



ST. AGNES PARISH SCHOOL

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MS. MEIROSE'S MESSAGE

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Upcoming Events



Wednesday, October 7th

10 am Liturgy Grades 2-4
BEE goes on Edline
School Picture Day!

Thursday, October 8th

Grade 3 visits the Nature Center
Kindergarten visits the Zoo
5-6 pm. Market Day pickup

Monday, October 12th

Sculptor in Residence

Tuesday, October 13th

Sculptor in Residence
10 am. Liturgy Grades 5-8
6:30 pm. School Board Mtg.

Wednesday, October 14th

Sculptor in Residence

Thursday, October 15th

6:30 pm Capstone Mtg.-8th Grade
Parents, Students & Mentors in
Parish Center

Friday, October 16th

12:30 pm Grade 8 Parent/
Grandparent Lunch
1:45 pm. Dedication of Graden of
Gratitude- rear of school

Tuesday, October 20th

10 am All School Liturgy
Feast of St. Paul of the Cross

Wednesday, October 21st

BEE goes on Edline
7, 9, 11 am and 7 pm-Open House
for Prospective Parents

**"It is time for all of us,...with deep religious awe,
to rediscover the ability to revere and honor every person."**

The Gospel of Life, an encyclical by John Paul II

Dear Parents,

During the month of October we as Church celebrate Respect Life Month. Our challenge as educators and parents is to help our children appreciate the many dimensions of this teaching. This is a teaching that is meant to underlie every relationship and every encounter. It is a teaching that demands much of personally and much of us as a society to ensure that every individual, regardless of any personal circumstance, is treated with dignity at all times.

Unfortunately there is much in our popular culture that works against us. I become discouraged at times when it seems we fall so short, and yet I know we are always called to be people of hope. I am grateful for your children; they reflect those sparks of hope that we can learn to live with greater awareness of the God-presence in each person.

Sincerely,

Carol M. Meirose
Principal

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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)

Sowing the
Seeds of Peace

2009-2010 School Theme

HAND WASHING CLASS

Our K-3 students will take part in a special Hand-Washing Class this Friday. The class is offered as an educational outreach of the Louisville Water Company and is part of our efforts to focus on healthy habits to minimize the spread of disease. I will get an update on our city and system-wide response to the H1N1 flu virus at our Principals' Meeting next week and will share any new information with you at that time.



INNISBROOK SUCCESS

This Friday, October 9th, we celebrate our Innisbrook Fund-raiser success. Students are allowed to wear Crazy Socks with their uniforms and to sport Crazy Hair. Any hair color must be able to be washed out by Monday and should not be transferable to anything else during the school day. Thanks to everyone for your participation and support.



SCULPTOR IN RESIDENCE

Next week we will host our Artist-in-Residence. This is an annual fine arts enrichment program sponsored by the PTO. Sculptor Al Nelson will be with us on Monday-Wednesday October 12-14. Thanks to Mimi Janson for arranging parent help. Our 7th and 8th grade students will be creating a stone bench, and the K-6 students will be working on garden stones. The pictures for the sculpted pieces have already been done by our students and submitted to Mr. Nelson. All images relate to the theme of gratitude.



GARDEN OF GRATITUDE

At the same time this work on sculpted pieces is taking place, the actual Garden of Gratitude is being planted outside the Parish Center. Ellen Van Hamburg is coordinating the garden project. The Garden of Gratitude will be dedicated on Friday, October 16 at 1:45 PM after the 8th Grade Parent and Grandparent Lunch. Seventh and eighth grade students and the eighth grade Parents and Grandparents will be present for the entire dedication ceremony. All other parents are welcome to attend as well. Students in Grades K-6 will come to the last part of the ceremony, and, as they pass the garden, each will contribute an index card that includes a Prayer of Gratitude that the child has written. All of the index cards will be placed in a time capsule that will be buried in the garden.

Each parent is invited to contribute his/her own reflective prayer of gratitude to be buried in the time capsule. Simply write or print your prayer on a 3X5 index card. Sign and date the card. Send it to the school office no later than Thursday, October 15.

ST. PAUL OF THE CROSS

On Tuesday, October 20 we will celebrate the feast of St. Paul of the Cross at an all-school Liturgy at 10:00 AM. St. Paul is the founder of the Passionists and is therefore a special saint for our St. Agnes community. Please join us at Mass that morning, if you are able to do so.



