

Dear Parents and Guardians,

It is hard to believe that half of our summer has come and gone. My summer began with some major demolition and construction work to our cafeteria and auditorium. It has been exciting to see the transformation right before my eyes.

I had a wonderful month of July preparing for the 2011-12 school year, visiting friends, and vacationing in Disney World. I return to St. Agnes School for my second year, physically and spiritually renewed.

I am happy to welcome back our staff and our new faculty members: Mrs. Renee Szumski – 1st Grade Teacher, Miss Christina Fuentes – 5th Grade Teacher, Mr. Michael Rocco – 6th Grade Teacher and Language Arts Teacher, Mrs. Dawn Schugel – Middle School Math Teacher, and Mr. Douglas Frost – Computer Teacher. Mrs. Jane Burns will be the 8th Grade Homeroom Teacher.

Welcome to all our new families. I hope you enjoy your years at St. Agnes School. It is a school filled with love and educational opportunities, where God is the source of our joy and strength.

The summer months allow for a change of pace. I hope it has offered you a chance to pray, play, and relax as a family.

I look forward to welcoming everyone to a new scholastic year. God bless.

Sincerely,

Heather E. Schnaars
Principal



Saint Agnes School will open for the 2011-2012 school year on Tuesday, September 6. This day will be for faculty ONLY.

STUDENTS WILL REPORT IN THE FOLLOWING MANNER:

GRADES 6-8 Wednesday, September 7. **Grades K-5 do not report.**
Students will assemble on the playground by 7:50 am

GRADES K-5 Thursday, September 8. **Grades 6-8 do not report.**
Grades 1-5 will assemble on the playground by
7:50 am
Kindergartners are to report directly to the classroom
by 7:50 am.
Students in grades K-4 should bring a healthy snack.
12:00 Dismissal

ALL STUDENTS Friday, September 9.
Grades 6-7-8 may go to their lockers and homeroom
at 7:50 am.
Grades K-5 will assemble on the playground by
7:50 am.
Grades K-4 should bring a healthy snack.
12:00 Dismissal

Pre - K Monday, September 12.

GRADE K **Kindergarten** will be dismissed at 12:00 noon from
September 12-16. Children will assemble on the
playground by 7:50 am.

STUDENTS ARE TO BE IN UNIFORM ON THE FIRST DAY THAT THEY REPORT TO SCHOOL. Summer uniforms (Walking shorts & Golf shirts) are permitted until, Friday, October 14.

FULL DAY SCHEDULE will begin on Monday, September 12- **Gr 1-8.**

Grades 1-8 will assemble on the playground by 7:50 am for the **first week of school.** From September 12 onward children will go directly to the cafeteria. **Please remember that ALL students K-8 are to be dropped off and picked up in the back of the school.**

OPENING LITURGY - The first liturgy of the school year will be on **Wednesday, September 14** at 9:00. All are invited.

Physical Education classes will begin the week of September 12 and all students **MUST** have their gym uniform, which consists of the grey T-shirt, maroon shorts, white socks and predominately WHITE sneakers.

The Physical Education Class schedule is as follows:

Monday --- Grades 2, 3, 4.

Tuesday --- Grades K, 1, 5 & 6 combined, 7 & 8 combined
Pre-K.

On gym day, the gym uniform will be the school uniform for the scheduled grades. **Pre-K Only:** school gym uniforms are not necessary, but **sneakers are required.**

WELCOME

We also welcome our 21 new Kindergarten students.

We are proud to say that as of this date, St. Agnes School also adds 7 new members to the upper grades. Welcome to everyone!

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

At the beginning of the year various forms are sent home with your child. They are requested to be return immediately, usually the day after. Your cooperation in this matter is essential so that the office may complete the necessary information for records, etc., as soon as possible. Remember, one person can hold up a whole procedure if a form is not returned upon request. This also applies for anything that goes home during the year.

SCHOOL ADVISORY BOARD (IN TRANSITION)

It is recommended by the National Catholic Education Association and supported by the Archdiocese of Newark that schools transition to a new model of boards. Members are appointed who have expertise in critical areas that can advise and assist the school in continued growth.

HOME-SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

The Home-School Association will hold one of the biggest fundraiser events of the year a **“TRICKY TRAY AUCTION”** on Thursday, October 20, 7:00 PM at The Gran Centurion. This is the one **MANDATORY** (other than food certificates) fundraiser of the year. Each family is **required to contribute \$50 and/or a Themed GIFT BASKET valued at \$50.**

The Home-School Executive Board will hold its first meeting on Wednesday, September 14 at 6:30 p.m. in the faculty room. Officers are: President, Alysia Siegel, Vice-President, Jo-Ellen Clancy, Secretary, Cynthia Petrowsky, and Treasurer, Jennifer Hilyard.

