

The Lion's Letter



Thank you St. Nicholas

Dear Parents and Friends of Saint Agnes School,

I hope everyone is having a warm week, staying calm, and giving yourself grace in these busy last weeks of December. Thank you to

everyone who contributed to this year's Gift Card Drive, it was an incredible success! Special thanks to **Mrs. Cypher** for organizing this meaningful initiative that will make things a little brighter for those in need.

We are thrilled to have brought back our Band and Choir Concert this year. A big thank you to **Mrs. Smith** and **Mr. Haley** for making this festive tradition possible. It was a fantastic way to kick off the Christmas season. A most epic appreciation goes to **Mrs. Cannon** and the eighth graders for leading the Saint Agnes' 1st Annual Christmas Carol Event on Saturday. This beautiful event was a true team effort, with many teachers and students contributing to its success.

This is our final Lion's Letter of the year as we prepare for Christmas break next Friday. Thank you for your continued support of our school and, most importantly, our dedicated teachers. We are fortunate to have such exceptional individuals caring for your students every day. Please join us for our final Mass of the year next Friday, December 19th where we will welcome our newest members of the Salesian Society of Manners and Ms. Regan's class will serve as readers.

Our SAS family has so much to be thankful for. I hope that you have a relaxing break to be with family, friends and loved ones. Let us celebrate the good things in life and celebrate the birth of Jesus into our hearts.

May the peace and joy that Christmas brings be with your family not only be with you during our break, but on each day of the New Year!

Merry Christmas and a Happy 2026!
Jen Kuzdzal
Principal

Prayer requests

We now offer our prayers for all of those in need of God's Grace

- Virginia Somodi, aunt of Landon and Harrison Shulz & Nora Jokar who is having surgery today
- For Jacinto Santos, great aunt of Eli Neckles who is ill
- Marilyn Young, great grandmother of Griffin Young who recently passed away
- Susan Aiello, mother of Katherine Bragan who recently passed away

Calendar Reminders

Thurs., Dec. 11

- 8:30am - 3:30pm - 5th Grade field trip to Maryland Science Center

Wed., Dec. 17

- 8:30am - Pre-K & 8th Grade Christmas Play

Thurs. Dec. 18

- 9:00am - 1st Grade Christmas Play in the Gym

Fri., Dec. 19

- 9:00am Mass - 7A
- 11:30 Dismissal - **NO EXTENDED DAY**
- School Closed - Dec. 22 - Jan. 4

Mon., Jan. 5

- Classes resume

Important Calendar Updates: Please Read

St Agnes School will be undergoing its self-study for our re-accreditation over the next several months. We will have a visiting team from the Diocese visit us in the Fall. As part of the process we will need to add three 11:30 dismissals to our calendar so the faculty can meet as a group and then break into our committees. Please add January 16th, Feb 13th and May 8th as 11:30 dismissals. Extended Day will be open until 6pm for all 3 of those dates. Thank you for your understanding.

Congratulations

To all students that achieved Honor Roll the First Trimester.

To all of our November Salesian Society of Manners winners: Maggie Ramsey, Vinnie McKee, Emie Madrigal, Addison Burch, Adam Yakencheck, Michael Marchant, Andy Mladenovic, Juliana Hampson, Lily Etemadi, Everly Gregorian, Fiona McCabe, Beatrice Bellani, Emma Cordero Trejo, Alex Tam, Collin Burch, Norah Fernandes, Damien Fonseka, Teddy Cassidy, Amalia Calisto, Matthew Kozuch, Grayson Hagarty, Desmond Carr

Thank you

Thank you so much for your generosity during our Gift Card drive. This year we collected \$5,700 for teens in Arlington County Foster

Care. Saint Agnes showed up BIG!!

This will help spread some cheer this Holiday Season and a special thank you to all of our morning carpool helpers who braved the cold mornings collecting the gift cards.



Adapted by
Michael McGill

MISSOULA
CHILDREN'S
THEATRE

Music and Lyrics
Michael McGill

Missoula presents: *The Jungle Book*

We want to let everyone know that Missoula is coming back in 2026 with the production of *The Jungle Book*! Missoula will happen this Spring, but it's a good time to start considering whether your child/children want to participate!

SAVE THE DATE!

Missoula Practices will take place the week of April 27th with a performance on Friday, May 1st.

WHAT IS MISSOULA CHILDREN'S THEATER

The Missoula Children's Theater (MCT), has been touring extensively for nearly 50 years from Montana to Japan, and will visit nearly 1,100 communities this year with up to 44 teams of Tour Actors/Directors.

A tour team arrives at St. Agnes in their "little red truck" loaded with a set, lights, costumes, props and make-up, everything it takes to put on a play....except a cast. The team holds an open audition on the first day and casts 60 St. Agnes students of all grades to perform the production on Friday.

It's a week-long commitment, but is amazing what the children accomplish in that time! **Note that your child/children will need to commit to the full week and cannot miss practices for other activities.**

Have any questions, would like to volunteer, or can lend your home for one of the directors? Contact Jill Hamaker, Erin Mullen, and Carolina Arce at saintagnesmissoula@gmail.com

Nurses Notes

Nurse's Notes - (almost)Christmas Break Edition

A lot of what is being seen right now are generic viruses - not strep, not flu, not covid. If your child becomes sick, focus on getting rest, increasing fluids, and serving healthy foods. Thank you for encouraging hand washing and keeping your children who aren't feeling well home.

Everyone in this building would like to make it to Christmas without getting sick. If your child is not feeling well, PLEASE KEEP THEM HOME. A day of rest can aid in their recovery and it can help keep the rest of the community from getting sick.

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy & Healthy New Year!!!

