



# ST. AGNES PARISH SCHOOL

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## MS. MEIROSE'S MESSAGE

**AUGUST 26, 2009**

### Upcoming Events

S	M	T	W	T	F	S

**Thursday, August 27<sup>th</sup>**

6:30 PM PTO Mtg.  
Open House for K-5

**Friday, August 28<sup>th</sup>**

Gr. 8 visits Jefferson Memorial Forest

**Wednesday, September 2<sup>nd</sup>**

10:00 AM Opening School Liturgy

**Thursday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>**

6:30 PM Middle School Parent Night  
(Grades 6-8) Parish Center

**Monday, September 7<sup>th</sup>**

Labor Day Holiday!  
No school

**Tuesday, September 8<sup>th</sup>**

10 AM Liturgy Grades 5-8

**Wednesday, September 9<sup>th</sup>**

10 AM Liturgy Grades 2-4

**Wednesday, September 9<sup>th</sup>**

Next BEE goes online

#### Attachments:

September Menu      Market Day  
September Calendar    Chess Club  
Cheerleading

*"A kindly word is of greater value than a gift, however precious."*

*St. Benedict*

Dear Parents,

This first week seems to have gone very smoothly on the whole, but, for us as faculty, we are constantly aware of the fact that for the first time in 34 years Ms. Bischoff is not one of the first to arrive each morning. The first St. Agnes cards she received were from the students she taught last year, our present sixth graders, and she was deeply touched by their "kindly words" and the memories of 5<sup>th</sup> grade that they shared with her. Thanks to all of you for the outpouring of concern and the prayers that are being offered on Ms. Bischoff's behalf. Thank you, too, for the words of support for us as faculty as we have scrambled to regroup! St. Benedict's quote will be one we remind the children of often this year – what a beautiful and simple way that each of us can sow seeds of peace every day!

Sincerely,

Carol M. Meirose

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We are on the Web:

[www.stagneslouisville.org](http://www.stagneslouisville.org)

Sowing the  
Seeds of Peace

2009-2010 School Theme



**Emergency School Closing:**

*School Closed*

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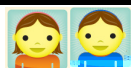
**Delayed Schedule** (10 AM-2:55PM)

Students may arrive at 9:15

(See Parent Student Handbook page 21 for more details)

## GRADE 5

On Thursday of this week Ms. Dana Flynn will begin as a long-term substitute in 5<sup>th</sup> grade; Ms. Flynn will continue for as much of the year as we need her. There is already a strong St. Agnes connection. Ms. Flynn's mother-in-law is a former St. Agnes teacher and still a member of the parish; her husband and his brothers are St. Agnes grads. Thanks to Ms. Ellery Flynn, mother of Vincent, who is a Kindergarten student, for being our "recruiter" once she became aware of our need.



## SPANISH K-5

We are also privileged to be able to introduce two additional members of our staff. Ms. Shannon Lockhart will begin as our K-5 Spanish teacher on Tuesday, September 8<sup>th</sup>. Ms. Lockhart just returned to Louisville after living in Guatemala for many years. I have once again felt fortunate; our need for a Spanish teacher exactly coincided with her return. We look forward to her being able to share much culture as well as the Spanish language with our students.

## DRAMA



Ms. Debbie Endris will be our Drama Director this year. Among the extensive experience she brings to this position are many years as owner and director of a School for the Arts in Southern Indiana and director of the summer Children's Plays at the Clarksville Little Theatre. We will be sending out further information to parents of 5<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grade students who will be eligible to participate in our extracurricular drama program.

## PTO MEETING

We look forward to seeing all of you at our Opening PTO Meeting on Thursday of this week. The business meeting will begin at 6:30. During this meeting I will have the privilege of introducing our entire faculty, including our new teachers. K-5 parents will then go to the classrooms for our annual back-to school Parent Information nights. That part of the evening will be divided into two 15 minute sessions to accommodate those parents who have more than one child in these grades. Our Middle School Parents will have an "early dismissal" from the August 27<sup>th</sup> meeting but will return the following Thursday, September 3<sup>rd</sup> for the Middle School Parents Night. That evening will be from 6:30 – 8:30 and will begin in the Parish Center. We ask that both the August 27<sup>th</sup> and September 3<sup>rd</sup> nights be for parents only. **I appreciate that this creates a challenge for some families; we have names in the office of 7/8 grade babysitters, if this would help you.**



## OPENING LITURGY



Please join us as we celebrate our Opening of School Liturgy next Wednesday morning, September 2<sup>nd</sup> at 10:00 AM.

## LIBRARY

As she has done in years past, Mrs. Johnstone will have many **books on display at the PTO meeting on Thursday**. You will have the opportunity to examine them before and after the business portion of the meeting. If you would like to purchase a book, Mrs. Johnstone will be happy to accept your donations on behalf of the school library. Hardback books are priced at \$15, and paperbacks are \$5. Donors may honor a child or some special loved one on a bookplate that will be inserted in the front of a new book. Your child will be allowed the privilege of first checkout of the book when he/she visits the library.

