



This is a summary some of the things St. Agnes Catholic School has to offer for activities, volunteer opportunities and much more. Please read through and keep for future reference. Activities have a contact person listed and date (**note:** dates listed were current at the time this document was put together. The school calendar, posted online, will always be the most up-to-date). If you have questions and an item listed, please contact the person listed.

All parents and students are invited to participate in as many activities as possible. To participate in activities with the kids, parents must be Virtus trained. Adults will not be allowed to volunteer without this training. You can sign up to attend a local session by visiting the Virtus® website ([www.virtus.org](http://www.virtus.org)).

### **ST. AGNES EVENTS:**

**Spirit Assemblies** – Spirit Assemblies are held on some Friday afternoons in the gym. A game is played between students and parents to promote school unity. A different grade participates in the game each month (refer to the school calendar to find out which month your child’s grade will be participating) and parents are always welcome at spirit assemblies.

**St. Agnes Fall Festival** – The Fall Festival is a community building event for the Parish. The festival, being held this year on September 19, 2015, includes games for the whole family. All parish organizations solicit volunteers, including PTO, who recruit school families to work children’s games. The Festival starts after the 4:30 mass and offers food, drink and lots of fun.

**Trunk or Treat** –PTO sponsors a Trunk or Treat in the St. Agnes Parking lot for all families to decorate their trunks and trick or treat with friends. Families can attend even if their car is not decorated. Truck or Treat will be on October 24, 2015.

**School Auction**–St. Agnes School Auction is our school’s largest fundraiser. It is an adult-only event that is a lot of fun and will be held this year on Feb. 20, 2016. This year the theme is 80’s Prom. All parents are asked to volunteer a minimum of 5 hrs. to make this event a success. Volunteer opportunities range from helping with set-up/tear down, working shifts at the auction, and working on decorations. Each family is asked to solicit or donate at least 2 gifts with a minimum value of \$25 each to the auction. A volunteer form will be sent home in the early fall asking each family to identify areas where they can give their time and talent.

**Rams Reaching Out** - Each year, generally in the spring, our entire school participates in a day of stewardship in the community. On April 29, 2016, we will begin our Rams Reaching Out day with an all school Mass at 8:15 a.m. Then, each classroom will participate in a service project and the entire school will eat lunch together about 11:30 a.m.

**Spring Book Fair sponsored by the St. Agnes Librarian**- In the spring the school librarian hosts a Scholastic Book Fair that takes place in the school library. Proceeds from this fair are used to provide resources for the library, as well as, individual classrooms. Additional detail about the fall Book Fair, sponsored by PTO, is covered later in this document.

**8<sup>th</sup> Grade Lip Sync** – It is tradition that the 8<sup>th</sup> grade students and parents participate in a Spirit assembly Lip Sync. All are invited to this fun event held in late spring, check the calendar for the exact date.

**8<sup>th</sup> Grade Bingo** –Generally, held in the spring, the 8<sup>th</sup> grade class will host a Bingo Night as a fundraiser for their graduation. All 8<sup>th</sup> grade students and their parents volunteer to make this night a success. It is a family-fun event that the entire school and parish is encouraged to attend. Tickets can be purchased during pick-up, after Mass, and at various other events.

## **SCHOOL VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:**

**Vocations Cross** – Jane Sullivan ([sullivan.jane@stagneskc.org](mailto:sullivan.jane@stagneskc.org))

At the end of the all school mass each week the Vocations Cross is given to a different school family. The family takes the cross home and prays for more Vocations to religious life, as well as, special intentions that their family may have. At the end of the next school mass the student/s and their family give a short summary of what their family prayed for during the week and then the cross is passed on to another family. If you're interested in signing up, visit the Administrative table at the ice cream social on Monday, August 17<sup>th</sup> from 6:00-7:30pm.

## **Fundraising Opportunities:**

**Birthday Books**- April Benz ([benzapr@stagneskc.org](mailto:benzapr@stagneskc.org))

Books can be donated to the school library in the name of a student on his/her birthday. You may purchase your own hardcover title, or pay \$15 to pick a new book available in the library. The student will be recognized for the donation with a label in the book, on the wall outside the library, and in the weekly newsletter. Books can be donated for any occasion, not just birthdays!

