

SAINT AGNES

CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Forming Minds & Souls for the Future

UPCOMING DATES

- May 24, 2017
Last Day of School
- June 16, 2017
Dads Club Golf Tournament
- August 22, 2017
First Day of the 2017 - 2018
School Year
- September 16, 2017
Fall Festival
Alumni Welcomed!
- FEBRUARY 17, 2018
21ST ANNUAL AUCTION



ALUMNI NEWSLETTER

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As our school year comes to a close, I offer a prayer of thanksgiving to all that our school has accomplished. The teachers and students have all worked so hard and it is paying off. We have much to be thankful for this past school year and we are already planning for 2017-2018 school year.



Thank you for your continued prayers and support this school year. We would not be where we are today without your work and passion. If you have not visited recently, I hope to see you walk through those doors sometime soon. There are a lot of changes and the students would love to meet you.

If we've seen you recently, thank you for taking time out of your busy lives to spend time with us. One thing is true about St. Agnes, we are proud of our tradition and history. Thank you for being part of this community.

In Christ,
Mrs. Jane Sullivan
Principal



SOCIAL MEDIA



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Keep In Touch

We love to hear from our alumni! Please send us updates about you and your family. We will include them in our next alumni newsletter. Send updates to alumni@stagneskc.org

Alumni Corner

Class of 1972: Elaine (O'Connell) Schmidtberger ('72) has been an educator for 37 years! She student taught at SM North, taught for 3 years at Blue Valley High School and 34 years at Bishop Miege. Elaine is currently a Guidance Counselor after teaching Speech, Debate, Forensics, Acting and English. She has 4 wonderful sons Keith, Kent, Kurt and Kale and a beautiful daughter-in-law Katie. Elaine's identical twin lives one mile away. Elaine is a very proud St. Agnes alum. She grew up on 49th street in Westwood, one of 10 children. Elaine walked to school every day as her mom never learned to drive! Elaine's three oldest brothers and sister even went to St. Agnes High School. She is proud to say she had her First Communion, Confirmation, and wedding at St. Agnes Church and was educated at St. Agnes by many fine teachers and Ursuline nuns. The community at St. Agnes was her second family. Elaine can remember the annual talent show, the CYO games in the wonderful St. Agnes gym, and so much more. "St. Agnes is AWESOME!"



Class of 1986: After attending Miege and ESU, Jenny (Tylicki) Fontaine ('86) married Dan Fontaine. They have three boys; Pete, Patrick and Daniel. All of their boys have attended St. Agnes with their youngest set to graduate this year. One of Jenny's favorite memories from St. Agnes was Kansas Day when Sr. Marcella would wear her Kansas Day dress. What Jenny loved about St. Agnes is how it is amazing to witness the change and growth in the community over the years. "The people change but the community always stays the same!"



Class of 2009: Jennifer Gonzalez ('09) has three siblings, all who attended St. Agnes. She is currently a senior at the University of Central Missouri, studying elementary education. Jennifer is student teaching in a 5th grade class in Warrensburg, Mo this semester and recently accepted a teaching position at Holy Spirit Catholic School, in Overland Park. She is a member of Sigma Sigma Sigma Sorority. "For me, St. Agnes was a great school because it helped me decide I wanted to be a teacher in the future, all thanks to my third grade teacher, Mrs. Zeilinski. It also taught me to value my education."

Rams Reaching Out



Rams Reaching Out Day of Service



On Friday, April 28th, the PTO organized and led our annual day of service, the 2017 Rams Reaching Out. This year's theme was in honor of Saint Teresa of Calcutta as we honored her canonization into sainthood. This day of service has been a long-standing tradition and every year, the students look forward to learning something new and giving back to those who need it most.

One of the reasons why this day is so important is because of the partnership with Catholic Charities of Northeast Kansas that has strengthened over the years. This year, St. Agnes helped ALL of the Catholic Charities ministries. Each grade (preschool through

8th grade) worked with a ministry that was age appropriate. The day kicked off with an all school mass at 8:15am led by Archbishop Naumann and then each grade went their separate ways to participate and contribute to this day of service.

The PTO and other volunteers associated with this event worked hard to coordinate and collaborate and make this day a success. The students, teachers and staff were great representatives of St. Agnes by giving back to those less fortunate.

Rams Reaching Out Fun Facts

- Preschool collected 126 bags of pasta
- Kindergarten collected 122 bags of coffee
- 1st Grade collected 240 items for mothers and their babies
- 2nd Grade collected 290 books
- 3rd Grade made 250 lunches for the summer food program
- 4th Grade collected 692 hygiene items and made 30 rosaries
- 5th Grade put together 45 care kits
- 6th Grade collected 509 food items
- 7th Grade sorted 50 bags of donated clothes at "Turn Styles"
- 8th Grade collected 222 household items and worked a combined 72 hours at "Roots for Refugees"



STREAM Update



The pride and tradition of St. Agnes Catholic School was never stronger than during the annual auction on Saturday, February 18. This year's Fund-a-Need was to create and build our very own STREAM (Science, Technology, Religion, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics) lab.

