

# The Lion's Letter



Blessing of our Advent Wreaths

Dear Parents and Friends of Saint Agnes School,

It has been another wonderful week at SAS. We started the week with Parent/Teacher Conferences. Students in grades 3-8 did an impressive job in their student led conferences and I appreciate my teachers who prepared them. Report cards will be uploaded to PowerSchool on Friday, December 5th. If you have any issues getting to your students report card, please contact Mrs. Reid at [areid@saintagnes.org](mailto:areid@saintagnes.org).

Welcome to the wonderful and many times frenetic Christmas season. The virtue of the month is Love, the virtue of showing a genuine concern for the good of others, with unselfish acts of kindness. The habit of the month is Putting First Things First. Putting first things first means organizing and executing around your most important priorities. It is living and being driven by the principles you value most, not by the agendas and forces surrounding you. Easier said than done Stephen Covey! The virtue and the habit of the month are very fitting for the month of December and Christmas season. Give others grace but remember to give yourself some too!

While it can be a stressful time, try to take a breath and remember the wonderful opportunities that Advent can provide for your family. Our school community started the week with an Advent prayer service led by the Student Council and Father Folmar. The virtue projects this month will be to collect gift

cards for Foster Children. Please consider supporting this project. Your small act of kindness has a significant impact on a child.

Our school is filled with activity and joy for these next three weeks. We are blessed with long standing and new traditions such as the Pre-K and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Christmas Prayer, 1st grade play, Christmas Band Concert, St. Nick's Day and Posadas. These traditions remind us how lucky we are to have this faith-filled community. Please pay close attention to all the calendar reminders.

Try Eagles Try,

Jen Kuzdzal  
Principal

## Prayer requests

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

- Richard Imperatore, father of Mrs. Gorissen and grandfather of Gunner who is healing from surgery
- For Jacinto Santos, great aunt of Eli Neckles who is ill
- Marilyn Young, great grandmother of Griffin Young who recently passed away

## Calendar Reminders

### Thurs., Dec. 4

- HSPT for 8th Grade Students

### Fri., Dec. 5

- 9am Mass - 8A
- 1:30pm Band Concert
- 6:00pm Choir and Band Concert in the Gym

### Mon. Dec. 8

- 9am Mass- 7B Feast of the Immaculate Conception

## 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.

# ST. AGNES BOOK FAIR

**GET A HEADSTART ON YOUR  
CHRISTMAS SHOPPING!**

MRS. RIENZI HAS HAND-SELECTED A BEAUTIFUL  
VARIETY OF BOOKS FOR ALL AGES !

PLEASE SUPPORT THE SCHOOL WHILE FINDING THE  
PERFECT GIFTS FOR EVERYONE ON YOUR LIST!

Sun., 11/30: After the 9 am and 11 am Masses  
Mon., 12/1: During conferences from  
9 am - 5 pm  
Tues., 12/2 - Thurs., 12/4: From end of  
school to 5 pm  
Friday, 12/5: From end of school to 6 pm

**COME SEE US AT THE  
ST. AGNES LIBRARY!**



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.

