



Connecting Students and Families through Faith
October 2, 2022



Upcoming Events

Monday, October 3rd

NO SCHOOL

Tuesday, October 4th

NO SCHOOL

Wednesday, October 5th

Mass @ 8:15

5th Grade to WET Fieldtrip

****Apparel
orders due Oct
5th. Scan QR
code to view
choices.****



Honing Our Leadership Skills

On Saturday, September 24th, twenty-eight student council members took part in the first of four leadership retreats planned for the 22-23 school year. During these retreats, the students will focus on the characteristics necessary to be a good leader. The focus of the first retreat was leading by example and the importance of developing their communication skills. The students enjoyed participating in a number of fun activities. Each child also created a vision board to identify goals they have for growing as a leader. The morning closed with a pizza lunch. It was a great building and bonding experience!



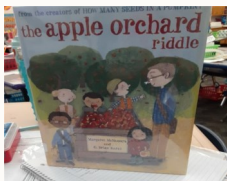
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Classroom News.....

Johnny Appleseed

First grade students enjoyed a fun unit on apples during the week of September 19-23. After reading the books Apple Orchard Riddle and All About Apples and watching videos on Johnny Appleseed, the students engaged in a number of fun activities involving apples. They tasted and compared different types of apples, tried dried apples, made an apple lap book, studied the life cycle of the apple and even made and used a catapult to launch small pieces of apple. It was a wonderful learning experience for all.



Book Tasting

Fourth Grade students enjoyed experiencing a taste of the next novels they could potentially read in the class book clubs. Students read an excerpt from multiple novels then rated each book for their interest level. These surveys will help Mrs. Becker place them with students of like interests to form a book club for each novel. What a fun way to experience new literature!



Priesthood Sunday

St. Agnes student council proudly hosted Priesthood Appreciation Sunday during the weekend Masses on September 24th & 25th. Cards were created and sent to area priests, banners were designed for the church, a spiritual bouquet was created for Fr. Konka from all the students of the school, and reception was hosted after each Mass. Thank you Fr. Konka for shepherding us on our faith journey. We appreciate you!



Hot Lunch Menu for October 3rd, 2022 - October 7th, 2022

<u>Monday, Oct 3</u>	<u>Tuesday, Oct 4</u>	<u>Wednesday, Oct 5</u>	<u>Thursday, Oct 6</u>	<u>Friday, Oct 7</u>
NO SCHOOL	NO SCHOOL	Soft Shell Taco Taco Meat, Cheese Lettuce, Salsa Refried Beans Peas Watermelon	Tater-tot Casserole Steamed Broccoli WW Roll Peaches Cookie	Hot Roast Beef Sandwich Mashed Potatoes w/gravy Green Salad w/ranch 1/2 Banana
Helpers:	Helpers:	Helpers: Beth Merrigan Tish Kosman	Helpers: Beth Merrigan Toni Warburton	Helpers: Beth Merrigan Hollie Vath

What's Happening at St. Agnes School.....



Third Grade Class By Meghan Calvert



This first quarter of school is already flying by! 3rd grade just completed their first three MAPS tests of the school year. They all did so great, and I am so proud of them. 3rd grade is a transition year, where things get a little bit harder, but this class took it with stride and did not give up on their tests.

Through the month of September, we have been working hard on learning how to type and what the home row is on the keyboard. Typing is a great skill for them to learn and something they will need once they get to the middle school. Mrs. Schiff generously donated the Be a Saint Club books to our classroom that correlates to the Catholic Sprouts Podcast that we start our mornings with. This month we have been learning how to live our lives like Bl. Carlo Actus. The kids have really enjoyed learning about him and the remarkable way he lived his life. We will be focusing on St. Therese of Lisieux throughout the

month of October.

This year we will be looking at different artists throughout history and creating art as they did. In September, we looked at the artist Wassily Kandinsky, and created his famous circle art. The kids loved being able to create and view art in an abstract way.

September has been filled with so much learning and fun for 3rd grade, and we cannot wait to see what October brings.



Library Room News By Lana Payne



BOO! The Halloween books have been anxious to get off the shelves. Students will be greeted by creepy characters, wacky witches, and ghoulish adventures during the month of October! It will be frighteningly FUN!

Other October themes include Columbus Day/Indigenous Peoples' Day (Oct. 10th), National Book Month: the month-long celebration focuses on the importance of reading, writing, and literature, which ties in nicely with our reading incentive program. Students should have finished their reading goals and projects for September. The 3rd grade class is displaying their projects in the library! Students will be starting on their October Reading Incentive goals in the next few days.

Book Fair also happens in October, the week of Oct. 24-27. This year's fair will be the week of Parent/Teacher Conferences. The fair takes place downstairs in the Learning Center. The fair will be open Mon-Thurs. right after school until 4:00 P.M. It will also be open Tues. and Thurs. evenings during conferences. Please plan to come to the Book Fair that week! The children will be very excited! They will have a chance to preview the new books during their library time and will be making a wish list for you! Thank you for supporting the Book Fair! The profits from the book sales allow our school to purchase new books for the St. Agnes Library. See you at the Book Fair!



Music Room News By Cori Taedter



Instruments, instruments, INSTRUMENTS!! We LOVE learning about them in our music classroom; but, most of all, we love playing them! We are blessed with a nice supply of rhythm instruments in our classroom, so we are learning about their origins, what makes them unique, and exactly how they are classified. Pictured are members of the 2nd grade class who just finished successfully naming and sorting a variety of rhythm instruments – great job, 2nd grade!

All grades will be spending the next few weeks working diligently on rhythmic notation, rhythm patterns, and creating and performing original rhythmic compositions. Grades PreK-2 are concentrating on activities to strengthen steady beat, 3rd grade is beginning a drumming unit which will lead to playing from notation, 4th grade is beginning to learn about the recorder and other wind instruments of the orchestra, and 5th graders are dazzling me with their knowledge of treble and bass clef notes – with scale construction to follow! I am so happy to say that our school is full of students who love to make music, which makes our music classroom a wonderful place to be!