SPIRIT DAY

On Friday, October 23rd we will have our first Spirit Day of the year. It will be an Aggie Day. Students may dress in blue and white casual wear, the Aggie colors. St. Agnes team uniform shirts may be worn. Jerseys or sleeveless shirts may be worn with a shirt underneath. If shorts are worn, they should be the school uniform shorts. The day will also include a door-decorating contest and an assembly/pep rally. On Thursday, October 22nd there will be a guessing game sponsored by the Student Council to raise money for the postage for Parish Friend letters. Each guess costs 10 cents, and each student may guess up to 5 times.



KROGER PROFITS

We are making good progress in getting more people involved in using the Kroger card. As we have explained before, there is absolutely no cost to using the Kroger card. If you shop at Kroger's and are not part of this program, we are leaving money on the table that Kroger's is offering to schools. A starter card may be purchased from Beth Ford for \$10. The card must be obtained here at school so that the card's profits are tied to St. Agnes. In August our proceeds from Kroger cards was \$391.75, in September \$768.95, and in October \$949.89. We are doing well, but there is still so much untapped potential for this program. This money goes directly into the school budget.

BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION

One of the very quiet ways that we continue to raise funds for classroom equipment is the Boxtops for Education Program. The next deadline for turning these in for awards is October 30. Please take the time to clip these labels off of the many grocery products that contain them and send them into the school office.





PRINCIPAL FOR A DAY

At the February Auction last year there was very spirited bidding for the Principal for a Day package, and there were two winners. Last spring Darby Ford served as Principal for a Day. Next Friday October 16th, 8th grader Olivia Passafiume will help with the administrative duties and privileges.



OPEN HOUSE

On Wednesday, October 21st St. Agnes School and all other Archdiocesan Elementary schools will host Open Houses for Prospective Parents. We will have presentations that day at 9, 10, and 11 AM and at 7PM. Each presentation will be followed by tours hosted by parents and 8th grade students. Please spread this word to anyone you know who is in the process of choosing a school. If that day is not convenient, parents may simply call the office and arrange an appointment to see the school at a different time. Donna Wolz and the PTO Board are coordinating hospitality and parent help for that day. On days like this the community that is the basis of this school is very much in evidence.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL WALK

The final tabulation of funds collected for the St. Vincent de Paul Walk is in! We collected \$2935.42! I am especially proud because there are no incentives for giving to this cause; this is simply donations given because of the need they represent. We are very grateful to the many parents who joined us for some part of the day. Our assembly was, as the Student Council officers explained to the students, a wonderful blend of prayer and enthusiasm. St. Vincent de Paul again made an appearance, and several representatives of the Louisville office of the St. Vincent de Paul Society joined us for the assembly. I feel sure that even our youngest students had a level of understanding of our purpose in raising funds for those who require support for their basic needs.



BLESSING OF PETS



The Advanced Choir will be singing at the 11:30 Mass on Sunday, October 11 and also at the Blessing of the Animals at 2:00. All families are invited to bring their pets to the Blessing of the Animals. This annual Blessing will take place on the grounds behind the Monastery near the Earth and Spirit Center. A flyer about this event can be found under the News section on Edline.



ALL SOULS DAY

We have a custom at St. Agnes of displaying the pictures of family members who have died during the past year as we celebrate All Souls Day at the beginning of November. The pictures are left up for several weeks. If you would like to contribute a picture of a family member for this special Prayer Table, please send it **in a frame** and attach a card with the person's name, date of death, and relationship to the student.



CAPSTONE MEETING

A reminder to 8th Grade Parents: On Thursday, October 15 there will be an extremely important meeting for all Parents, Students, and Capstone Mentors to launch this year's 8th Grade Capstone Project. The meeting will be in the Parish Center from 6:30 – 8:00. There will also be a time during the meeting when students and mentors are working together; this will be a time to talk with parents about end-of-the-year activities.



CROSS COUNTRY TEAM

Congratulations to our Cross Country Team and Coaches David and Annette Calhoun and Dennis Ford. With over 32 teams and 800 runners competing, the Aggie Stampede on September 20th was a tremendous success. Thanks to the many, many volunteers who made this happen. The St. Agnes 5th/6th girls and boys teams both took 2nd place while the St. Agnes 3rd/4th girls took 3rd place. Jack Hardin 2nd placed in the 3rd/4th boys' race and Colin O'Daniel placed 4th place in the 5th/6th boys' race.