The Home-School Association will hold its first general meeting on Tuesday, September 27 at 7:00 p.m. in the school auditorium.

BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT

Back to School Night will be on Wednesday, September 21 with parents assembling in the cafetorium at the following times:

Grades Pre-K-5 -- 7:00 pm After a brief assembly you will be able to go to the individual classrooms to meet with the teachers.

Grades 6-8 -- 8:00 pm All teachers and parents will meet in the cafetorium and then move to each classroom.

You are requested to be on time as the meetings will begin promptly at the times stated.

HOT LUNCH

The school's HOT LUNCH PROGRAM will begin on Monday, September 12. "LJ's Food Service" is our caterer. This year we are happy to inform you that the food will be cooked on premises in our **new** kitchen. Laura Lutz and Mary Jean O'Grady are the co-managers of the cafeteria program. (CAFETERIA VOLUNTEERS are still needed and a vital part of the cafeteria's success.) **NO GLASS BOTTLES ARE ALLOWED.** The lunch menu will be available on our website (www.stagnesschool.com); and for new families attached you will find the information required to enroll in the lunch program.

A drink can be purchased a la carte or with the hot lunch choice on cafeteria days.

The Monthly Menu is sent home for September in this packet. In the future, we are going green and the monthly menu will be available online. Children are not permitted to charge.

ASSIGNMENT PADS

Once again there will be a uniform assignment pad for all students in grades 2 to 8. The cost of the pad will be \$2.00 and the students should have the money with them to purchase the assignment pad on the first day that they report to school. No student will be given the assignment pad unless it is paid for.



AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

The After School Program will be continuing this year. The program will begin on Monday, September 12. **Please note that when there is a 12:00 dismissal the program is only in operation on announced calendar dates.**

BEFORE SCHOOL PROGRAM

The Before Care program will be continuing this year. This will start Monday, September 12. Stay tuned for more information the first week of school.

VOLUNTEERS' MEETING

There will be a meeting for volunteers on Friday morning, September 9 at 11:00 a.m. in the cafetorium. Volunteers are needed for lunch duty on Mondays through Fridays. Volunteers for playground supervision would be most appreciated.

CLASS MOTHERS' MEETING

An interest flyer will go out in early September for Class mothers for grades K-6, one for the boys and one for the girls. A meeting for ALL class mothers will be held on Tuesday, September 27 at 6:15 pm in the cafetorium.

UNIFORM COMPANY

The Flynn & O'Hara Uniform Company will be here on Friday, September 16 at 9:00 – 11:00 am for anyone still in need of uniforms. Order forms will be available in the office.

EIGHTH GRADE PARENT'S MEETING

There will be a special meeting of Eighth Grade Parents on Tuesday, October 4 at 6:00 pm in the cafetorium. At least one parent **MUST** attend. Some of the items to be discussed will be the high schools' Open Houses, the high school entrance examination, class trip, etc.

PARKING DURING SCHOOL HOURS

A section of the parking lot will be roped off daily so that the children have a safe area in which to play. You are asked to park **ONLY** outside of the area used by the children. See the attached diagram.

When dropping your child(ren) off at school in the morning or picking them up in the afternoon, you **MUST** do so in the **BACK OF THE SCHOOL**. The front of the building must be kept clear for any emergency vehicles.

SECURITY SYSTEM ACTIVATED

For the protection of our Children, a security system is activated in the school. All school doors are fitted with a buzzer and all visitors must ring and be recognized for admittance. All school visitors are to use the main door by the administrative office in the back of school.

All persons entering the school at any time of day **must** report to the office, sign in, state the purpose of their visit, and **receive a pass**. We are following the recommendation of the prosecutor's office. This is also the procedure for coming into the school for the purpose of seeing a teacher, etc. We hope you will understand and appreciate the need for upgrading our security procedures.

VERY SPECIAL THANKS

As usual, the school building is in excellent shape and we owe this to Arles Sierra, our Maintenance Supervisor. All should take pride in the environment--students, teachers, parents-- and assist in whatever way to maintain what they have done.

THANK YOU

It is no wonder that I feel so blessed and happy in my ministry as Principal of such a wonderful school and that I eagerly anticipate the re-opening of school each year. I have already had the opportunity to meet some of St. Agnes' families throughout the summer, and I cannot wait to meet all the wonderful children at St. Agnes.

I hope you have all experienced the joys that vacation brings to children and families and that your summer was safe, happy, and holy.