

# SEPTEMBER NEWS

## ST. AGNES SCHOOL

### September 7, 2017

#### WEEK AT A GLANCE

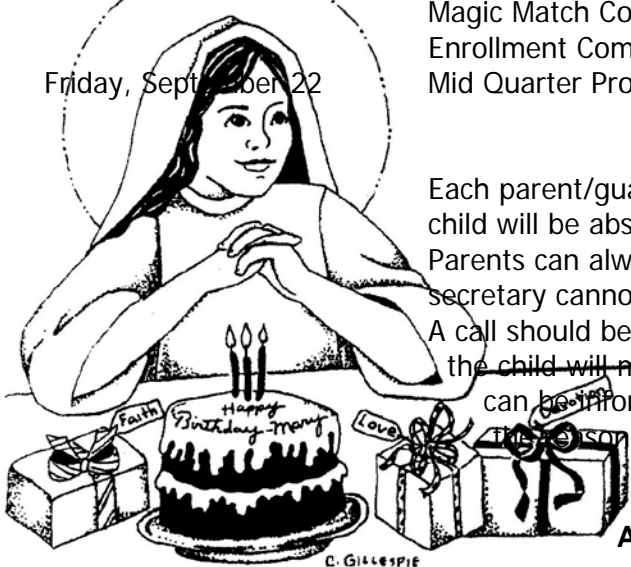
Thursday, September 7	Annual Fund Committee Meeting – 6:30 pm
Friday, September 8	Grandparents Day - Arrival – 8:00 am Tour and Refreshments, 9:30 am Program, Liturgy 10:15 am <b>11:30 am Dismissal (No Late Day)</b>
Monday, September 11	<b>1:30 pm Dismissal</b> (Faculty Meeting) School Board Meeting – 6:30 pm
Tuesday, September 12	Dress down day fundraiser for Hurricane Harvey Protecting God's Children (Parish Hall) – 6:00 pm Parents' Club Meeting – 6:30 pm
Wednesday, September 13	Rehearsals begin for Singing Aces (3:15 – 4:15 pm) for Grades 5-8
Thursday, September 14	All School Liturgy – 8:15 am Parents' Club Family Cook-Out – 6:00 pm
Friday, September 15	Mid Quarter Vision & Hearing Screening
Sunday, September 17	Band Sign-Up (Between 3:00 – 6:00 pm) at SHG for Grades 4-8

#### LOOKING AHEAD

Monday, September 18	Bus Safety drill – 9:30 am
Tuesday, September 19	Catholic Principals' Meeting at St. Agnes – 11:30 am
Wednesday, September 20	<b>11:30 am Dismissal</b> (Teacher In-Service) Technology Committee Meeting - 6:30 pm
Thursday, September 21	No All School Liturgy due to Priests' Convocation Magic Match Committee – 12:00 noon Enrollment Committee Meeting – 6:30 pm
Friday, September 22	Mid Quarter Progress Reports sent home (Gr. 3-8)

#### ABSENTEES

Each parent/guardian is required to notify the school office by 8:30 a.m. if a child will be absent that day. Homework requests may be made at this time. Parents can always leave a message on the school answering machine if the secretary cannot be reached. The answering machine is checked regularly. A call should be made each day the student is absent, unless it is known that the child will miss several consecutive days. If such is the case, the school can be informed with the first phone call of the consecutive absence and



School: 793-1370  
 School Fax: 793-1238  
 Athletic Director/Sue Mosher: 546-7094  
 Late Day: 415-1304

## **MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL**

Dear St. Agnes School Parents,

We have a PA system in place!! This morning we were able to pray together and make announcements for the first time this school year. It has been quite a beginning trying to communicate with our 17 class areas without a communication system. Special thanks to all who have assisted with the installation of the new system: Steve, who has become a fixture in our office these two weeks working on installation, Mike Eck, who has been involved from the beginning with contacts and ordering, Mrs. Cullers and Dave, our tech people. What a gift! We are so grateful! Now to pay for this new system- a good Annual Fund goal this year!

