

# School Newsletter

# A Saint Agnes

CATHOLIC SCHOOL



*Connecting Students and Families through Faith*  
February 22, 2026



## Upcoming Events

Tuesday, February 24th

Advisory Council - 7:00pm

Wednesday, February 25th

Mass & Reconciliation

Friday February 27th

Yesterday & Tomorrow

Performance @ Midwest 3rd - 5th

Saturday, February 28th

1st Reconciliation - 10:00am

Sunday, March 1st

Penny Carnival

## The Wedding of Q & U

The annual wedding of the letters Q & U was hosted by kindergarten on Thursday, February 12<sup>th</sup> in the school gym. All students were in attendance to witness Q & U vow to stay together forever in words like quack, quick and quill. A reception followed with cake and a whole-school dance. What a fun way for these students to learn and remember that these 2 letters always come together in words!



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# Classroom News.....

## Dental Hygiene Month

In honor of dental hygiene month, the PK & kindergarten students enjoyed a visit from dental hygienist, Holly Vath, who taught them about the importance to taking care of their teeth. The students learned about healthy foods for their teeth and how to correctly brush and care for their teeth. The students loved the interactive presentation and learned a lot about their teeth.



## Lenten Promises

February 18<sup>th</sup> marked the beginning of Lent with Ash Wednesday Mass and our students making a Lenten promise. Each student is asked to consider how they will grow in their faith and relationship with God during this Lenten season. They make an individual promise and place it in the promise box as a reminder of our need to continually work on our faith life. Classes will also be spending extra time in prayer during the Lenten season, using the Hallow App to start the morning, praying the rosary, taking part in meditation and Adoration.



## Valentine Parties



With Valentine's Day falling on a Saturday and Winter Break scheduled during the week, our annual Valentine parties were held on Thursday, February 12<sup>th</sup>. The students enjoyed receiving special messages from their classmates and playing some fun games and activities. This is the final classroom party of the year, so we want to thank the parents for all the amazing snacks (sweet and healthy), games and general fun you provided for the students at each of the holiday parties this year. We appreciate you so much!!



## Hot Lunch Menu for February 23rd, 2026 - February 27th, 2026

Monday, Feb 23	Tuesday, Feb 24	Wednesday, Feb 25	Thursday, Feb 26	Friday, Feb 27
Beef Lasagna Broccoli w/ranch Cucumbers Cantaloupe	Grilled Cheese Potato Salad Baked Beans Pineapple	Chili Cinnamon Roll Celery Crackers Banana	Tator Tot Casserole Carrots Whole wheat bread w/jelly Mixed Fruit	Mac & Cheese Broccoli Garlic Toast Apricots
<b>Helpers:</b> Toni Warburton Chrissa Gould	<b>Helpers:</b> Wayne McRoberts Chris Gauthier	<b>Helpers:</b> Paige LeDoux Kika	<b>Helpers:</b> Juyoung Adams Kristin Schiff	<b>Helpers:</b> Kristen Bauer Jean Bauer

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

## First Grade Class By Kyla Odermann

Wow! What a busy time of year! It feels like school just started, and already we are nearing the end of the third quarter—hard to believe! And with that, Penny Carnival is quickly approaching!

We have been very busy in 1st grade. We celebrated the 100th day of school, Catholic Schools Week, Valentine's Day, and so much more. The students have been learning and growing every day.

In math, we are working on adding and subtracting larger numbers and strengthening our mental math skills to solve problems more quickly. In phonics, students are learning about new word endings—how they look and how they sound. One of my favorite parts of teaching 1st grade is watching the excitement as students master these new skills. Our spelling words are directly connected to our phonics lessons, and students are making significant progress in both spelling and reading.

We also welcomed two new students to our class. Madison and Rafael joined us just a couple of weeks ago and have been wonderful additions to our classroom community.

I am truly looking forward to the rest of the school year and cannot wait to see what else it brings!



## Library Room News By Lana Payne



We are well into February in the library. February is a very busy month! We started out reading books about Groundhog Day. In case you haven't heard, the groundhog has predicted six more weeks of winter. We're still waiting for the snow! We've been anticipating Valentine's Day with books about this special day, love, hugs, sharing, and kindness. Presidents' Day follows right after Valentine's Day and we've already been reading about many of our United States Presidents with special emphasis on George Washington, and Abraham Lincoln. February is also Black History Month. Our library is rich with books relating to Black History, both U. S. and World Black History. As Black History Month follows Dr. Martin Luthor King, Jr. Day, all students have been encouraged to read at least one book related to Black History during January or February.

Students are continuing with their Reading Incentive goals. Students celebrated their January successes by participating in "Hat Day." There were many fun and creative hats. In some cases, the hat wearer couldn't tell what their hat looked like from the back! So, we took pictures!

We were delighted to welcome a special guest reader to the library this week! Mrs. Bird came to read the book *Amazing Grace* (by Father Jim Sichko) which she generously donated to the library. She read to the first and second grade classes. The second graders were especially surprised and delighted to have Mrs. Bird visit.

Looking ahead: the Used Book Sale will be the week of March 16, 2026, which is also the week of Parent/Teacher Conferences. Students look forward to this event every year. Remember, you can donate books to the Used Book Sale anytime! We've had several donations this year which are greatly appreciated. Thank you for your continued support!



## Music Room News By Cori Taedter



We love to celebrate Catholic Schools Week, and we think that there is no better way to worship than to sing praises at our student-led Mass to kick off our week! Pictured are the students who volunteered their time and effort to assist in various ways, and who all came together to sing a very special Communion Meditation.

We have had a whirlwind start to the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter in music. In addition to working hard on accurately keeping the steady beat, PK is experimenting with fast and slow, happy and sad, and sound and silence in both rhythmic and melodic passages....and are enjoying every minute of it! Kindergarten is working on identifying and performing rhythms from notation, and 1<sup>st</sup> graders are on the road to becoming quarter rest experts! We have been working hard to wrap up our rhythm study in all grades this quarter by keeping the beat and improvising steady beat movements, clapping and counting rhythmic patterns via fun play-along, and successfully finding sums and differences in music math problems.

We are also beginning to add pitch study to our list of objectives this quarter; 2<sup>nd</sup> grade will be coloring the lines and spaces of the staff, and 3<sup>rd</sup> grade is learning treble note names. 4<sup>th</sup> grade is beginning an instruments of the orchestra unit before learning the art of recorder playing, and 5<sup>th</sup> grade is reviewing treble note names, learning to identify intervals both on the staff and via ear training, understanding scales and chords – and applying that knowledge to the strings and frets of a ukulele! When ALL of those music adventures are coupled with the beginning of our spring program preparation, we end up with one very exciting 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter in the music room!

