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MS. MEIROSE'S MESSAGE

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Upcoming Events



Wednesday, November 4th

Noon Dismissal— no lunch served
BEE is posted on Edline
Kdg. visits Stage One-Busytown

Thursday, November 5th

Gr. 3 & 5 visit Ogle Ctr.-performance
5-6 pm Market Day pickup

Friday, November 6th

Gr. 2 & 4 visit Ogle Ctr.-performance

Sunday, November 8th

Christmas Boutique 10 am – 4 pm

Monday, November 9th

No school—Boutique Holiday

Tuesday, November 10th

10 am Liturgy-Grades 5-8

Wednesday, November 11th

10 am Liturgy Grades 2-4

Thursday, November 12th

12:30 pm Grade 2 Parent/Grandparent
Lunch
7 pm Gr. 4 First Reconciliation

Friday, November 13th

End of Trimester I

Sunday, November 15th

8 am-1 pm Cub Scout Country Breakfast

Tuesday, November 17th

8 am Anointing of the Sick Liturgy— Gr. 8

Wednesday, November 18

BEE is posted on Edline
10 am Liturgy Gr. 2-4

**“What I am is God’s gift to me.
What I become is my gift back to God.”**

Anonymous

Dear Parents,

This week we have our traditional prayer table outside the office honoring those family members who have died within the past year. I think of all those people in our lives who are beautiful examples of the above quote, living selflessly and centered on giving back to God. I think of beloved parents and grandparents that we remember on the Feast of All Souls. This past weekend Mrs. Lies’ mother, Ella Schnurr, died. Recent first grade classes have visited with Mrs. Schnurr at the Marian Home when they went there to have a special Mass with the elderly residents.

I also think of our students who are working to comprehend the gifts they have received and how to give these back to God. The 8th graders, with the support of many parents, spent a recent Friday afternoon raking leaves at the homes of some of our senior parishioners. Three 4th graders spoke on the morning news, encouraging us all to help to stock the St. Vincent de Paul Pantry for holiday baskets. Student leadership in these areas is evidence of commitment to becoming that gift given back to God.

Thank you for the many families and individuals that were present for the prayer vigil for Riley Pfeiffer. Besides Riley and Mrs. Lies and her family and Ms. Bischoff, please keep Mrs. Lois Hunn in your prayers. She has been hospitalized with pneumonia. While Ms. Hunn is out, Ms. Regina Leitner will be substituting for her. The faith of our St. Agnes community is very apparent in these times of special need.

Sincerely,

Carol M. Meirose
Principal

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Emergency School Closing:

School Closed or on a
Delayed Schedule (10 am-2:55 pm)
Students may arrive at 9:15 am

(See Parent Student Handbook for details)

Sowing the
Seeds of Peace

2009-2010 School Theme



CHRISTMAS BOUTIQUE



The Christmas Boutique takes place this Sunday from 10 – 4. Please invite your family members and neighbors to attend. We are accepting Christmas ornaments for the Ornament Booth and Halloween Candy in the office. Gourmet items are much needed and will be accepted in the Parish Center on Saturday from 9 am to 1 pm. Please remember the quilt chances that were sent home in the last BEE. I always find it amazing how quickly this school is transformed in the matter of hours. Thanks to all the people who make that happen! For the first time since I have been principal, I will miss the Christmas Boutique. We have a niece who is getting married this weekend, and we will be out of town for her wedding. My deepest thanks to Lissy Wines, Judi Steilberg, and the many, many people who make this event such a great St. Agnes tradition. I was reminded at church over the weekend that this year's event is the 24th annual St. Agnes Christmas Boutique!



CONFIRMATION

Next Monday evening, November 9th, from 7:30 – 8:15 pm, 8th grade parents are invited to a special evening of prayer for their sons and daughters who are Confirmation candidates. Parents are asked to either send in or bring a picture (5X7, if available) of their son or daughter. The pictures will be part of the prayer service. This is a parents only event.



END OF TRIMESTER I

The first trimester will end on Friday, November 13th. Report cards will be sent home on Tuesday, November 24th. Please remember that all accounts (tuition, After-School Care, and cafeteria) must be current in order for the report cards to be sent home.



PULL TABS



The pull-tab collection for the first trimester will come to a close this Friday, November 6th. At that time each class's tabs will be weighed, and the winning class on each floor will receive a Casual Dress Day. Immediately the collection for the second trimester will begin. The Knights of Columbus pick up the tabs; the proceeds resulting from the collection of the tabs are used to support Indian Summer Camp for children who have had cancer.