### **Grandparents' Day**

Tomorrow, September 8<sup>th</sup> is one of the most popular days at St. Agnes! It is Grandparents' Day! We look forward to welcoming about 350 St. Agnes grandparents! Grandparents may come with their grandchildren in the morning and choose one classroom to remain in for morning prayer and announcements. A special class activity will follow. There will be a form to fill out for pictures and a form to complete for door prizes in each of the classrooms. Grandparents may then pick up the rest of their grandchildren in the various classes, tour the school, share refreshments being served in the cafeteria/gym and have pictures taken. The first picture for grandparents is free to each family. Additional pictures will be \$1.00 each. Grandparents will need to move in and out of the refreshment area so that everyone can be served. We will have an hour and a half in the school and then at 9:30 a.m. all will move to the Church for a short program. Mass will immediately follow this program in the Church. Grandparents should not move to the Church with their grandchildren earlier than 9:30 a.m. as this will be a long time of waiting. Dismissal will follow at 11:30 a.m. so that grandchildren and grandparents can go to lunch together. **There is no Late Day tomorrow. All are asked to stay for the morning since the program and Mass are a very important part of our gift to grandparents.**

### **Protecting God's Children Program**

Attendance at the Diocesan required "Protecting God's Children" program and compliance with the Diocesan Policy on Sexual Abuse of Minors is required for parents and others who volunteer and/or attend classroom parties, field trips, etc.

St. Agnes requires both parents of preschoolers and students new to the school to attend this program during the first year of attendance at St. Agnes School. The program may be completed at any session offered in the Diocese. A list of these sessions was contained in the August packet or can be found on the Diocesan web site ([www.dio.org](http://www.dio.org)). A session will be offered here at St. Agnes next Tuesday, September 12<sup>th</sup>, from 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Please call the school office to register (793-1370).

### **Iowa Assessment Tests**

**Iowa Assessment tests** that have usually been given in the fall have been **moved to the spring**. Some of the areas tested were academics that are taught during this school year so it is hoped that by testing in the spring, students will have more of an advantage in the testing. This testing is required for grades 3, 5 & 7 by the Diocese. St. Agnes chooses to test the other grades so that we can monitor the growth of students from year to year.

### **Back to School Cook-Out**

We look forward to welcoming you to our Back to School Cook Out sponsored by the Parents Club on Thursday, September 14<sup>th</sup>, in the area behind the school. This event is an opportunity to meet other school families and to welcome those who are new to our

school. Please use the Parents Club flier sent to you in last week's newsletter and return the bottom portion with the number of those attending from your family or respond by e-mail to this invitation. This was due this week so please do so by tomorrow if you have not yet had a chance. We are so grateful to Jim Mizeur, Carter Mizeur's father, who is providing the meat, cheese and bread for this event. Jim is the owner of Taco Gringo. Families are asked to bring a food item to share as indicated on the flier. You might want to bring your own drinks. Families are asked to please park in the Church parking lot to keep the basketball area free for children to play. We will also use the two playgrounds...the PeaceBuilders' Place playground and the Rainbow playground for children to play.

### **Black Friday Windfall Cash Raffle**

The "Black Friday Windfall Cash" raffle that the Parents' Club is sponsoring is under way. Each family is asked to sell at least 5 of these tickets as this raffle is a big part of the Parents' Club fundraising along with the SCRIP program. All funds raised by the Parents' Club support our school. Activities, like our Grandparents' Day tomorrow, costs the Parents Club over \$1200 to sponsor so they need the support of all of our parents in this event. Tickets for the raffle are \$20.00 each. There will be an early bird drawing on October 14<sup>th</sup> at the Trivia Night for \$500.00. Starting on November 1<sup>st</sup> through November 20<sup>th</sup>, there will be a winner each day for \$100.00. On the 21<sup>st</sup> of November, all of the names will go back into the drawing for a grand prize drawing of \$1,000.00. Parents who assist with this fund raiser may record one hour on their service commitment form for every 5 tickets that they sell. The children in those families will be included in a special dress down day.

### **In-Service Days**

Five In-service days for teachers are scheduled into each school calendar. These days are counted as full days of attendance but release students for the afternoon to assure ongoing education for teachers. The In-service days this year will be used for preparation for the State and Diocesan evaluation and for working with the new Mathletics program. The next In-service day is scheduled for Wednesday, September 20<sup>th</sup> with dismissal at 11:30 a.m.

