

The Raven Reader



St. Agnes Student Council

Quote of the Month

Education's purpose is to replace an empty mind with an open one.

-Malcolm S. Forbes



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AN INTERVIEW WITH MRS. SCHNAARS BY LAUREN BROADWELL AND ERIK LAW

When you came back to school this year, did you notice anything different? Did you see big "Welcome Back" signs in the windows, banners on the railings, and even a waiting area in the front hallway? This is the work of our new principal, Mrs. Heather Schnaars. Mrs. Schnaars said that she is "very excited to be at St. Agnes School." She also said that she thinks Catholic education is very important because everyone should have some kind of knowledge of their faith. She believes "Catholic education teaches your mind, heart, and spirit, with faith as your base."

Mrs. Schnaars has been a principal at Our Lady of the Assumption in Woodridge, NJ for two years. She was also a teacher at Our Lady of Mount Carmel in Tenafly, NJ. There, she taught fourth and first grades, as

well as 5th grade mathematics. She was a teacher for eight years. Mrs. Schnaars said that she was a product of Catholic education, noting that she attended St. Therese in Cresskill, NJ for grades Pre-K through 8th. She also went to the Academy of Holy Angels in Demarest, NJ for high school. Her undergraduate degree is in Elementary Education and Theatre from Rider University. She received a Masters degree from St. Peters College, where she graduated with a 4.0 GPA. Mrs. Schnaars mentioned that her favorite subject is math. When asked about St. Agnes School, Mrs. Schnaars stated that she loves St. Agnes because

of its warm environment, and she is excited to bring additional programs to our school. She explained that she will start a "Spirit Week", a special Veterans Day project and ceremony, and a "bring a friend to school" day. She has already started a Safety Patrol, where older students help to make sure the younger student are safe during drop-off. Outside of school, Mrs. Schnaars likes to participate in theatre, scrapbooking, country line dancing, and choir. She loves Disney World, and states that she is a morning person. She was just married in July, and has 2 dogs.



When asked, Mrs. Schnaars stated that her biggest lesson for her students is "to believe in yourself and have the confidence to do what you want to do."

A Student's Prayer

Help me remember that you're always by my side
 at school and all day long.
 Help me be the best student I can be,
 using all the gifts and talents you've given me.
 Help me study well and often
 – especially when I don't feel like studying at all!
 Help me finish all my homework – on time.
 Help me listen to my teachers and coaches.
 Help me play fair and play safely,
 Help me be honest when I'm tempted to cheat.
 Help me always tell the truth.
 Help me be kind to everyone at school
 and to treat others as I'd want them to treat me.
 Help me make good friends
 and help me be a good friend to others.
 Help me know how I can help others
 and to ask for help when I need it myself.
 Help me love and respect, trust and appreciate my parents
 - and to be honest with them.
 Help me remember that you're with me always, Lord,
 and that you'll never leave my side.
 Amen.

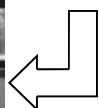
A Parents' Prayer for Students

Dear Lord,
 As my children leave for school,
 I pray that you will keep them in your care.
 Send your Spirit to open their minds
 to all that is true and beautiful and good.
 Help them to see the gifts and talents
 you have given them and to use them well.
 Help them to grow in knowledge and wisdom.
 Help them to be kind to others
 and lead others be kind to them.
 Give their teachers patience and understanding
 and help them teach what is just and true.
 Send your angels to guide and guard my children
 and to keep them from all harm.
 Open their young hearts to your presence
 and enfold them in your peace and protection.
 Hold them in the palm of your hand
 and bring them home safely at day's end.
 Amen.

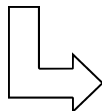
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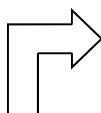
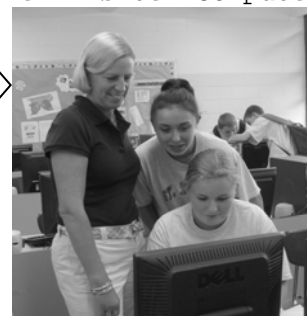
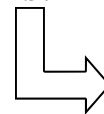
Miss Monica Joffe—8th grade homeroom;
Middle School Literature and Language Arts



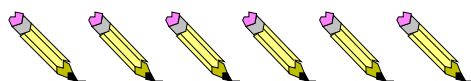
Mrs. Dana Armstrong—Middle School Math



Mrs. Ellen Fishter—Computers



Miss Darlene Altvater—Spanish



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or Class Representatives, and we
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We also welcome Mrs.
Nicole Martinez back as
a permanent addition to
our teaching staff in
2nd grade!

Mrs. Carmelina Crincoli—Art

Watch for our first full issue
coming in November!



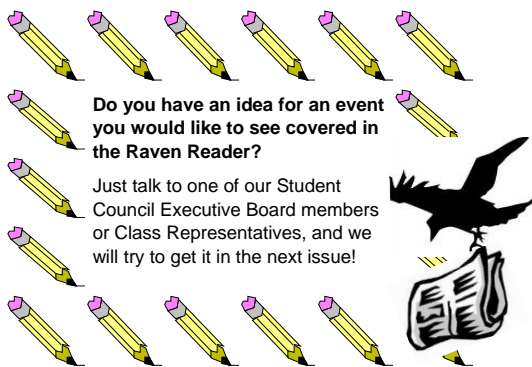
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A Look Around St. Agnes



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