**Box Tops/Campbell's/Target Programs**- Stacey Brandt ([sbrandt72@gmail.com](mailto:sbrandt72@gmail.com))

Box Tops for education is a great resource that provides free money for St. Agnes. All you have to do is clip off the box tops that are on everyday food items that you are using and send them to school with your child. We also collect Best Choice and Campbell's labels.

If you have a Target Red Card make St. Agnes your school of choice. Go online to select Target as your school (ID# 7126), and Target will donate one percent of all of your purchases to St. Agnes. We receive about \$1000 each year from Target based on 65 cards' usage. More users = more money for our school!

**SCRIP**–Tami Janssen ([tamijanssen913@gmail.com](mailto:tamijanssen913@gmail.com)) & Susan Marrello ([sam@zumareimages.com](mailto:sam@zumareimages.com))

Buying gift cards through the SCRIP program at St. Agnes is another way to bring free money back to our school. SCRIP has many stores to choose from and a percentage of the cost of the card is profit for the school and you earn money back, as well. To find out more information contact Tami and Susan or go to the scrip website: <https://www.shopwithscrip.com/>.

**Social/Fundraising Events**- Sarah Dee ([sdee@sportkc.org](mailto:sdee@sportkc.org)) & Rachel Olson ([rachel.kathryn.olson@gmail.com](mailto:rachel.kathryn.olson@gmail.com))

Local establishments host a St. Agnes Night where they give a percentage back to the school based on how many St. Agnes Families visit. This year Panera, Papa John's Pizza, Mission Pet Mart, and Cupini's are participating. Check the school calendar for specific dates and times.

## **ST. AGNES PTO COMMITTEES**

**St. Agnes PTO**- Jenny Owens Hughes ([ffionniaowen@gmail.com](mailto:ffionniaowen@gmail.com))

The PTO supports the school through volunteering and fundraising efforts as well as providing enrichment activities for the students. Membership is open to every parent and teacher from Kindergarten to 8th

grade. There are multiple committees available for parents to participate in. Come meet other parents and take an active role in our school.

**Birthday Board** – Jessica Marin ([JBarrmarin@gmail.com](mailto:JBarrmarin@gmail.com))

The Birthday Board is in the cafeteria and is decorated by volunteers with a different theme each month. The board displays all of the children's birthdays that month.

**Celebrations** –Sy Griggs ([sybob1999@yahoo.com](mailto:sybob1999@yahoo.com)) & Esmerelda Ortiz ([esmereldaortiz4@gmail.com](mailto:esmereldaortiz4@gmail.com))

Receptions for Confirmation, First Communion and Graduation are held after each of these events. They are hosted by volunteers of parents from classes that are not receiving the sacraments this year.

**Enrichment Team**- Jo Greene ([jjacgreene@gmail.com](mailto:jjacgreene@gmail.com)) & Rachel Mahlik ([rachelmahlik@hotmail.com](mailto:rachelmahlik@hotmail.com))

Working in conjunction with the teachers, we provide opportunities for our children to be exposed to different cultures and programs, through guest speakers, activities, or resources paid for by PTO.

**Fall Book Fair sponsored by PTO**- Jennifer Larson ([jenedlarson@gmail.com](mailto:jenedlarson@gmail.com)) & Reva McCauley ([revaevoniuk@yahoo.com](mailto:revaevoniuk@yahoo.com))

In the fall, PTO will hosts a Scholastic Book Fair. This year the Book Fair will be held September 21-25, Book Fair raises funds for the school library. Parent volunteers help to set up, work shifts during the fair and to close it down.

**Lunch Bunch** – Amber Smith ([aortiz\\_77@hotmail.com](mailto:aortiz_77@hotmail.com))

The lunch period from 10:45-11:45 needs 2 volunteers each day to help assist the younger kids. This is a fun and easy opportunity to interact with our children. You can volunteer as much as you are able.

**New Family Welcome** – Sarah Lubischer ([sarah\\_oyer@yahoo.com](mailto:sarah_oyer@yahoo.com))

The purpose of this committee is to serve as a resource to help new families get acclimated to St. Agnes. Focus in on educating families on all things St. Agnes including volunteer opportunities, Virtus training, understanding drop-off/pick-up, uniform policy, etc.