### **Arrival and Dismissal**

Parents, our first bell rings at 7:45 a.m. for children to have time to get themselves settled for the day. The tardy bell rings at 8:00 a.m. Please have your children here for school **on time!** When children come in every day tardy, it does not allow them time to prepare for their classes and it causes teachers to repeat directions, making other children wait. Our school day begins at 8:00 a.m. Please help us keep to this schedule.

At dismissal time, parking along the north side of the tennis courts is not permitted unless you are a parent picking up a preschooler. Cars parking on the east side of the tennis courts are the cars that will be dismissed first in the line up of cars for dismissal. Those cars should be turning left to go north out of the drive near the PeaceBuilders' Playground or going straight across the street. The parking area near Fr. Bob's garage in the morning, evening or during the day, **is not** for school families. That area is for employees of the Parish and those visiting the Parish office. Our parents who are supervising at lunch time, in the cafeteria, on the playground or in the library, are asked to park in the back of the school or along the drive near the PeaceBuilder playground. Please help us keep your children and all children safe!

### **Community Education Programs**

St. Agnes participates in community education programs that provide partnerships with businesses. Those include: County Market and Box Tops for Education. Thank you to our many parents and parishioners who designate St. Agnes School to receive a percentage of their purchases. If you have not had the chance to turn in the form for

County Market, you can take it to the store or send it to school. It was in our first Thursday Newsletter. Each year we receive a \$1,000 from this program. Schools with the most support receive \$5,000 which we received three years ago. Thank you, parents, for your help! We also collect soda tabs for Ronald McDonald House as one of the charities that some of the classes adopt.

***Faith Reflection:***

**Real love goes far beyond words. Love requires action and sincerity (I John 3:18). Children need parents (and teachers) to teach them how to transfer this abstract word LOVE into practical, observable examples. In other words: What does love look like, how do children learn love and how do parents (and teachers) teach love? Pope John Paul II urged us to promote a *spirituality of communion* as the guiding principle of education and family life.**

**FIND CHRIST IN ONE ANOTHER. People who hurt are caught up in a cycle of anger, defensiveness and distrust. Finding Jesus in negative behavior is difficult. If you cannot see Christ, bring Christ! Imitate Jesus by initiating conversation, being respectful, inviting people to join in an activity, forgiving and sharing.**

**THINK OF OTHERS AS AN EXTENSION OF MYSELF. Give others the benefit of the doubt. Provide second chances. Grow in sensitivity. Others have sensitive feelings, fear and worries, too. They want to belong, to be acknowledged, to have their opinions respected.**

Happy September to all!  
Sr. Joan

### **GRADE 3**

News from Third Grade: We have gotten off to a great start to our year! In Science, we have completed labs and are taking notes and learning about the Scientific Method. In Social Studies, we are learning all about Communities and the people that live in them. Additionally, we are just finishing up our Place Value unit in Math and are getting ready to begin Addition Patterns. Finally, we were able to go to the Library yesterday and search for Animal books for our first book report.

### **GRADE 5**

Each year our classes are asked to have a service project to assist the community. This year, 5th grade has chosen to collect paper products for Catholic Charities. There will be two pick-ups this year. One around Christmas and one closer to the end of the year. We are asking for donations of tissues, paper towels, toilet paper, wet ones and diapers. You may begin sending in donations at your convenience. We thank you for your generous support of this project.

### **SINGING ACES**

They will start on Wednesday, Sept. 13th! This is a choral group for 5th-8th graders that meets weekly until Christmas. We will rehearse on Wednesday's and Thursday's, from 3:15-4:15 in the Parish Hall. At our first rehearsal, a permission slip will be handed out with confirmed performance dates. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. DePatis ([tdepatis@stagnescatholicsschool.org](mailto:tdepatis@stagnescatholicsschool.org)). I hope to see many of you there!