COUNSELOR NEWS

Dear Parents: I feel very fortunate that Ms. Salem, our new counselor, is providing strong leadership in helping us to develop a strong anti-bullying program for St. Agnes. Ms. Salem is very committed to collecting data that will both help us to determine our needs and hopefully to measure the effectiveness of program that are put in place. Knowing that communication is extremely important, Ms. Salem has listed those initiatives undertaken this year to date. Ms. Salem is at St. Agnes on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday if you would like to speak with her.

Update on Bully Prevention Education at Saint Agnes School

Bully Prevention Education and Valuing Self and Others classes provided to 3rd grade students-September
 Bully Prevention Education classes provided to all 4th and 5th grade students- October
 Students in grades 5-8 are invited (with parent consent) to participate in the on-line survey: The Comprehensive Assessment of School Bullying (CASB)-November
 Sticks and Stones Bully Prevention Pilot Program to be implemented with 6th grade students-upcoming
 Bully Prevention/Cyber Education with 7th and 8th grade students to be given post on-line comprehensive assessment
 Ongoing classes with grades K-2 focus on developmental themes, respect, caring and sharing.
 M. Patricia M. Salem-Saint Agnes School Counselor



DRAMA PERFORMANCE

The first drama performance of the year will be on the evenings of November 20-21-22 at 7:00 PM. Because this year's performance will be in the Parish Center, seating will be more limited. Tickets will be presold, and there will be a limited number for each of the three nights. Cast members will receive their ticket order forms this Friday and then on Tuesday, November 10th, the ticket order form will be posted on Edline.



OPEN GYM

Seventh and eighth grade students are invited to the first of two Social Events coordinated by Mary Furmanek, our Youth Minister. The event will be held in our gym on Saturday, November 14th from 7 – 10PM. Parent chaperones are needed for the event to happen. Please see the posted flyer for further details.

ASBESTOS REGULATIONS

In keeping with federal and state regulations, St. Agnes School is required to have periodic inspections for asbestos containing material in the school building. Although the school building contains some of these materials, such as in the tile flooring in some areas, these are inspected regularly and pose no health hazard to any of the students, employees, or visitors to the school. Complete inspection reports by several different inspectors and laboratory analysis are available in the principal's office for parents and employees to examine.

NONDISCRIMINATION POLICY

St. Agnes School admits students of any race, color, national and ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school. It does not discriminate on the basis of color, race, national and ethnic origin in administration of its educational policies, admission policies, or any school-administered programs.



CUB SCOUT BREAKFAST

The annual "Country Breakfast" that is sponsored by our St. Agnes Cub Scouts will be held on the morning of Sunday, November 15th. The hours are 8:30 am to 1:00 pm in the Parish Center. This is always a favorite event!



LOST AND FOUND

The Lost and Found container is overflowing with student items. The bin is filled with coats, uniform pieces, and sports bottles. Parents please look through the box to see if any of the found items may belong to you. The container is located outside the elevator on the bottom floor. As a reminder, please put your child's name on all their belongings.

Attachments:

Youth Group Open Gym - (located under the news section on Edline)



BASKETBALL TRYOUTS

The Basketball tryouts for 5th and 6th grade boys will be Monday, November 9th from 6:00 - 8:00 PM. One night only!



SEWING FOR SERVICE

A group of parishioners and older students have been involved in a "Sewing for Service" project, making "designer" pillowcases that they want to give to residents of nursing homes. If you have a family member or a special friend who might enjoy a visit from these students, along with a special pillowcase, please contact Bridget Burianek at boburianek@aol.com.



GR. 2 PARENT LUNCH

Please be aware of the date change for our Grade 2 Parents'/Grandparents' Lunch. That event is now scheduled for Thursday, November 12th, a change from the date that was published this summer.



CARPOOL NUMBER

A reminder from our Afternoon Carpool Staff! If you leave your car to come into school for some reason, please be sure that you leave your car number in the window of your vehicle. There have been times recently when teachers found empty cars and were not able to record the carpool number! This is critical for moving carpool along as quickly as possible.



FIRST RECONCILIATION

Our 4th grade students will celebrate their First Reconciliation on the evening of Thursday, November 12th. It is always a special privilege to celebrate sacramental milestones with our families.

Enclosures:

Lunch Balances (as applicable)
If your child bought home a BEE, please check inside for the lunch statement.

Christmas Boutique - final news update