



Saint Agnes BEE Newsletter

November 21, 2017

A three-time Blue Ribbon Award winning school.

News From The Principal

Dear Saint Agnes Families,

The first trimester of learning has drawn to a close and your child(ren)'s report card(s) should be enclosed in your family's blue BEE folder. Please spend some time with each child privately in review of their personal progress-to-date as indicated on their report card. It is healthy to identify areas where acknowledgement of their accomplishments and hard work should be given and where they should concentrate their focus for growth during the second trimester. Be mindful and have individual conversations with siblings, and be intentional to avoid comparisons between them. Allow for celebration of each child's unique gifts and talents. Your kind support of and respectful partnership with our teachers and support staff is also appreciated.

As we move forward in trimester two, be aware that there are only 17 instructional days before the Christmas break. Students' attendance at school for the entirety of the day is essential! For our middle school students in grades 6, 7, and 8, they will have mid-year exams in December. This is an opportunity for students to learn how to incrementally review and study material for a lengthier assessment that may require them to apply learned knowledge, synthesize or analyze information, recall prior learning and more. Students and parents should look for the schedule of exams and for study guides that are posted digitally and should begin preparing well in advance for exams.

Finally, the faculty and staff of Saint Agnes School wish you a safe and happy Thanksgiving holiday!

Sincerely,
Ms. Julie Daly
Principal, Saint Agnes

Give thanks to the God of heaven, for his loving-kindness, (graciousness, mercy, compassion) endure forever. Psalm 136:26

Calendar

[Calendar Link](#)

Wed.-Fri. **Nov. 22nd-24th** Thanksgiving Holidays-No school, ASC closed

Tues., **Nov. 28th**, Pastoral Council meeting at 6:30PM

Wed., **Nov. 29th**, New Members meeting at 6:30PM, prospective parishioners

Wed., **Nov. 29th**, Spirit Night-Buckhead's Mountain Grill

Looking Ahead

Mon., **Dec. 4th** 8-8:15AM Advent Prayer Service in the Gym, parents welcome

Wed., **Dec. 6th** **Early dismissal at noon**, ASC open

Thurs., **Dec. 7** at 12:30, Gr. 4 Grandparent/Parent Lunch

Thurs.& Fri., **Dec. 14 and 15th** 7PM School Play, in the Gym

Mon., **Dec. 18th** 7PM Gr. 1 & 2 Christmas Program presented to families, Gym

Tues., **Dec. 19th** 2:55PM Dismissal for Christmas Holidays

Links

[Kindergarten Dishscraper](#)

[Grade 6 Dishscraper](#)

[Grade 7 Dishscraper](#)

[Grade 4 Dishscraper](#)

[PlusPortals](#)

[November Playground Link](#)

[December Playground Link](#)

Field Trips

Thurs., **Nov. 30th**, Gr. 2 field trip to the Cathedral of the Assumption

Thurs.-Sat., **Nov. 30th-Dec. 2nd**, Gr. 6-8 to KYA Conference, off site

Fri. **Dec. 1st**, Gr. 7-8 field trip to Muhammad Ali Center

STAR Math Results

This year, Saint Agnes is using the STAR Math assessment to incrementally assess student math learning in grades 3-6. Enclosed in today's BEE, those students in grades 3, 4, 5, and 6 will have a parent letter and a three page report to show their child's benchmark score and subsequent score after the first trimester of math instruction. The final page of this report shows a nice line plot of the scores. Minimally, we will give the assessment each trimester to inform progress as well as next steps. Please contact Ms. George or Ms. Daly with any questions.

Grade 1 & 2 Music Program

The date for the 1st and 2nd grade Christmas Music Program has been changed. The program will be Monday, December 18th at 7PM in the gym. All first and second grade students will prepare their songs and lines with Ms. Duncan at school. Ms. Duncan and your child's teachers will be in touch with details. All are invited to view and enjoy this heartwarming program!

