School Newsletter





Connecting Students and Families through Faith October 19, 2025



Upcoming Events

Monday, October 20th

Quarterly Awards

Tuesday, October 21st

Tools & Technology Fieldtrip - 4th Grade
P/T Conferences

Wednesday, October 22nd

Mass @ 8:15 - 2nd Grade Leads

Thursday, October 23rd

P/T Conferences

Friday, October 24th
NO SCHOOL





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5th Grade WET Field Trip

St. Agnes 5th graders enjoyed spending the day of October 8th at the **W**ater **E**ducation for Tomorrow field trip sponsored by the

NRD. The students learned many, many things about water and its importance in producing energy, causing erosion, playing a role in soil conservation and our need to conserve this important resource.

We are grateful to ESU and the NRD for providing this outdoor education opportunity for the 5th graders of the valley and thank them for including us in this learning experience.











We Are Champions for Christ

Friday, October 10th marked the first Discipleship Friday for the 2025-2026 school year. This year's theme is Cathletics – Training to be Champions for Christ. The students moved through 5 stations: activity, faith, snack, music and craft where they focused on the day's theme: The Game Plan – Focusing on the Two Greatest Commandments. They learned more about the saint of the day: Saint John Paul II and the virtue of excellence. It was a wonderful afternoon of fun and faith-building for our students.













P/T Conferences & Bookfair

The week of Oct 20-24 marks Parent-Teacher Conference week, which means our annual bookfair will be taking place in the school learning center. The fair will be open daily after school from 3:15-4:00 as well as from 5:00-8:00 on Tuesday & Thursday nights during conferences. We hope all families will take time to visit the book fair. Proceeds from the event allow us to purchase new materials for the library. Thanks in advance for your support.



Many Moccasins

St. Agnes students commemorated Indigenous Peoples Day by attending the Many Moccasins performance held at the Midwest Theater on October 13th. The Many Moccasins Dance group is an ensemble of professional Native American performers who utilize traditional Native American dance to entertain, educate and uplift audiences. Our students were mesmerized by the beautiful costuming and the amazing moves of the members of the troupe both young and old. What a great educational opportunity for our students! We thank the Midwest Theater for including us as guests for this event.







Hot Lunch Menu for October 20th, 2025 - October 24th, 2025

Monday, Oct 20	Tuesday, Oct 21	Wednesday, Oct 22	Thursday, Oct 23	Friday, Oct 24
Breakfast Casserole English Muffin Turkey Bacon Mandarin Oranges	Walking Taco Refried Beans Corn Watermelon	Chicken & Rice Broccoli Bread & Jelly Apple Slices	Roast Beef Mashed Sweet Potato Mixed Vegetable Dinner Roll Banana	NO SCHOOL
Helpers: Mary Lou Ditter Karen Mosch	Helpers: Andrea Margheim Jacque Dutkiewicz	Helpers: Jordan Carrizales HELP NEEDED	Helpers: Alesia Shope Juyoung Adams	Helpers:

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



First Grade Class By Kyla Odermann



It's hard to believe the first quarter is already coming to an end—time is flying by in first grade! Our students have been learning and growing so much, and it has been such a joy to watch their excitement for learning each day.

We recently completed our Fall MAP testing, and the students did a wonderful job! This is the first year that the students take the MAP test, it was very impressive how well they listened, followed directions, and worked carefully.

In science, we are beginning one of my favorite units, Earth's Place in Space. This unit is always so inspiring, as it reminds us of the vastness and beauty of God's creation. The students are amazed as they learn about the sun, moon, and stars.

In math, we continue to strengthen our addition skills and are now working with larger numbers. Students are also learning different strategies to help them add quickly and efficiently.

Each day, one student serves as our classroom leader. We are now in our third rotation, and I've encouraged the leaders to "conquer the math wall" on their own! This means they complete the math wall independently before leading the class in reviewing it together. It's been wonderful to see their confidence grow and to witness the kindness and encouragement they show to one another.

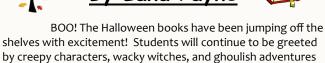
This school year has already been filled with learning, laughter, and blessings. We can't wait to see what the rest of the year holds!







Library Room News By Lana Payne



Other October themes include Columbus Day/
Indigenous Peoples' Day (Oct. 13th) and National Book Month:
the month-long celebration focuses on the importance of
reading, writing, and literature. National Book Month is also a
time to honor the country's best books and authors, which ties
in nicely with our Reading Incentive Program. Students have
embarked on this year's Reading Incentive Program to keep
track of the number of minutes read daily. The library has many
new and exciting books for students to pick from for Reading
Incentive. Also, first and second graders have been busy with
creative writing activities that some have worked on in the
library and have been sharing their finished stories with the
group.

during the month of October! It will be frighteningly FUN!

The library's big event for October is the **Scholastic Book Fair!** The Book Fair will take place the week of Oct. 20-23, 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 P/T Conferences. Please plan to come to the Book Fair that week! The children have received a Book Fair sample flyer and are very excited about the Book Fair! 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



Beat! Beat! Feel the Beat! Say your name and take a seat! These 2nd graders were so excited to FINALLY put their hands on these beat-keeping pool noodles, and were able to successfully incorporate rhythms with the beat performed in various tempos. We all decided that "Presto" was the most fun – great job, 2nd grade! We also experienced our first Discipleship Friday and all grades learned the song "King of All" to perform at the conclusion of the afternoon's activities – it was a wonderful day of love, learning and exercising our faith, made complete with a country dance. YeeHaw!

We have accomplished much in the all grade levels over the past few weeks; Pre-K students have not only been moving to the music, but have been VERY creative with their rhythm sticks. First grade has mastered identification and performance of quarter note, eighth note and quarter rest rhythms, and second grade students are performing rhythms including half notes from notation. Third grade is learning about measures and time

signatures, and is preparing to begin their bucket drumming unit. Grades 4-5 are polishing their abilities with 2/4, 3/4 and 4/4 time signatures/measure building and notes/intervals on the staff – whew! We've been busy! Singspirations has been diligently learning music and choreography for our 3 show choir numbers this year, and are MORE than excited to present them at

the Old West Choir Fest the morning of Saturday, November 1st – we are so very blessed!



