



# ST. AGNES PARISH SCHOOL

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## MS. MEIROSE'S MESSAGE

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### Upcoming Events

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#### Thursday, September 10<sup>th</sup>

5-6 PM Market Day Pickup  
6:30 PM Safe Environment Training  
Parish Center

#### Friday, September 11<sup>th</sup>

Gr. 2 visits Falls of the Ohio  
1:30 Gr. 6 Bible Prayer Service

#### Monday, September 14<sup>nd</sup>

Gr. 8 Parent Confirmation Mtg.- P.C.

#### Tuesday, September 15<sup>rd</sup>

10 AM Liturgy Grades 5-8  
High School Recruitment-Gr. 7-8

#### Wednesday, September 16<sup>th</sup>

High School Recruitment-Gr. 7-8  
Noon Dismissal - No lunch served

#### Thursday, September 17<sup>th</sup>

Vision Screening  
High School Recruitment-Gr. 7-8

#### Friday, September 18<sup>th</sup>

Vision Screening continues

#### Sunday, September 20<sup>th</sup>

Parish Picnic

#### Monday, September 21<sup>st</sup>

Vision Screening continues

#### Wednesday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>

BEE goes Edline  
Conference Letters go home  
6:30 PM Parent Reconciliation Mtg.  
Parish Center

“Peace begins with a smile – smile five times a day at someone you really don’t want to smile at...do it for peace.”

Blessed Mother Teresa

Dear Parents,

As you are probably aware, each homeroom has a bulletin board that stays up all year reflecting our theme for the year. Ms. Davis’s 7<sup>th</sup> grade classroom has taken it a step further. The 7<sup>th</sup> graders have gathered favorite quotes related to peace. As I did a “classroom walk” last week, I was not able to get past this collection of quotes. The first part of the above quote was among the many on that bulletin board.

I recently came across the quote in its expanded form. Once again, I find the simplicity of Mother Teresa’s words to be very deceptive. Her suggestion to smile five times a day at someone you really don’t want to smile at is challenging. Yet it seems such a concrete way to sow the seeds of peace and as “doable” a practice for a child as for an adult. Perhaps a discussion of this quote could be part of your evening prayers. We are ending our morning prayers at school each day with the call and response of “Let there be peace on earth. And let it begin with me.” This would be a wonderful way to end evening prayers as well. These kinds of rituals can be very meaningful to children.

Thank you for all you do to help us make our theme a living reality.

Sincerely,

Carol M. Meirose

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### Emergency School Closing:

School Closed

or on a

Delayed Schedule (10 AM-2:55PM)

Students may arrive at 9:15

(See Parent Student Handbook page 21 for more details)



## INNISBROOK WRAP

We are in the last days of our Innisbrook Giftwrap Sale. As fundraisers go, this is always a very low-key effort. But the results are anything but low-key. The combined efforts of all of our families provide almost half of the PTO's annual revenue that funds its many enrichment projects. Remember that we are again aiming for 100% participation; remember too that more items are online and that out of town friends and relatives can support the sale through online participation. Orders may be sent in anytime this week; Monday, September 14<sup>th</sup> is the final day to send in orders. On Monday, September 14<sup>th</sup> any student who has submitted an Innisbrook order form may have a Casual Dress Day.

## LOOKING AHEAD



The date for the October PTO Meeting has been changed to Monday, October 5<sup>th</sup>. We are aware that this is the date for the CSAA Fun Run for 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade students. However, our hope is that since the Fun Run is at 5:00 parents will still be able to attend the PTO meeting. As you well know, it becomes impossible to avoid all conflicts. The guest speaker for that PTO meeting will be Dr. Eli Karam, a St. Agnes alum (!!!), who is a U of L faculty member and a licensed marriage and family therapist. Ironically, the title of his presentation is "The Frenetic Family: Keeping Pace without Losing Track."



## HEALTH NEWS

I am posting a letter regarding the H1N1 flu from Leisa Schulz, Superintendent of Schools for the Archdiocese of Louisville and Dr. Adewale Troutman, Director of the Louisville Metro Department of Public Health and Wellness. We will continue to work on the preventative measures that are discussed in the letter and will pass along any further updates as they become available to us. In order to minimize the spread of flu within our school community, please be sure that your child has been fever-free for a solid 24 hours before he/she returns to school.



## THANK YOU

Thank you for your attendance at both the Opening PTO Meeting and the Middle School Parent Night. Our teachers greatly appreciate this opportunity to establish channels for communication and to discuss their expectations and goals for the year. We are always aware that "Parents' Nights Out" for school events require great planning and may involve difficult choices. All those students whose parents were in attendance at either the Opening PTO Meeting or the Middle School Parent Night may have a Casual Dress Day on Thursday, September 10<sup>th</sup>.