## SAFE ENVIRONMENT



As most of you already know, the Archdiocese of Louisville is working very methodically to see that all teachers and volunteers within our schools have had both criminal background checks and the Safe Environment Training.

- All parents should have received a form in the last BEE regarding the Criminal Background check. If you have completed one of these within the past five years, you are covered. If not, please turn this form in to the office this week.
- Safe Environment is a one-time training (at this point!) required of all volunteers. St. Agnes will host a training session on Thursday evening, September 10 at 6:30 PM in the Parish Center. No pre-registration is necessary. The schedule of other training sessions can be found at [www.archlou.org](http://www.archlou.org), under the section on the Home Page called "Protecting God's Children."



## ROSARY

In the previous BEE we mentioned about the weekly Rosary that several of our parents are beginning: Friday afternoons at 2:30 in Meeting Rooms A and B. Their suggestion to all parents is: *"Get El Primo Parking! Be first in line for carpool and join us on Friday, August 28<sup>th</sup> to pray the Rosary."* If you are not able to participate, but have a special intention for which you would like people to pray, please call the Office and we will relay the message. Ms. Bischoff has for many years shared her great devotion to the Rosary with her classes. We are asking that this week's Rosary be offered for the intention of her swift and complete recovery.



## HELP NEEDED

Your help is needed! As I have previously explained, there has been some reorganization in the staffing of our cafeteria. Because of Archdiocesan regulations we can no longer use "volunteer" parent help to staff our Cafeteria on a regular basis. To compensate, the salary for another part-time worker was built into the budget. Since we were no longer offering stipends to our Cafeteria "volunteers," we were able to lower everyone's Cafeteria fee on the summer Registration Form from \$60 to \$30. However, we are in great need of parents to volunteer one or more days per month from 11 am -1 pm to supervise the scraping of trays. We are also in need of someone to coordinate this. There will be a table for signups at the PTO Meeting. If you are willing to coordinate this, please email or call me. Thanks in advance for this help!



## EDLINE

Any weekly updating of pages that teachers will do will be completed each Monday by 5:00 PM. If there is something added mid-week that a teacher wants you to see, he/she will email you. Otherwise, try to check the Edline pages Monday evening. To make sure you are seeing what has been posted, do the following each week:

Choose Classes and Shortcuts. Select a user (child's name).

On that child's page:

Go to My Content and look over the combined calendar for that child.

Go to Classes and Shortcuts. Select that child's Homeroom page (e.g. 3<sup>rd</sup> grade – Ms. Donnelly). Look at the News on that page.

Go to Classes and Shortcuts. Select More Classes. Look at the dates for the updating of the various classes to determine what you need to look at.



## THANK YOU PTO



Thank you to the PTO for the wonderful back-to-school lunch that was provided for both the school and parish staffs on Wednesday, August 12<sup>th</sup>. The PTO also provides each teacher with some money to use for classroom decorations and supplies. The tradition of teacher appreciation at St. Agnes is very strong. Thank you for making teachers feel so supported!

## REMINDERS AND REQUESTS

●Our buses are very full this year. No extra riders can be accommodated. Even those who regularly ride the bus cannot ride home with a friend on the other bus.

●If at any time you have questions or concerns about the bus, please contact Denise Helline or contact me. I am ever grateful to Denise for her many hours of working with Miller Bus Company each year on bus contracts, subsidies, and routing. We are the envy of many, many schools that we are able to provide bus service at such a limited cost.

●Please, please do not come to the office after 2:25 and ask to have your child called for early dismissal. This policy is clearly stated in the handbook, and yet we still have people who ask for this accommodation. There is so much happening at that time of day, and we have occasionally failed to deliver an important message to a child because of parents requesting early dismissal. Arrive before 2:25 if you must take your child out of school early. Thanks!!

## INNISBROOK



Tomorrow (August 27<sup>th</sup>) we will kick off the first of our PTO fundraisers: the Innisbrook Gift-wrap sale. Dina Haming is working hard to put together some fun incentives for the students. Each year this sale provides the PTO with a substantial portion of the funds that are then allocated for technology, arts programs, teacher appreciation, and other significant initiatives. This is a great opportunity to invite out-of-town friends or relatives to purchase this great quality gift-wrap and to help support our school and our students. 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students will again benefit from the generous offer of the PTO to contribute 25% of their gross sales to their class's 8<sup>th</sup> grade Chicago trip account. This trip occurs in May of students' eighth grade year.

Our primary goal for this fundraiser is to reach 100% participation for the 4<sup>th</sup> year in a row – a feat seldom achieved in fundraising circles. If we do that, our overall goal always seems to fall into line. The emphasis is on our working together on behalf of our entire school community. Thanks for all you do to build that spirit!



## THANK YOU



Thank you also for the wonderful attendance at our Opening of School Prayer Service and Ice Cream Social, and thank you, Donna Wolz and Kitty Zink, for coordinating the Ice Cream Social! That evening will always be one of my favorite events.