCoy at [stagnestf@gmail.com](mailto:stagnestf@gmail.com).

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**U6 Instructional Soccer (Ages 4-5):** Registration ends for U6 Instructional Soccer at midnight on Sunday 2/19 . Our instructional soccer program is open to all 4-5 year-olds in the community. It takes place on Sunday afternoons from 1:00 -2:00 PM in the Spring and Fall. Each session consists of 30 minutes of practice followed by a 30 minute friendly game. This is a great way for younger children to meet other kids that will attend Saint Agnes. Tell your friends who might not have kids at Saint Agnes yet. Register at the following link by midnight Sunday 2/19.

<https://tshq.bluesombrero.com/saintagnesboosters>.

**Boys' Basketball Director Needed:** We are looking for a new boys basketball director for grades 2-8 for the Fall 2023 season. You could also team-up with someone to be co-directors. This entails taking the registration list and coordinating team and coach assignments, as well as league registration. The Boosters will be there to help you through it all. If you are interested or have questions, please contact Tim McHugh at [timemchugh@gmail.com](mailto:timemchugh@gmail.com).

**SA Basketball Tournament Volunteers Needed:** The Saint Agnes Moffitt Basketball Tournament runs through 2/25. And WE NEED VOLUNTEERS! The Moffitt Tournament provides funding for four \$500 scholarships for 8th graders as well as additional funds for the basketball program, the school and parish. The tournament brings in schools from all over the Cincinnati area and provides a fun experience for all involved. Like last year, no experience is required. We can walk you through any of the jobs, so don't be afraid to try something new. Virtus certification is required for adult volunteers. Please consider volunteering via one of the links below. Student volunteer opportunities exist.

Adult Volunteer Link: <https://signup.com/go/FfkSuzU>

Student Volunteer Link: <https://signup.com/go/uNxrzxR>

## PTO NEWS

**Big Blue Bash Updates:** Don't forget to send in your Cash, Cash, Cash raffle tickets! Please return the completed entry portion of the tickets along with payment to the school office. Tickets can also be purchased electronically at [bbb23.givesmart.com](http://bbb23.givesmart.com). Students in families who sell 10 or more tickets will receive a treat later in the spring!

Families who have sold 10 or more (as of Feb 12): Adkins, Aho, Albers, Chalk, Doyle, Eckhardt, Faris, Finke, Forgiel, Garrison, Jordan, King, Kruetzjans (highest seller!), Lantz, Martinkovic, McDermott, Menetrey, Moorhead, Nozil, Ortwein, Quandt, Riney, Rosing, Schneeman, Schoborg, Seitz, Stahl, Stevens, Tainter, Terrell, Thamann (P, J & G), Wagenlander, Weidner, Zimmerman

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## Big Blue Bash continued...

Click [here](#) for FAQs and sponsorship info. We're still looking for all types of fun things for the silent auction - tickets, gift cards, books, wine, bourbon - anything YOU might want to win, someone else will want as well. Not to mention a vacation rental, AirBnB, private suites, and tickets - Bengals, Reds, FC Cincinnati, concerts?? And any baskets or fun crates/bins you have taking up space - we will take them off your hands! Just drop them at the school or email [SaintAgnesSchoolPTO@gmail.com](mailto:SaintAgnesSchoolPTO@gmail.com) and we'll get them from you.

Want to be even more hands on? Email us to see how you can help (committee meeting attendance not required!) and all hours go toward your Family Service hours! For more information, click [here](#) or follow us at <https://www.facebook.com/saintagnesbigbluebash>. Next meeting will be February 22 in the school library!

## PARISH NEWS

**Volunteers and Virtus Updates:** All adult volunteers (18 and older) must be Virtus compliant. This includes attending a Virtus training session, submitting Virtus paperwork, and completing a background check. After completing these initial steps, you will need to complete a monthly Virtus article to remain compliant.

If you are not yet Virtus trained, we have an upcoming session at Saint Agnes Monday, February 20th from 6:00 – 8:30 p.m. Please go to [www.virtus.org](http://www.virtus.org) to begin the process and register for the session. If you are unsure of your Virtus status or have questions, please email the parish office at [parishoffice@saintagnes.com](mailto:parishoffice@saintagnes.com).

**Saint Agnes Fish Fries:** Saint Agnes will host three Fish Fries this Lent on March 3rd, 10th and 24th in Murphy Hall. This has always been a great community event so be sure to mark your calendars. We need your help to have successful Fish Fries. Please take a moment to visit the below web link to volunteer. The Fish Fries are not possible without our amazing volunteers. **All adult volunteers (18 and older) must be Virtus Compliant.** Students ages 13 – 17 are welcome to sign-up for “Food Server” or “Clean-up” jobs. Please spread the word that we need volunteers. Please sign-up to volunteer at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/409094ba5aa2ba3f85-saint#/>

**Catholic Identity Committee:** Our next meeting will be held on Thursday, March 2nd at 7:00 p.m. in the Chapel. (Murphy Hall will be occupied by Fish Fry setup.) We will discuss areas of interest coming out of our first meeting and goals/action items from there. Parents, parishioners, teachers, clergy - all are welcome and encouraged! Let's bring Christ back to the center of all we do! Questions? Contact Melissa Willig [willig.melissa@gmail.com](mailto:willig.melissa@gmail.com).

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## COMMUNITY NEWS

**Schoolbelles Uniform Shop:** Schoolbelles is having a President's Day Sale. Click [here](#) for more details.

**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 events at Great American Ball Park and Paycor Stadium. 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. Opening Day is March 31! For more information, contact Oak Martin at [poststthomas@gmail.com](mailto:poststthomas@gmail.com).

**KEEP THE CHILDREN IN YOUR LIFE SAFE ONLINE:** The Diocese of Covington Safe Environment Office is excited to host Mr. Stephen Smith with "A Wired Family" for two upcoming presentations. Are you the parent, guardian, grandparent, teacher, coach or caregiver to children, 'tweens or teens? If so, this presentation will open your eyes to the dangers that may lurk on the other side of the screen. These presentations are FREE and open to all adults in our community who want more information and guidance on these topics. To learn more about Mr. Smith and his organization please visit [awiredfamily.org](http://awiredfamily.org). Need more information? Call 859-392-1515.

Presentations:           \*St. Henry District High School- Monday, February 27<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 PM-9:00 PM

                                  \*Bishop Brossart High School- Tuesday, March 7<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 PM-9:00 PM

\*THESE PRESENTATIONS ARE ONLY FOR THOSE 18 AND OLDER DUE TO THE NATURE OF THE TOPICS PRESENTED

**Students First Amendment:** Catholic Conference of Kentucky launched the call to action supporting HB 174 (Students First Constitutional Amendment). This bill would make educational choice part of the Kentucky constitution. Legislative leaders are supporting this effort and the odds of it moving this year are good. Nearly 20 co-sponsors joined before the bill was even filed and we expect many more to join this week if they hear from their constituents. Please share this message far and wide. We need to encourage as many people as possible to contact their legislators.

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