## SAFE ENVIRONMENT TRAINING



A reminder to all parents who have not yet participated in the Safe Environment Training: At St. Agnes we consider all parents as volunteers because virtually all of you volunteer in some capacity at some time. Therefore our goal is to have all parents take the Safe Environment Training and submit the certificate of completion to the school office. St. Agnes is hosting a training session this Thursday night, September 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM in the Parish Center. The times and places for other trainings are listed on the Archdiocesan website.



## WALK FOR THE POOR

On Friday, September 25<sup>th</sup> St. Agnes School will again have its own St. Vincent de Paul Walk for the Poor. This event was a first for us last year, and it was a wonderful day of fun, spirit, and great generosity. The students will again be collecting change in milk jugs in their home-rooms for the five days leading up to the event. On Friday grade levels will have their own walks during recess time. The day will end with an assembly and the "dumping of the coins." A new piece of the day will be a Parents' Walk during the morning of Friday, September 25<sup>th</sup>. Details will follow, and we are hopeful that many parents will be able to join us for either the morning Parents' walk or the noon-time grade level walks, or both!!!! If you are interested in helping with any part of this day, email Suzanne Glaser @ [smglaser@bellsouth.net](mailto:smglaser@bellsouth.net). Last year we were astounded to find that we had raised over \$3000. I know that our efforts to help will be as strong this year.

## KROGER CARDS

At the Opening PTO meeting we had great response to my plea to those who regularly shop at Kroger's to use Kroger Gift Cards. The Cards result in 4% of your purchase dollars being returned to St. Agnes. The key here is that there is no cost; we are simply taking advantage of an offer Kroger's makes to non-profits. Mrs. Ford has cards available for \$10.00. I will keep you posted of our growing returns! Please remember that the card must be purchased from St. Agnes in order for the rebates to be given to St. Agnes.

**Kroger  
Card**

## CONFIRMATION



An important meeting for the parents of all St. Agnes Confirmation candidates will be held next Monday night, September 14 at 6:30 PM in the Parish Center. Sponsors of the candidates are also invited to this meeting.



## RECONCILIATION

### Important News for Fourth Grade Parents

The parent meeting for Reconciliation scheduled for September 22 has been changed to Wednesday, September 23rd at 6:30 PM in the Parish Center.

## INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION

If you are having any trouble connecting to either the Dean Alert or to Edline, please get in touch with Mrs. Ford. We will use the Dean Alert system again for a test no later than Friday, September 18<sup>th</sup>. Please remember that this system replaces all phone trees and is our means of notifying parents in emergencies.

It is possible for both parents to receive simultaneous emails through Edline. This would allow both to know when the newsletter is posted or when there is communication from a teacher. To do this:

1. Go to Manage account once you have logged in.
2. In the email address box enter both email addresses separated by a comma.



## AFTERNOON ROSARY

As many of you are aware, several parents have been leading a Friday afternoon Rosary at 2:30 PM. Several people have indicated that this is not a good time for them. The goal of the group is to just take the 15-20 minutes involved and simply to pray together for peace and for the intentions of our school community. If you would be interested in participating, but a different time would be better for you, please call Therese Hurford at 459-6039 or Jennifer Ackerman at 479-0078.

## LIBRARY NEWS

- Many thanks to our PTO meeting book donors! Books valuing over \$1000 were donated at the meeting. Your generosity is much appreciated and will allow for additional improvements to our library throughout the year.
- Students in grades 4-8 are eligible to participate in our Book Bee program. For additional information, click on Library on Edline's home page and then General Information. Contact Ms. Johnstone if you have questions.
- Thanks to all who made a volunteer commitment to assist this year. A hard copy of the schedule was not sent home. To view it, click Library on Edline's home page.
- New Library-related items will be posted on Edline by late Monday of each week.



## HIGHLANDS WEEK

Events surrounding the Week in the Highlands will be held this year from October 3-11. We have brochures in the office for the Highlands Cup 5K Run and Walk on Saturday morning, October 3. Please let us know if you would like us to send one home to you. Information can also be accessed at [www.highlandsweek.org](http://www.highlandsweek.org). St. Raphael had offered a challenge to us and to St. James and to St. Francis to see which school could have the most participants. Our Student Council decided that this would come too close on the heels of our St. Vincent de Paul Walk. We were impressed by their decision process; it is, nevertheless a great cause.

## DRAMA



Auditions for our first drama production of the 2009-2010 school year will be this Friday for interested students in Grades 5-8. Ms. Endris has spoken to all of the students and provided a letter and an audition form. Monologues, for those who need them, are available in the school office.

Don't forget to check out these folders and links in Edline:

Activities  
Cafeteria  
Library

Market Day  
School Services  
Sports