## **YOUR TRASH IS OUR TREASURE!**

Mrs. Newman needs your help in collecting (clean) supplies to use in the many fun activities that will take place in the Resource Room this year. The easy part? We need your extra supplies, the ones that are just sitting around taking up space that you want to get rid of. Before you throw them away, please give us the chance to reuse them in our learning! We can find a good use for just about anything that you want to send in to us, however these are the types of things that we go through the most of in our activities:

Cardboard tubes (ex: empty paper towel roll or TP roll)	Plastic bottle caps	Plastic silverware	Empty 2 liter bottles
Small Paint brushes or Q tips	Plastic cups (of all sizes!)	Straws and balloons	Craft Sticks (clean popsicle sticks)
Extra craft supplies (beads, paint, etc.)	Terrarium supplies (soil, sand, gravel, pebbles, etc.)	Cardboard (ex: broken down Amazon boxes)	Film canisters (remember these??)

Please send anything that you would like to donate into school and either have your student bring the supplies to Mrs. Newman in Room 220 (upstairs at the end of the hall between the 7th grade classrooms) or I can come pick it up from their classroom. Thank you in advance!



ST AGNES PARENTS' CLUB  
**FAMILY COOK-OUT**

**THURSDAY, SEPT. 14<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 PM - 8:00PM**

Please join us for a FREE evening of Family Fun!

The Parents' Club will provide hamburgers, hot dogs, and veggie burgers. Each family is asked to contribute by bringing a dish according to the suggestions below. AND please remember to bring a cooler of child friendly beverages for your family too.

**IMPORTANT!!!**

Please RSVP by Wednesday, September 6<sup>th</sup> by completing the form below or emailing [watsonkatet@gmail.com](mailto:watsonkatet@gmail.com).

Your RSVP ensures that we order enough food for all in attendance.

**Suggested Dish Contribution by**

Family Last Name

A - G - Desserts

H - K - Pasta/ Potato Dish

L - N - Appetizers

O - S - Chips and Dip

T - Z - Fruit/ Salad/ Veggies

Please complete and return this slip to the SCHOOL OFFICE or EMAIL to [watsonkatet@gmail.com](mailto:watsonkatet@gmail.com) with your food requests by Wednesday, September 6<sup>th</sup>. Any questions contact Kate at email above or text/ call 217-303-1650.

FAMILY NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Number Attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Hamburgers \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Hot Dogs \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Veggie Burgers \_\_\_\_\_

Thanks for Supporting St. Agnes Parents' Club!

# St. Agnes SCRIP Order Form

Revised Mar. 23, 2017

## Order Information

Order Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Family Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Work/Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

St. Agnes Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher/Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Check One:  Pick up at Church  Send home with Student

(Delivery)  Put in staff Mailbox  Pick up at School Office

## General Information:

Orders placed on **MONDAY BY NOON** will generally be filled and delivered on Friday. Questions? Contact Amanda Field (502-6235) or Christine Kanoski (622-8199) or by email. Email: stagnesscrip@gmail.com.

## Shop with SCRIP

We have our popular gift cards in stock, so stop by the office if you need some. Tell your friends, family – they can shop through SCRIP also!

## TOTALS:

Total # SCRIP Purchased: \_\_\_\_\_

Total Amount Due: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Delivered: \_\_\_\_\_

Check Payment Option: (Payable to St. Agnes Parents Club/Scrip Account)

Check # \_\_\_\_\_

Mail Order

1. Check your order for accuracy. Inaccurate orders will be returned unprocessed.
2. Do NOT enclose cash. Check or money order only. Make payments to "St. Agnes Parents Club-Scrip"

