



Saint Agnes Newsletter

Family Newsletter

March 1, 2023

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

March.....In Like a Lion, Out Like a Lamb! It seems February passed by in the blink of an eye and we are definitely looking forward to sunshine and brighter days. Enjoy today's nice weather!

~ Erin Redleski

SCHOOL NEWS

School Lenten Almsgiving - Our Lent committee has planned several activities around the three pillars of Lent: Prayer, Fasting, and Almsgiving. Every student will make a flower with their prayer intention, forming a spiritual bouquet to put together in vases for each class. Prayer intentions will be remembered each morning and religion teachers will incorporate the concept of fasting into their lessons. We will have a schoolwide collection for Rose Garden Mission from February 27-March 30. Parents, please help your child find new or gently used (and freshly laundered) kids' clothes to help out those in need. We will also collect new or gently used games and toys. Our goal is to collect one grocery bag (paper or plastic) from each student. This is a great way to practice almsgiving from the heart during Lent, and it will help the children to think of others who are not as fortunate as them.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

March

- 2 Catholic Identity Meeting (7 p.m.)
- 3 Family Group Day (wear family group shirts)
- 3 Fish Fry (Murphy Hall)
- 6 Skyline night fundraiser (3-9, Ft. Wright location)
- 6 Big Blue Bash Committee Mtg (7 p.m. Library)
- 6 Oktoberfest Meeting (7:30 p.m. Murphy Hall)
- 10 Fish Fry (Murphy Hall)
- 12 Uniform exchange (after 10:30 a.m. Mass)
- 14 Family Group Day (wear family group shirts)
- 16 Spring uniform change (see info below)
- 17 NO SCHOOL - Faculty in-service day
- 22 Big Blue Bash Committee Mtg (7 p.m.)
- 24 Fish Fry (Murphy Hall)
- 30 Spiritwear Day
- 31 Big Blue Bash (Newport Syndicate)

2023-24 School Calendar Dates - [Click here](#)

Uniform Change for Spring: Beginning March 16, uniform shorts (regular and gym) can be worn. Girls will not be required to wear tights/leggings with their jumpers and skirts. Please make sure that skirts are no more than 3" from the *bottom* of the kneecap. And a reminder that all shirts must be tucked into shorts, slacks, or skirts (unless they are the banded polo shirts).

Upcoming Used Uniform Exchange: A Used Uniform Exchange will be held Sunday, March 12th, immediately following 10:30 a.m. Mass in Murphy Hall. If you have items you may bring them or you can get them to me ahead of time. You do not have to bring items to exchange in order to participate. No items will have a cost. In the spirit of the St. Agnes community, please come take what you need. If you no longer need items and they are in usable condition, please return them to me for someone else to take at any time during the year. Volunteers are needed and your help does count towards service hours, please sign up here to help:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C4EAFA62FA6F8CE9-uniform>

Please reach out if you have any questions. Tiffany Hoh (tiffanymchalk@gmail.com/859-801-0969)

Sports Yearbook Photos Needed: Did you capture any amazing individual, small group, or whole team pictures of Saint Agnes-sponsored fall or winter sports that we could include in the yearbook? Please email any pictures to Mrs. Woolley at cwoolley@saintagnes.com.

PTO NEWS

Skyline Night Fundraiser: The Skyline Benefit Night will be next Monday, March 6th, 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 School so we get credit for the sale. This fundraiser supports our school and a local business! We hope to see you!

Teacher Appreciation Committee: We are looking to form a committee to organize and plan activities for Teacher Appreciation Week which is the week of May 8th. If you would like to assist us, please email Heather Randolph at harandolph06@gmail.com.

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. 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. Thank you for volunteering! If you have any questions, please email Heather Randolph at harandolph06@gmail.com

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Big Blue Bash Updates: Tickets are on sale now! Be on the lookout for your invitation in the mail, or click [here](#) to purchase them online! Keep sending in those Cash, Cash, Cash raffle tickets! Please return the completed entry portion of the tickets along with payment to the school office. If you need more paper tickets, email us at SaintAgnesSchoolPTO@gmail.com or tickets can be purchased electronically at 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 26): Adkins, Aho, Albers, Asman, Bosse, Cartwright, Chalk, Dixon, Doyle, Eckhardt, Faris, Finke, Forgiel, Garrison, Holbrook, Jordan, King, Kruetzjans*, Lantz, Martinkovic, McDermott, McNeely, Menetrey, Moorhead, Moriarity, Nienaber (T&R), Nienaber (L, N, C&A), Nozil, Ortwein, Quandt, Rice, Riney, Rosing, Schneeman, Schoborg, Seitz, Sylvester, Stahl, Steedman, Stevens, Tainter, Terrell, Thamann (P, J & G), Wagenlander, Weidner, Woolley, and Zimmerman.

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, as well as 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 and we'll get them from you.

Want to be even more hands on? Sign ups for week & night of event support will be coming soon! Also, plan for a carline donation drop off to be announced in the next week or so...bring gift cards, cash, liquor, wine, anything you want to drop off as a donation!

PARISH NEWS

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. 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#/>

Oktoberfest Meeting: Join us for our first meeting on Monday, March 6 at 7:30 in Murphy Hall. All are welcome - come see what Oktoberfest is all about.

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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.

What's on Your Heart? This Lent, your parish will be conducting a survey on discipleship called the *Disciple Maker Index (DMI)*, and they need to hear from you! As part of the diocesan With One Heart initiative, the survey will ask you to reflect on your own spiritual growth and on your parish's efforts to help you become the best disciple you can be. The information gathered will be used to plan for the future so your parish can become a more faith-filled, vibrant community. The DMI will be accessible online from February 22 through March 27 and will take 10-15 minutes to complete. All responses will be confidential; the parish will only receive information about the community as a whole.. Check your parish bulletin, website, or go to <https://covidio.org/WithOneHeart>.

Lent 2023 : Please join us for a Lenten Mission with Msgr. William Cleves at St. Agnes Church, Ft. Wright. The Mission will take place on Wednesdays March 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29 at 7:00 – 8:00 pm in Church. Msgr. Cleves will offer Lenten reflections on the theme of "Put out into the deep." Each evening Msgr. Cleves will focus on a particular Lenten scripture passage and guide us in understanding and living that scripture message as we journey through Lent. His reflections will be followed by Eucharistic Exposition and Adoration. Confessions will be offered during Adoration. Benediction will close the Mission evening. Please come share this traditional Catholic prayer experience with your children!

COMMUNITY NEWS

NDA Panda Preview Night: Panda Preview Night is a great opportunity for students and parents to visit NDA's campus and learn more about The Notre Dame Life! Join us on Tuesday, March 21 from 6:30 - 8 p.m. to learn more about our admissions requirements, student life, academics and financing high school. This fun and informative evening is for all 6th and 7th grade girls, and 8th grade girls who have not yet made a high school decision. Parents must attend with their students and RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED. You can register online at www.ndapandas.org or RSVP to Katie Caccavari, NDA Director of Admissions, at 859.292.1829 | caccavarik@ndapandas.org by March 18.

NDA Girl Up Day is Back! On Saturday April 1st, we invite 4th-8th graders to come to Notre Dame Academy from 9am-noon. This is a great opportunity for all young women to learn all about leadership and women empowerment. They will engage with other young women from all over the diocese, play fun games, and do many leadership activities! To sign up, click the link: <https://forms.gle/gLoRRetaquLpMLj>

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