AED UNITS

As you may have noticed, in early September four Automated External Defibrillator (AED) units were installed around our campus. There is an AED unit located in the back of Church, Aloysius Hall, the school gym, and the entrance to the Parish Center. In addition to the units being installed, approximately 35 parish staff members, volunteers, and other parishioners were trained in CPR and AED usage. The AED units should only be accessed in the event of a medical emergency and administered by trained individuals. If you are interested in learning more about our AED units and about future CPR/AED training opportunities, please contact Debbie Selby at 451-2220. Lastly, we would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone involved with this important initiative. While there are too many names to list, please know that the generous contributions of your fellow parishioners helped make this possible.

CASUAL DRESS DAY

Thanks to all who attended the October 5th PTO Meeting. Thursday, October 15th will be the Casual Dress Day for students whose parents were in attendance that night. If anyone would like an electronic copy of Dr. Eli Karam's presentation, please email the school office, and we will be happy to send it to you.

LOGO-SPIRITWEAR

For those of you who were not at the PTO meeting, it is important that we share with you where we are in terms of Logo and Spirit wear. As you know, last spring, after a process of investigation and study, we chose EmbroidMe as a provider for both our Logo Uniform Sweatshirts and Polo shirts and anticipated using them as providers of an Aggie Spirit Wear line. Two factors that tipped the choice to this company were the availability of a website from which to order and the fact that the franchise was owned by a parishioner. The ordering and provision of uniform wear went well. However, things have changed since that point.

The franchise changed owners, deadlines were not being met, and, despite great efforts on the St. Agnes side, there was an inability for the franchise to roll out a line of Saints Spirit Wear for the football season. The decision was made to go back to the second choice for vendors, Coffman's. In less than a week, Coffman's worked with Kelly Landenwich to produce samples, accept, and deliver orders for the Saints line of Spirit wear. We are now in the process of changing over the Uniform components and developing the line of Aggie Spirit Wear. At the outset there will not be a website, but this will follow at a later date. We will give you updates as soon as possible regarding ordering procedures.

CHRISTMAS BOUTIQUE

The first information about the approaching Christmas Boutique is available. Please open the attachment and keep up with the ways in which you can support this annual tradition of fund-raising and friend-raising. There are many ways in which you can help! Thank you in advance for your involvement! This is yet another way in which the St. Agnes community shines!

P.S. The attachment includes the registration form for student vendors.

CHILDREN'S ENVELOPES

We have available in the school office Children's Envelopes to be used for weekly Church Offerings. Use of these envelopes, no matter how small the contribution, is a wonderful way for children to internalize the habit of always giving a portion back to God. Please call Mrs. Jury or Mrs. Ford or email them if you would like a package of these envelopes sent home with your child.

PASS, PUNT & KICK

Congratulation to the winners of the Annual Punt, Pass, and Kick Competition. The first place winners will go on to Sectional Competition in Georgetown, KY. on Oct. 17, 2009.

8-9 GIRLS

- 1st Claire McAtee
- 2nd Neville Wintergerst
- 3rd Lilly Landenwich

8-9 BOYS

- 1st Jack Fischer
- 2nd Jack Hardin
- 3rd Jacob Bibb

10-11 GIRLS

- 1st Grace Getsfred
- 2nd Elizabeth Corrao
- 3rd Anna Burianek

10-11 BOYS

- 1st Paul Porter
- 2nd Daniel Ryan
- 3rd Sam Hedges

12-13 GIRLS

- 1st Mary Oetken
- 2nd Colleen Dwyer
- 3rd Alyssa Dimmitt

12-13 BOYS

- 1st Mike Ervin
- 2nd Lincoln Bisig
- 3rd Ben Metzger

14-15 GIRLS

- 1st Margaux Crider
- 2nd Serena Haming
- 3rd Katie Koch

14-15 BOYS

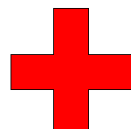
- 1st Logan Cooper
- 2nd Sam Bibelhauser
- 3rd Zach Muncy



CHRISTMAS HELP



For many years St. Agnes classes and individuals or groups of families have sponsored Refugee families at Christmas. This involves providing some very simple and practical gifts for a family for their first Christmas in the United States. Even, or maybe especially, during tough economic times, this can be a very meaningful family activity. If you as an individual family or as a group of families would like to sponsor a family, please let Ms. Meirose know by Oct. 20th. You will receive information about the family by November 1st.



St. Agnes Community Blood Drive

Sunday, October 25, 2009
10:00 am – 2:00 pm
1920 Newburg Road, Louisville, KY

Enclosures:

Lunch Balances (as applicable)

Attachments:

Blessing of the Animals
Innisbrook Results
Christmas Boutique