**Praying Parents** – Carol Anderson ([carol.m.anderson@gmail.com](mailto:carol.m.anderson@gmail.com))

This is an opportunity for volunteers to pray for a specific teacher each day throughout the school year. Once matched with a teacher the volunteer will contact the teacher letting them know they will be praying for them each day and inviting them to share special prayer intentions as they occur. The teachers really appreciate the support.

**Room Parents** – Stacey Stillwell ([stacey.stillwell@cerner.com](mailto:stacey.stillwell@cerner.com))

Each classroom has volunteer room parents that serve as the liaison between the teacher and parents. Room parents will help coordinate classroom parties, as well as, help in coordinating volunteers for other events planned. In general, room parents support the homeroom teachers in any way possible.

**Sports Exchange**-Julie & Darin Astor ([astor40@gmail.com](mailto:astor40@gmail.com)) & Matt Allen ([tallon7147@yahoo.com](mailto:tallon7147@yahoo.com))

St. Agnes families have the opportunity to “shop” for sports equipment donated by other St. Agnes families. Donated items include: balls, bats, shoes, etc. You can “shop” items at the ice cream social on Monday, August 17<sup>th</sup> from 6:00-7:30p.

**School/Parish Liaisons**--Shawna Wright ([shawnawright2002@yahoo.com](mailto:shawnawright2002@yahoo.com)) & Beth Cole ([ec1738@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ec1738@sbcglobal.net))  
Coffee and Donuts is held after mass most Sunday mornings. On the 4th Sunday of each month it is hosted by PTO. Each month a different grade is assigned to setup, serve and clean up.

**School Supplies**– Angie Pedrotti ([angiepedrotti@yahoo.com](mailto:angiepedrotti@yahoo.com)) & Gerilyn Semro ([neazks@yahoo.com](mailto:neazks@yahoo.com))

PTO offers a service to help parents save time and energy. Order forms will be sent out towards the end of the school year showing the supplies that can be purchased for the student's upcoming school year. Order forms and money are collected before the summer and supplies are delivered to the student's classroom before the ice cream social the next fall. This is not a fundraiser for the school, but is offered for parent's convenience.

**Spirit Wear** – April Benz ([johnaprilbenz@gmail.com](mailto:johnaprilbenz@gmail.com))

Spirit wear is a non-uniform shirt, sweatshirt or hoodie that shows your school spirit. Spirit wear can be worn when announced by the principal, usually on monthly Spirit Assembly Days. Spirit wear can be purchased by filling out an order form and turning it into the office with payment. Order forms are available on the school website and from the office. Orders are placed once a month, and usually take 2 weeks to be delivered to the school.

**Staff Appreciation Lunches**- Shannon Benes ([sibenes@msn.com](mailto:sibenes@msn.com)) & Michelle Weber ([johnmichelleweber@gmail.com](mailto:johnmichelleweber@gmail.com))

Quarterly a different grade will host a Staff Appreciation Lunch. All parents are encouraged to help in some way either by providing food, helping to set up, serve or clean up. This is just another way we, as parents, show our staff how much we care.

**Staff Christmas Fund**-Becky Arthur ([Rebecca.Arthur@novoco.com](mailto:Rebecca.Arthur@novoco.com))

In Lieu of purchasing gifts for teachers, Parents can donate money to the Staff Christmas Fund. All money donated will be divided between St. Agnes Staff.

**Veterans Day Committee**- Becky Barrerra ([beckymbarrera@yahoo.com](mailto:beckymbarrera@yahoo.com)) & Shandin Duffer ([shandin@live.com](mailto:shandin@live.com))

An annual celebration to honor our countries' Veterans'. This year it will be held on November 11, 2015.

**Uniform Exchange**- Lauren Neal ([laurenkellerman@yahoo.com](mailto:laurenkellerman@yahoo.com)) & Terry Rodriguez ([trod2713@gmail.com](mailto:trod2713@gmail.com))

As students outgrow their uniforms, parents can donate gently used pieces to PTO by bringing them to the school office or to PTO meetings. General rule of thumb when donating-if you wouldn't dress your child in it, then don't donate it. The uniforms are sorted and are available for school families at PTO meetings or by asking in the office. The donated uniforms are free to School families.

### ***Groups/Clubs for the Students:***

**Art Club (grades 1-8)** - Laurie Colahan ([colahan.laurie@stagnesc.org](mailto:colahan.laurie@stagnesc.org))

Hosted by our Art Teacher, Art Club is normally held once in the fall and once in the spring. This is an after school program.

