

Newsletter: September 20, 2024

Dear Students, Parents, and Guardians,

Our year is off to a great start and we are excited to see our Saint Agnes Students grow and flourish this year as they tackle new learning adventures. Everyday our Saint Agnes Bears work hard to be **PAWSitive** by...

- Practice Safety
- Act Responsibly
- Work Together
- Show Respect

Please continue to encourage your students to share what they have learned and how they showed PAWsitive behavior.

Communication Email & Text Messages:

Please ensure that you **OPT In** to text messages from BrightArrow. All information from School Admin is used for BrightArrow, please ensure that your information is correct. This is how we will send out communication text messages for the school. Also check your SPAM folder in your email for BrightArrow communications.

Car Line Updates:

Please place the colored Family Name sheet in the front of your car for pickup. This was sent home with your child and will help adults to get students to your car faster.

Other Important Information about Dropoff/Pick up:

 Please do not use uber/lift to pick up your students. Students should know the person who is picking them up so that we can ensure their safety.

- Students and parents should not be walking between cars during the pick up process. This puts students at risk and we want to ensure the safety of all children.
- If you drop off after 8 am we will ask you to exit the far gate near the church and drop students by the median so that they can walk safely into the building.
- Early dismissal/parent pick up will end at 2:40 pm. If you are picking up after 2:40 pm please use the car line.
- Please pick up your child by 3:10 pm no later than 3:15 pm. If you arrive after this time you may pick up from aftercare. You will incur a fee for late pick up, unless you have an extenuating circumstance.

Back to School Night:

Back to School Night was a huge Success with over 100 families visiting our building and exploring our classrooms. Parents who visited had the opportunity to hear from teachers, administrators, and the HSA. Below are the links to presentations that were shared. Please don't hesitate to reach out if you need any other information.

- HSA Powerpoint
- Administration PowerPoint
- Important Dates for Families
- Spanish Language Trip Info
- Parent-Student Handbook

Classroom Presentations

- o Pre-K
- o Kindergarten Presentation
- o Grade 1
- Religion



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Important Upcoming Dates: (HSA Flyers Linked Below)

September

- 24th-Spanish Trip Information Zoom
 @6:15 with the Language Project
 (See Link Below)
- 25th- Virtus Training Night for Parents(5-6:30)
- 28th-Parish Sponsored Sacred Heart Swing Dance-7pm
- 30th- Map Testing Makeup week (Grades 2-8)

October

- 3rd- Early Dismissal at 12pm
- 4th-No School/Teacher Professional Development Day
- 6th-Respect Life Sunday
- 7th-Mid-Trimester Progress Reports to be sent via email
- 15th-Double Good Popcorn Kickoff
- 17th- Early Dismissal @12 pm,
 Picture Retake Day & Parent
 Teacher Conferences 1pm-6:30pm
- 18th-2 hour delay for arrival, Final Sales for Double Good Popcorn
- 19th-Parish Procession for Life @ 2pm
- 26th-<u>Truck-Or-Treat, Tuition Raffle</u> Begins
- 31st- Story Fest Pre-K-5th, Middle School Buddy Classes will assist younger grades

Spanish Language Project Trip for Middle School Students

Mr. Flores will host an information session on September 24th at 6:15pm for the Spanish Language Project trip to Spain this Spring. This trip is open to all Middle School Students and Families. Dates for travel are April 19-26. Please complete this FORM if you are interested in the trip. See information below & Zoom link.

Join us for an informative meeting about this exciting opportunity for our students grades 6-8.

Tuesday Sept. 24 at 6:15pm.

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89712154154

Meeting ID: 897 1215 4154

Passcode: 015856

Details of trip:

Sevilla, Spain

Dates: April 19-26 (spring break)

Price: 900€ (accommodation, activities + all meals included) + flights
Approximately \$1800-2000 total / student
*based on a minimum of 11 students

Payment form:

- 60% due upon confirmation (Confirmation deadline is: Friday October 4, 2024)
- 40% due 30-days prior to trip, March 15, 2025
- Flights- due 15 days after purchase of group flights

Health News & Updates

Welcome back to a new school year! We are off and running. Please be sure we have the most up to date phone and email contact information. You can reach me Ext. 5207 as well as my email



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<u>gvukcevich@stagnesschool.net</u> for any questions or updates.

Missing health forms- if your student(s) is/are missing any health forms a notice was given in your youngest child's classroom at Back To School Night. If you did not attend, then the notice was sent home on 9/12 via your youngest student. Please check bookbags or ask your student about this.

All forms are due by Nov. 1st.

<u>Medications</u>-just a reminder that ALL medications need an order signed by both the healthcare provider and the parent before it can be administered. All medications must be brought to school by an adult.

****Fall is upon us, ask your healthcare provider about getting your flu shot (as well as Covid, RSV or pneumonia vaccines if indicated)****

Keep healthy, cover your cough/sneezes, wash hands frequently, and get plenty of quality rest. Be in touch and let me know how I can be of assistance.

--Nurse Grace

Before & AfterCare

Currently, Saint Agnes School will continue to run Aftercare until the YMCA is able to take over. Tuition for AfterCare will be billed at the end of the month through your FACTS account, as an additional fee.

YMCA: Aftercare Interest List <u>HERE</u>
YMCA needs at least 18 students to run the program in our building. If you are interested

in continuing aftercare through YMCA please fill out the interest form above. Right now, the school will continue to run the aftercare program until the YMCA is able to certify the space, and begin the program, this may be until November 2024.

If you cannot access the Link Above, follow the steps below:

- Go to our webpage: ymaryland.org
- Click on locations
- Under Before and After School Enrichment, click on Baltimore County
- Click the purple banner that says Register for Baltimore County Schools
- Select St Agnes School on the left hand side or the Hyperlink that says 2024/2025- Interest List- St Agnes School
- Select the program/schedule they are interested in

The YMCA does accept Child Care Scholarships, and all families who participate will receive a free family membership.

We are looking forward to a great year! Please let us know if you need anything and we look forward to seeing you in our classrooms soon!

> —Megan Winter, Principal -Brian Stahl, Assistant Principal