



# ST. AGNES PARISH SCHOOL

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## MS. MEIROSE'S MESSAGE

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### Upcoming Events



#### Wednesday, November 18<sup>th</sup>

10 am Liturgy Grades 2-4

BEE is posted on Edline

Grade 7 visits the Printing House for the Blind

#### Friday, November 20<sup>th</sup>

7 pm Snow White - performance in P.C.

#### Saturday, November 21<sup>st</sup>

7 pm Snow White - performance in P.C.

#### Sunday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>

7 pm Snow White - performance in P.C.

#### Monday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>

Gr. 3 Native American Day

#### Tuesday, November 24<sup>th</sup>

10 am All School Thanksgiving Liturgy

1:45 pm Faculty/Student V-ball Game

Report Cards go home

#### Wednesday, November 25

Thanksgiving Holiday— No School

#### Thursday, November 26<sup>th</sup>

Happy Thanksgiving! -No School

#### Friday, November 27<sup>th</sup>

Thanksgiving Holiday—No School

#### Sunday, November 29<sup>th</sup>

1st Sunday of Advent

#### Monday, November 30<sup>th</sup>

8 am Advent Prayer Service— Gym

H1N1 Vaccines administered

8:30 am –1:30 pm

“No duty is more urgent than that of giving thanks.”

St. Ambrose

Dear Parents,

Although Thanksgiving is officially a secular holiday, it provides us with a beautiful opportunity to elevate our daily thanks to God with special family rituals. Some families ask the children to offer the grace at the large Thanksgiving gatherings. At school we have talked often during this past month about gratitude and our duty to give thanks to God; I think your children would be well prepared to take on this role. Other families attend the 10:00 liturgy on Thanksgiving morning. This is not a day of Mass obligation, but there could be no more fitting way to start the day. It is a St. Agnes custom to bring canned goods and other non-perishables to Mass that morning. All the children present carry these offerings up from the back of church to the altar at Offertory time. I remember well when my children were young and so much looked forward to being part of this. This Thanksgiving morning Mass and the custom of the Offertory Procession are two of my favorite St. Agnes customs.

St. Agnes families will certainly be in my prayers of gratitude during this special time of Thanksgiving. Every day I see examples of parents working to teach their children what it means to be compassionate, forgiving, patient, and kind. I am humbled by the many acts of selflessness and commitment to building community. Thank you for your witness; it refreshes me in your vocation each day. May we continue to challenge each other to grow in faith and to live as children of God. Happy Thanksgiving!

Sincerely,

Carol M. Meirose  
Principal



### 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)

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Sowing the  
Seeds of Peace

2009-2010 School Theme



## DRAMA PERFORMANCE

The first St. Agnes Drama production of the 2009-2010 school year will be staged this weekend. The Tale of Snow White, under the direction of Ms. Debbie Endris, will be performed in the Parish Center at 7:00 PM Friday, Saturday, and Sunday nights. A cast of over 50 5<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> graders have been practicing for weeks! I know you are in for a treat! It is highly suggested that you purchase tickets in advance; there will be a limited number of tickets available for each evening. You received a form last week. It is also posted on Edline. Those attending the performance are asked to **enter through the front door of the school**. The doors will open at 6:30 PM each evening.

## LUNCH CHARGE POSTINGS

Periodically Ms. Ford is posting a list of Cafeteria accounts and the amounts owed. The amounts are posted by the child's Cafeteria PIN number. This allows us to post such a listing while still honoring the privacy of an individual family. Please ask your child what his/her PIN number is if you do not already know it and then check when the listing is sent out. The Archdiocesan officials are very strict with Cafeteria managers about not allowing delinquency in these accounts. As of today, over \$700 is outstanding in Lunch accounts. Please do not put Mrs. Amon in a difficult position.

## H1N1 VACCINE

Thank you for your assistance and cooperation in preparing for our H1N1 clinic on November 30<sup>th</sup>. Ms. Beth Ford has worked extremely hard to ensure that no permission forms are rejected on the day of the clinic because of an omission or mistake.

Please prepare your children positively for the administration of the vaccine. I think that the more they understand this vaccine is being given to keep them healthy the better our clinic will go! We have asked some parent-nurses to help us out that day to ensure that all children are well cared for and supported.

## SPIRIT DAY DOOR WINNERS

Tomorrow, Thursday, November 19<sup>th</sup> is a Casual Dress Day for 1L, 4T, 7H, winners in the first trimester class pull- tab contest and KH, 3D, and 8D, winners in the Spirit Day door decoration contest.