**Band (grades 5-8)** - Chris Barnard ([barnard.chris@stagnesc.org](mailto:barnard.chris@stagnesc.org))

Fifth grade students may start on the Flute, Clarinet, Alto Saxophone, Trumpet, Trombone, Baritone, or Percussion. If the student has played a string instrument in another school, they are welcome to join. All bands participate in the Christmas and spring programs, 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grade also attends the Bishop Meige Jr. High Music Festival in late January or early February.

**Cantors (grades 4-8)** - Chris Barnard ([barnard.chris@stagnesc.org](mailto:barnard.chris@stagnesc.org))

This group is in charge of leading the singing during the school Masses once a week. We meet every Monday after school in the school music room from 3:45 – 4:10 pm unless school is not in session on Monday. Then we meet Wednesday morning at 7:40 am in the school music room.

**Catholic Youth Organization (CYO) (grades 3-8)** – St. Agnes Athletic Director Mike Whitmore ([mjwsaw@att.net](mailto:mjwsaw@att.net))

CYO is an Archdiocesan Catholic Youth Organization (CYO) sports program. CYO offers Boys' Football, Girls' Volleyball, Boys' and Girls' Basketball and Track. Coaches are volunteers.

**Children's Choir (grades 2-8)** - Kristen Beeves ([beeves.kristen@stagneskc.org](mailto:beeves.kristen@stagneskc.org))

Rehearsals are on Thursdays from 3:30 p.m. to 4:15 p.m. in the Music Room in the Parish Center. The Children's Choir leads the singing at several 10:00 am Sunday Masses and selected 8:15 am Wednesday School Masses throughout the year.

**Girls on the Run (grades 3-5, girls only)** – Amelia Cramer ([cramer.amelia@stagneskc.org](mailto:cramer.amelia@stagneskc.org))

Girls on the Run is a youth development program that inspires girls to be joyful, healthy and confident using a fun, experience-based curriculum which creatively integrates running. Life lessons are taught through the use of fun interactive games combined with training for a non-competitive 5K race. Practices are 2x's per week for approx. 10 weeks.

**Honor Choir (grades 5-6)**- Chris Barnard ([barnard.chris@stagneskc.org](mailto:barnard.chris@stagneskc.org))

This is a group of eight 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade students who are selected by audition and then practice after school all year. They perform at the Christmas and Spring concerts and join other 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> students from all over northeast Kansas for one large choir that performs in early December at Shawnee Mission Northwest.

**St. Agnes Rams Robotics Club (grades 1-8)** – Dr. Mark Clements ([maclements@cmh.edu](mailto:maclements@cmh.edu))

The St Agnes Rams Robotics teams provide students the opportunity to learn about Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) in an environment that promotes teamwork, respect for the ideas of others, and sharing of knowledge with the community.

Our 4th-8th grade robotics teams compete annually in the First Lego League (FLL) competitions (<http://www.firstlegoleague.org/>). Our 1st-3rd grade teams exhibit annually in the Junior First Lego League (Jr FLL) events (<http://www.juniorfirstlegoleague.org/>).

## **Groups for Parents:**

St. Agnes parish offers a variety of groups that are open to the men and women of St. Agnes -Altar & Rosary Society, Knights of Columbus, Men of St. Agnes, Mothers of Young Children, School Advisory Committee, St. Agnes Dads Club, and Women of St. Agnes. For additional information, membership requirements (if applicable), meeting times, etc. Visit the St. Agnes website ([www.stagneskc.org](http://www.stagneskc.org)) or check the weekly bulletin. The School Advisory Committee and St. Agnes Dads Club provide support to the school through their guidance, donation of time and talent, and financial resources for school events.

**School Advisory Committee**- The committee serves as an advisory group to the pastor and principal. The committee members are appointed by the Pastor in consultation with the principal. Their meeting times are noted on the school calendar.

**St. Agnes Dads Club** – Larry Nordling ([larry@coronadokatz.com](mailto:larry@coronadokatz.com))

The St. Agnes Dads Club is focused on fellowship and contribution of their time and talent to be a positive influence in the educational journey of St. Agnes School students. Dads' Club members volunteer at various school functions and plan the St. Agnes Golf Classic, a yearly tradition that helps support the academic, apostolic and athletic endeavors of the school.