Due to the donations from many in our St. Agnes community, we will be building our very own STREAM Maker Space for K-5 and STREAM Lab for Middle School. Our mission at St. Agnes is to offer an environment in which students will foster the love of science, technology, religion, engineering, art, and math, and look to further their passion in these areas in their future. We are concentrating on implementing a dynamic new way to engage the minds of our students with the addition of a STREAM Maker Space and STREAM Lab. These spaces will offer an environment where all students have the opportunity to engage in STREAM proficiency.

In today's world, we know our students need to be able to trouble-shoot, problem-solve and be empathic in ways that are unique and complex. With the addition of these spaces, our STREAM program will continue to build the foundation we offer our students in becoming independent, critical-thinking, problem-solvers. Students who graduate from St. Agnes will be proficient at meeting the high standards today's work-force demands. Our students are the future leaders!

Dads Club Golf Tournament

Mark your calendars and get your team together! Get excited and start practicing for the annual Dads Club Golf Tournament on Friday, June 16, 2017. The shot gun tournament will start at 1:00 p.m. at Swope Memorial Golf Course. Here is the schedule for the day:

Event Schedule

- 11:30 AM: Check-In, Luncheon, & Contests
- 1:00 PM: Shotgun Start
- 5:30-ish PM: Dinner and Awards

Proceeds from the St. Agnes School Golf Classic are used to supplement student development, enrichment and inclusion programs. This annual event is championed by an informal association of men known as the Dads Club. These extraordinary men contribute their time, talent and treasure to be a positive influence in the educational journey of St. Agnes School students.



You won't want to miss the fun and the stories will be told for years to come! Register today at: www.stagnesgolf.org or email golf@stagneskc.org for sponsorships or more information.

Did You Know?

- The entire school (kindergarten through 8th grade) is participating in The Leader in Me programming to provide tools and strategies so our students are ready to be the leaders in our world tomorrow.
- We are excited to project that currently for the 2017-2018 school year, we will have over 310 students enrolled kindergarten through 8th grade. This includes two full classes of kindergarten. We are proud of our growth!

Support St. Agnes

We have a lot to celebrate as the 2016-2017 school year comes to an end...and we're already making plans and visualizing success for the next school year.

Our enrollment is increasing and we're anticipating over 320 students registered for the 2017-2018 school year! In fact, our preschool and kindergarten classes are already full.

With that, we will need your help to continue the strong academic and spiritual tradition that is offered at St. Agnes. Consider giving now to help our students succeed next year! Here are a few examples of what your donation can do for the students of today:

- \$100 - school supplies for one student
- \$250 - purchase all text books for one student
- \$500 - purchase one iPad, protective case, and software for one student
- \$1,000 - purchase one instrument for music activities
- \$2,000 - Purchase an interactive white-board and projector for a classroom
- \$2,500 - implement the Leader in Me initiative school-wide (for one year)
- \$5,000 - adopt a classroom
- \$6,500 - full cost of attendance for one student

Our students need your help! Because you came before us, St. Agnes has had a long, rich tradition and our students deserve to receive the same quality education. Please consider giving today so our students can succeed in 2017-2018.

Checks can be mailed to:
St. Agnes Catholic School
c/o Mrs. Jane Sullivan
5130 Mission Road
Roeland Park, KS 66205

Or call our office at (913) 262-1686 and let's plan to meet. We would love to reconnect with you and show you why our students deserve the best!

Your donation is tax deductible to the fullest extent possible (if no goods or services were exchanged).



Auction Update:

It was quite an evening for the St. Agnes community! Thank you so much for being part of the excitement and enthusiasm of the 21st Annual St. Agnes Auction on Saturday, February 18, 2017. We are grateful for your generosity and support!

Here are just a few of the good news from that evening:

- The live auction raised almost \$70,000 to benefit the students of St. Agnes.
- The online bidding continues to be successful and this year, it started the week of which was another great initiative.
- We raised \$35,000 as part of the car raffle sales.
- We raised \$57,000 for our fund-a-need (STREAM labs).
- The food was out of this world! Thanks to current parents and parish volunteers, this effort was a HUGE success.

To cap off the greatness of this community...we raised \$270,000 for the benefit of the students!

St. Agnes Catholic School was one of the first elementary schools in the greater Kansas City community to organize and plan an auction 21 years ago. And today, we are successful because of the continued support of those who planned this grand event so many years ago.