Retailer	\$	Credit	Qty	Cost	Retailer	\$	Credit	Qty	Cost
Ace Hardware	\$25	4%			Choice Hotels	\$50	3%		
Aerie	\$25	10%				\$100	3%		
Amazon.com	\$25	2.5%			Chuck E. Cheese	\$10	8%		
AMC Theaters	\$25	8%			Claire's	\$10	9%		
American Girl	\$25	9%			Cold Stone Creamery	\$10	8%		
American Eagle Outfitters	\$25	10%			Container Store	\$25	9%		
Applebee's	\$25	8%			County Market	\$25	5%		
American Express	\$100	1.25%				\$100	5%		
Arbys	\$10	8%			Cracker Barrel	\$10	8%		
Babies-R-U's (Toys-R-U's)	\$20	1.5%			Crate and Barrel	\$25	8%		
Barnes & Noble Bookstores	\$10	8%			Crazy 8	\$25	13%		
	\$25	8%			CVS Pharmacy	\$25	6%		
Bass Pro Shop	\$25	9%				\$100	6%		
Bath & Body Works	\$10	13%			Dairy Queen	\$10	3%		
	\$25	13%			Dave & Buster's	\$25	13%		
Bed Bath & Beyond	\$25	7%			Del's Popcorn Shop	\$5	10%		
Bella Milano	\$25	10%			Dennis Uniforms	\$20	5%		
Bergners	\$25	9%			Denny's	\$10	7%		
Best Buy	\$25	4%			Dick's Sporting Goods	\$25	8%		
	\$100	4%			Dillard's	\$25	9%		
Bob Evans	\$10	10%			Discover	\$50	1.25%		
BP Gas	\$50	1%				\$100	1.25%		
	\$100	1%			Disney Gift Card	\$25	2%		
	\$250	1%				\$100	2%		
Buffalo Wild Wings	\$25	9%			Dress Barn	\$25	8%		
Build-A-Bear	\$25	8%			Domino's Pizza	\$10	8%		
Burger King	\$10	4%			Dunkin Donuts	\$10	3%		
Burlington Coat Factory	\$25	8%			Express / Express for Men	\$25	10%		
Cabela's	\$25	11%			Family Video	\$10	12%		
California Pizza Kitchen	\$10	4%			Fannie May Candies	\$10	25%		
Carter's/Oshkosh	\$25	10%			Finish Line	\$25	10%		
Champs Sports Store (Footlocker)	\$25	9%			Footlocker Stores	\$25	9%		
Cheesecake Factory	\$25	5%			GameStop	\$25	3%		
Children's Place	\$25	12%			GNC	\$25	8%		
Chili's	\$25	11%			Gordon Food Service (GFS)	\$25	4%		
Chipotle Mexican Grill	\$10	10%			Great Clips	\$25	8%		

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Hardees	\$10	5%			PetSmart	\$25	4%		
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Home Depot	\$25	4%			Pizza Hut	\$10	8%		
	\$100	4%			Pottery Barn (Williams Sonoma)	\$25	7%		
Hyatt	\$50	9%			Pro Image	\$25	10%		
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iTunes	\$15	5%			Radio Shack	\$25	4%		
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J.Crew	\$25	13%			Red Robin	\$25	8%		
Jiffy Lube	\$30	8%			Regis Salons	\$25	8%		
JC Penney	\$25	5%			Ross Dress for Less	\$25	8%		
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Joe's Pizza	\$10	10%				\$250	2.5%		
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Lowe's Home Improvement	\$25	4%			Staples	\$25	5%		
	\$100	4%			Starbucks	\$10	7%		
Luers	\$20	5%				\$25	7%		
Macy's	\$25	10%			Steak N Shake	\$10	8%		
	\$100	10%			Subway	\$10	6%		
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Marathon Jumbo Card	\$250	4%				\$100	7%		
Maurices	\$20	7%			Taco Bell	\$10	3%		
Meijer	\$25	3%			Talbots	\$25	13%		
	\$100	3%			Tanger Outlets	\$25	8%		
Menards Home Centers	\$25	3%			Target	\$25	2.5%		
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Michaels	\$25	4%			Texas Roadhouse	\$25	8%		
Mobil (Exxon)	\$50	1%			TGI Friday's	\$25	9%		
Mobil (Exxon Jumbo Card)	\$250	1%			Toys-R-Us	\$20	3%		
Motherhood Maternity	\$25	8%			Ulta	\$25	4%		
Noodle's & Company	\$10	8%			Visa	\$50	1.25%		
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Office Depot	\$25	4%				\$250	1.25%		
Old Navy (Gap,Banana Republic,Piperlime)	\$25	14%			Walgreens	\$25	6%		
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Oriental Trading Company	\$25	9%			Wendy's	\$10	4%		
Outback Steakhouse	\$25	8%			Zappos.com	\$25	8%		
Overstock.com	\$25	8%							
Panda Express	\$25	8%							
Panera	\$10	8%							
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Papa John's	\$10	8%							

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