ASC Schedule

ASC will be closed Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, November 22nd through 24th. Ms. Kasetta and Ms. Lee wish you a very restful and happy Thanksgiving break!

Prayers

Please pray for the special intentions of the Saint Agnes Community
Please continue prayers for Matt Donahue, brother of Emily and Ella
Please pray for people who are missing loved ones during this holiday season

Food Collection

During the month of November the school collects canned goods and dry food items for the Christmas baskets that are distributed in December through the St. Vincent de Paul Society. We encourage each student to help by bringing in donations to their classroom of canned goods and dry food items during November to help those in need. We will provide a cart at carpool drop off heavy or large donations. **On the evening of December 14th, parish members are invited to sort the food donations** for delivery to families in need.

Inclement Weather Schedule

EMERGENCY SCHOOL CLOSING

On days of inclement weather, parents are asked to listen to one of the local television or radio stations for possible announcements about school closings. Messages will, whenever possible, also be sent through the REACH Alert System.

One of two announcements will probably be made:

- 1) All Jefferson County Catholic Schools will be closed.
- 2) All Jefferson County Catholic Schools are on a delayed schedule.

For Saint Agnes, a delayed schedule means that students are in the classroom at 9:50 am and school instruction begins at 10:00 am.

Students may arrive at 9:15 am and 9:50 am on these days. The bus begin pickups at 9:00 am. Saint Agnes will again utilize *Distance Learning* as a way to make up some school days.

Distance Learning

Saint Agnes School faculty and families look forward to enjoying a snow day or two this year! With the prospect of an "eventful" winter with regard to weather, Saint Agnes School will again utilize Distance Learning (DL) as one way to make up some inclement weather days. The school administration will use discretion when deciding when to implement a DL day and asks for your flexibility and support to help these days run smoothly.

Each grade level, K-8, has prepared and will communicate by Dec. 1st, their plans for these days. Some grades include paper packets of instructions and/or work for students to complete and families or caregivers to help implement from home. Others, particularly our Middle School teachers, will communicate digitally through email, Gaggie, and/or Google classroom. When you receive your child(ren's) plan, please take a moment to review the it in advance of a DL day so things run smoothly. Completed and returned work will be reviewed and is proof positive of "attendance" during a Distance Learning day. Thank you for your patience and teamwork on this.

Mr. Mann's Science Class

Mr. Mann and his sixth grade math students have a to scale model of the solar system in the Highlands beginning with the "sun" in our school lobby. Ask a student to tell you about this project and their learning!

Stack Up Cups

CUPS FOR CASH Speed Stacks are available to purchase from Saint Agnes for \$20 per set. You may send in cash/check (made out to Saint Agnes). We can either hold your cups in the office (if it is a Christmas gift) or send the cups home with your student (please indicate your preference). Cups will be available until **Friday, Dec. 1, 2017**. Place your payment in an envelope send it to the office with: Att. Ms. Dragoo, Speed Stack Cups. There are limited numbers of these colors available: 1-Black Flame, 1-Cool Blue, 5-Red/White Flame, 2-Green, 4-Hawaiian Print, 1-Pink Leopard, 1-Pink, 4-Blue/White Splatter, 2-Blue/black Tattoo, 2-Blue/gray/white Digital Camo.

2018-2019 Pre-K/Kindergarten

If you are a current family and will have a child in Pre-K or Kindergarten next year, and intend to enroll that child at Saint Agnes School and have not submitted an application please contact the school office 458-2850 immediately to secure your spot. (Pre-K students minimally must be 4 yrs. by August 1, 2018 and Kindergarten students minimally must be 5 yrs. by August 1, **2018**).

Water Step Program

The fifth grade annual shoe collection for Water Step will end on Monday, Dec. 18th. To date the students have collected 650 pairs of shoes toward their 2000 pair goal. For more information on the program go to the link: [Water Step](#)

Thank You to...

