School Newsletter

Saint Agnes CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Connecting Students and Families through Faith

November 1, 2026

Upcoming Events

Tuesday, November 3rd

Premiere Catalog Delivery

5th Student co

Wednesday, November 4th

Mass @ 8:15

5th Grade STEM Day Fieldtrip

2nd Grade Saint Reports - 10:30 in church

Saturday, November 7th

Old West Choir Fest

Tools & Technology Past & Present

St. Agnes 4th graders took a step back in time when they attended the Tools & Technology fieldtrip on Tuesday, October 20th. The students experienced activities that featured simple machines, evolution of farm equipment, water transportation technology and the job of a blacksmith. They enjoyed a number of hands-on activities to experience tasks from the past including using a well pulley system, siphoning water, surveying the land and moving heavy loads by hand. It was evident to them that technology has made our lives much easier and more efficient.

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Classroom News....

Bat Day

On October 27th, the kindergarten students arrived to find their classroom transformed into a bat cave. Bat Day is a fun and educational experience where the students learn more about the habits of these nocturnal creatures while working from a dark cave. Our little scientists loved this experience!

Celebrating National School Lunch Week

National School Lunch Week (celebrated annually in October) highlights the vital role that nutritious, balanced meals play in the daily lives and success of students across the country. Established in 1962 by President John F. Kennedy, this week shines a spotlight on our hard-working food service professionals and volunteers who prepare healthy meals every day and encourages families to engage with school meal programs. School Lunch Matters! Proper nutrition directly impacts academic performance. A balanced meal helps improve focus, memory, attendance, and classroom engagement. Thank you, Hampton Inn, Ms. Melissa and parent volunteers who provide us with amazing school lunches every day.

Maintaining Our Health and Wellness

Continuing our health and wellness initiative, October's wellness activity included ways to stay healthy in the cold and flu season. A flu shot clinic was hosted on October 15th with over 50 patrons receiving vaccines from the Safeway pharmacists. On Thursday, October 22, school nurse, Teresa Swank, with the help of RN Debbie VanNoy completed health screenings on the students then did a presentation on how to stop the spread of germs and proper handwashing technique. Wow, were our students surprised by the number of germs revealed by the black light even after washing their hands!

Hot Lunch Menu for November 2nd, 2026 - November 6th, 2026

Monday, Nov 2	Tuesday, Nov 3	Wednesday, Nov 4	Thursday, Nov 5	Friday, Nov 6
Chicken Alfredo Peas Carrots Cantaloupe	Pepperoni Calzone Spinach Salad Grapes Brownie	Bean Tostada Spanish Rice Black Beans Grapes	Chicken Stir Fry Brown Rice Corn Oranges	Breakfast Casserole Sausage Patty English Muffin Diced Carrots Pears
Helpers: Elise Gurrola Anthony Gurrola	**Helpers:** Mary Lou Ditter Kelly Beeber	**Helpers:** Veronica Ramirez Tiah Alvizar	**Helpers:** Jacque Dutkiewicz Juyoung Adams	**Helpers:** Hollie Vath Andrea Margheim

Kidnergarten Class

by Teri Ramirez

October has come and gone in a flash, and our kindergartners have learned SO much! I am incredibly proud of the progress each and every student has made so far this year. It has been such a joy to watch them grow, learn, and gain confidence each day!

As we head into the holiday season, the excitement and energy in our classroom always rises! While this time of year can sometimes make it a little more challenging to keep our little learners focused, I love embracing the holidays as an opportunity to make learning even more fun and engaging. By adding a little extra holiday magic to our lessons, I've found that our students stay motivated, work hard, and make wonderful learning memories along the way!

This month, we celebrated our first holiday together with our Halloween party, and it was a huge success! The students had a fantastic time enjoying games, crafts, treats, and lots of laughter with their friends. These are the special moments that make kindergarten so much fun!

Our classroom has been rocking and rolling with exciting learning opportunities, joyful moments, and memories we will cherish throughout the year. I feel so lucky to be part of each child's kindergarten journey, and I can't wait to see all the wonderful things November has in store for us!

Wishing everyone a happy and cozy November!

Library Room News

by Lana Payne

It's November and we've been blessed with a beautiful fall along with the first snowfall of the season! As the month progresses, we'll be reading about turkeys, pilgrims, the Mayflower, and Thanksgiving celebrations. The library is featuring books on military veterans, Thanksgiving, Native Americans, fall harvest, autumn, scarecrows, owls, and new books from the Book Fair.

The Book Fair was a major focus in the library during October. The students always look forward, with excitement, to the selection of books at the fair. Thanks to all who participated in this year's Book Fair; parents, students, staff, grandparents, and friends! We had an amazing turnout! Our gross sales total was $4,235.88! The profit earned goes toward buying books and other library items for our school library. Thank you for supporting the Book Fair!

Students have nearly completed their first month of Reading Incentive. The library already has received several student projects to place on display. And to celebrate, those students who complete their reading goals for October, will be rewarded with a fun surprise activity!

Music Room News

by Cori Taedter

What an absolutely awesome group of kids make up our St. Agnes Singspirations show choir! This choreographed performance choir is comprised of St. Agnes 4th and 5th grade students, and they will be singing, playing, and drumming their way into everyone's hearts at the Old West Choir Fest the morning of Saturday, November 7th. These kids have been diligently learning music and choreography for 3 exciting show choir numbers, and are MORE than excited to present them – I am so proud of their faith, commitment and teamwork!

We have accomplished much in all grade levels over the past few weeks as well; Pre-K students have been working on songs that include memory and sequencing, and have just begun exploration and identification of low and high sounds. Traveling to all of the "Lands of Musical Instruments" is certainly exhausting, but our kindergarten students have been doing it with pizzaz and a smile! Difficulty with steady beat is a thing of the past for all levels, and 1st and 2nd grades have mastered identification and performance of quarter note, eighth note, quarter rest and half note rhythms. 3rd- 5th grades are demonstrating their rhythmic knowledge through written work, digital rhythm games, and bucket drumming. We have also all been enjoying preparing the musical offering for our Discipleship Fridays, student-led Masses and the music portion of the Premiere Video – we are so very blessed!