Student Council

We will sponsor a Dress Down Day on December 15th. Wear your favorite Christmas Sweater over your uniform.

Sincerely,
Elle Moon

Scenes from the week

















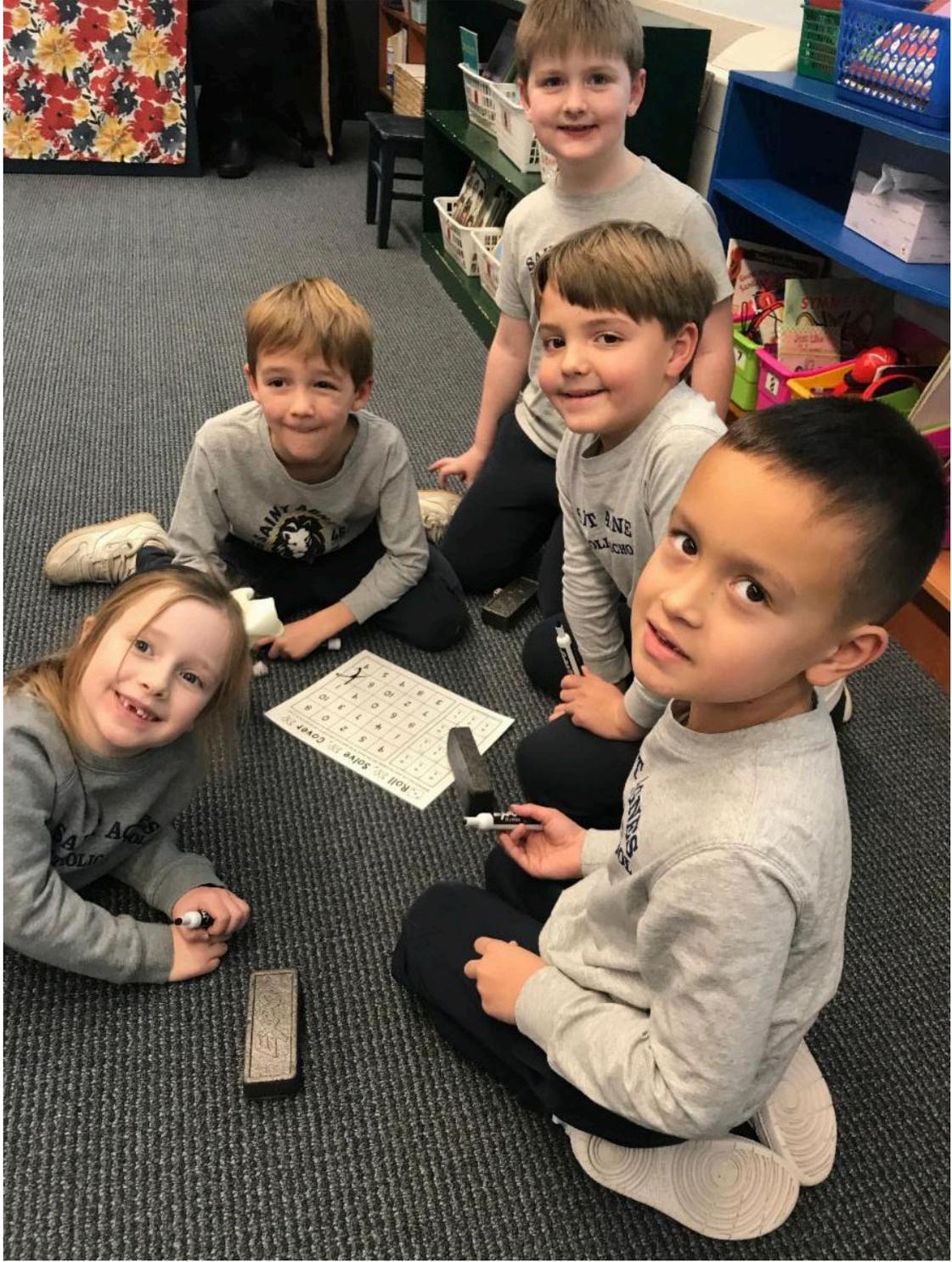














- Albert Einstein
of Go where the pain may lead to
the where there is no pain and
is a trial - *Albert Einstein*





















Dress Down Day Dates for the Rest of the Year. Students are asked to bring in 1.00 to Dress Down for designated charities. Students who do not wish to dress down can wear their PE uniform instead for a 1.00

December: 12/15 Ugly Christmas Sweaters, find a ugly sweater or cute one to put over your uniform

January: Blue and White, Monday 1/12, wear all blue, all white or a little bit of both.

February: Valentines, Pink and Red Theme 2/12

March: Favorite Book Character- Dress as your favorite Children's book character 3/23

April: Florals/Pastels 4/20

May: Dress Like a Teacher Day- Dress as your favorite teacher, past or present! 5/11

Yay Lunch

The moment we've all been waiting for... menus are now live and ready for you to explore!



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- ✓ View your brand new pre-order lunch menus
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Let's make this school year delicious from day one. Happy ordering! If you have questions about the ordering process or Yay in general, check our [Yay FAQs](#) or reach out to our Customer Experience team via email at info@theyaycompany.com or SMS Text at (909) 359-6898.

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Our Mission

St. Agnes School is a Catholic community centered on the teachings of Jesus Christ and strengthened by the partnership between parents, who are the primary educators of our students, and our dedicated teaching staff.

We believe in the mission to educate our students so that they become loving Christians, inspired learners, outstanding achievers, natural communicators, and strong servants of God.

Helpful Links



PowerSchool



NWEA-MAPS



Yay Lunch



School Calendar



Google Classroom
Instructions
(grades 3–8)



2025-2026
School Directory

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