- The parents of students in grades 6 and 7 for afternoon treats for the faculty in November
 - Peggy Byrne for stuffing the BEE folders
 - Saint Agnes Cub Scout Pack 4 would like to thank all who supported the Country Breakfast. The funds raised from the breakfast go to help pay for pack activities throughout the year, including the fall and spring camping trips, and the blue and gold banquet.
 - Ms. Mandy Decker and Ms. Tanya Bowman for their leadership of our School Board and PTO Board respectively
 - Fr. David Colhour for his continued spiritual leadership and guidance of our parish and school
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Advent Prayer Service

Parents are invited to join us during the month of December for the Advent prayer service each Monday morning. We will begin at 8:00AM in the gym. The service will last about 15 minutes.

During Advent our 5th-8th graders will have the opportunity to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation at these dates and times:

- December 5, Gr. 5 & 6 at 8:20AM
 - December 6, Gr. 8 at 8:20AM
 - December 7, Gr. 7 at 9AM
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Catholic High Schools' Open Houses

Local Catholic High Schools will be holding Open House for students in grades 6, 7, 8 on the dates below:

- Thursday, **Nov. 30th** Assumption High School for girls 6:30PM
 - Saturday, **Dec. 2nd** Mercy Academy for girls 10AM-1PM
 - Sunday, **Dec. 3rd** Sacred Heart Academy for girls 2-4PM
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High School Placement Test

Students in grade 8 who wish to attend a Catholic high school next year are required to take the Catholic high school placement test scheduled on **Saturday, December 9, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.** Students take the test at the Catholic high school they plan to

attend. They must bring a **\$10 fee and two #2 pencils**. Information about the location of the high schools can be found at <http://www.louisvillecatholicschools.com>. The placement test helps Catholic secondary schools determine the most appropriate course work and academic path for meeting the needs of each student. If inclement weather cancels the test on December 9, it will be rescheduled for the following Saturday, December 16 at the same times. For more information, call the Catholic School Information Line at 502/634-1315 or email comm@archlou.org.

Tuition Assistance for 2018-2019

There are CHANGES to the tuition assistance application process for the 2018-19 school year and forward. These changes include:

*Application date window is EARLIER! Dec. 15, 2017 to Feb. 28, 2018 is the NEW and EARLIER application window. Application available online on/after Dec. 15th: www.ceflou.org. The application fee is \$25.00.

*Last year's tax info now used. 2016 federal income tax return and 2016 W-2 information will be used for the 2018-19 school year application. No more stress or pressure to get your current year's taxes filed first.

A Request

Please have your child put the Blue BEE folder in their backpack after removing the information so that the folder can be returned on Monday. This will ensure that the folder is not misplaced during the Thanksgiving Holidays.

Amazon Smile

Attention Aggies, we are now connected with Amazon Smile. That means that when you shop through Amazon a percentage of your purchase will be donated to Saint Agnes. In order to make this happen you must shop via the link below. **It will only work using this link.** If you shop using the app, that's fine. Shop and load items to your cart. Then go to the Amazon Smile link and complete your purchase. Any questions, contact Tanya Bowman at TBowman@fbtlaw.com.

Here is the link to start shopping with Amazon Smile. <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/61-0463940>

Yearbook Photos

SEND IN YOUR PHOTOS FOR THE 2018 YEARBOOK!

With the holidays upon us, there will continue to be many "photo-worthy" activities occurring at Saint Agnes School - Plays, club events, sporting events, holiday parties and many more!

Please help us capture these moments by taking along your camera (known to many of

you as your smartphone) to these events. Afterwards, send the photos to your room parents and they can load them to the 2018 yearbook google drive. If you are unsure who your room parents are, you may also send them to the following email address: aggie.yearbook2018@gmail.com

Enclosures

Report cards enclosed for K-8 students

Lunch balances (as applicable)

Gr. 6, 7, 8 Distance Learning Information-enclosed (blue)



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