PLEASE!!

## A REQUEST

When you come into the school building for any reason, please make sure that you sign in at the office. We also ask that you not stop to wave at children through classroom windows. This is distracting to the flow of the class and can be upsetting to children, either yours or someone else's! Thanks in advance for your cooperation!



## REPORT CARDS

At the end of the day on Tuesday, students will be given their first trimester report cards. The report cards are in sealed envelopes, and we tell the children that they are not to open them until they are in the company of their parents. We do not want there to be any comparison of report cards here at school. Please reinforce this expectation with your children. Families who are not current with tuition, After-School Care, or cafeteria fees will receive sealed and addressed envelopes, but the report card will not be enclosed.



## CONGRATULATIONS TO:

- Our 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade Saints Football Team that won the Toy Ball. This is the first time in St. Agnes history that a 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade team has achieved this honor! Special congratulations to Coach Mark Grether and his staff.
- Paul Porter: In the Punt, Pass, and Kick Competition, Paul placed first in Regional Competition at a recent Bengals game. Paul will have to wait until December to find out if his scores qualify him for national competition. Paul's achievement is a first for St. Agnes in many years of Punt, Pass, and Kick participation.



## PICTURE RETAKES

This Friday is Picture Retake Day. The original picture package must be returned to the office in order for a child's picture to be retaken.



## FACULTY STUDENT VOLLEYBALL GAME

On Tuesday, November 24<sup>th</sup> we will have an All-School Liturgy at the 10:00 Mass. Please join us if you are able. That afternoon we will have the annual Faculty-Student Volleyball Game. I always tell new teachers that they are being hired to beef up the Faculty Team. Unfortunately, I think that Mrs. Hochbein, who is eight months pregnant, will be letting me down!

## UPDATE ON KROGER DOLLARS

This past month our proceeds again rose! We received a \$1086.57 check. If you are a Kroger shopper and are not yet using your Kroger card on a regular basis, please call or email me. I would appreciate the opportunity to explain how you can be helping to raise these very quiet dollars for St. Agnes School without any cost to you. I continue to be convinced that this is a source of funding that is still far from being used to its maximum potential.



## CHRISTMAS BOUTIQUE

Thank you to Lissy Wines, Judi Steilberg and their many, many volunteers for a very successful 24<sup>th</sup> annual Christmas Boutique. The financials are still being finalized, but it was once again a great community event. I am constantly aware of the long line of people who have created and who maintain these great St. Agnes traditions. On Friday, December 4<sup>th</sup> any student whose parent donated something for the Christmas Boutique may have a Casual Dress Day. On Friday, December 11 Boutique Bingo winners will have an additional Casual Dress Day.



## ADVENT SERVICE

At 8:00 on the Monday mornings of November 30<sup>th</sup>, December 7<sup>th</sup>, and December 14<sup>th</sup> we will have our traditional Advent Prayer Services in the gym. You are most welcome to join us for these brief but very prayerful times of prayer. They are always a powerful reminder to me of the meaning and purpose of Advent in our lives.



## EARTH PLEDGE

One of our parents who was present for the newscast on a recent Wednesday morning suggested that we publish the Earth Pledge which is always part of our Wednesday mornings. This pledge follows our Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance and reminds us on that weekly basis of our commitments as a school community to care for God's creation.

*I pledge to protect the earth,*

*And to respect the web of life upon it.*

*I will honor the dignity*

*Of every member of our global family.*

*One planet,*

*One people, One world in harmony*

*With peace, justice, and freedom for all.*



## FOOD COLLECTION

During the month of November we, as a total school community, are collecting items for the parish St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry. Some of the items we collect will be used this month for food relief; others will become part of the Christmas baskets that are distributed in December. This is a time of great need; your generosity is much appreciated.



## MARKET DAY NEWS

Thanks to everyone who ordered a pie during last month's promotion. We sold 98 pies and made \$398! This month's promotion is pre-cut cookie dough. For every box sold, the school earns \$2.20. The cookie dough makes an easy and delicious addition to your holiday baking. You can also order a holiday spiral sliced ham for \$2.99 per lb. Send in your order form by Monday, November 23 or order online through Saturday, November 28. Orders will be ready for pick-up on Thursday, December 3 at 5:00 pm.

### ENCLOSURES:

Lunch Statements (as applicable)

Christmas Boutique –(posted on Edline news section)