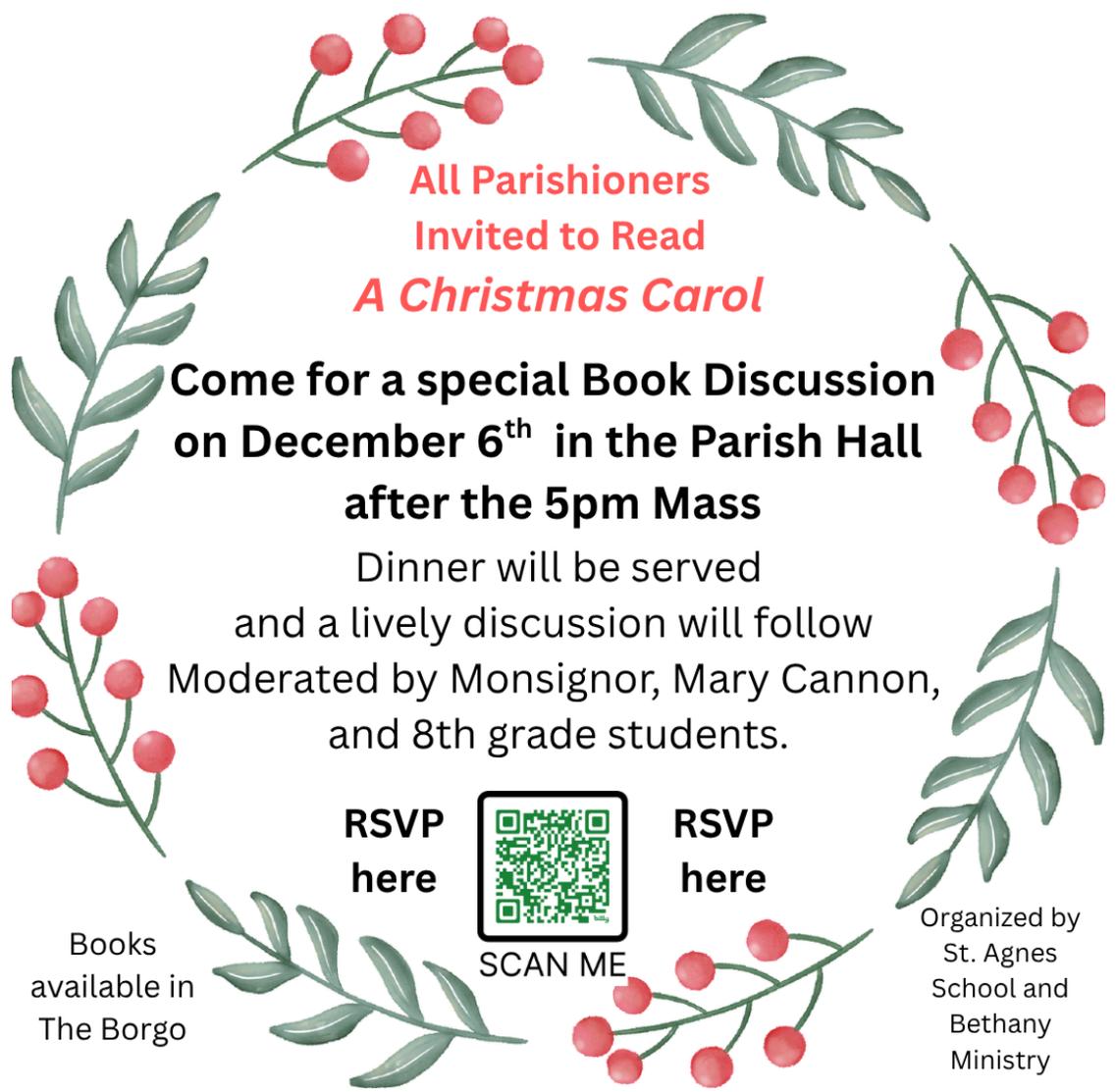
### WHAT IS MISSOULA CHILDREN'S THEATER

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](mailto:saintagnesmissoula@gmail.com)



**All Parishioners  
Invited to Read  
*A Christmas Carol***

**Come for a special Book Discussion  
on December 6<sup>th</sup> in the Parish Hall  
after the 5pm Mass**

Dinner will be served  
and a lively discussion will follow  
Moderated by Monsignor, Mary Cannon,  
and 8th grade students.

**RSVP  
here**



SCAN ME

**RSVP  
here**

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The Borgo

Organized by  
St. Agnes  
School and  
Bethany  
Ministry

# Arlington Babe Ruth Baseball 2026 Spring Registration

## ARLINGTON'S HOME TEAM EQUIPO LOCAL de ARLINGTON



**Free T-Ball this spring!**  
¡T-Ball gratis esta primavera!  
**Free winter clinics!**  
¡Clínicas de invierno gratis!



**Boys and Girls  
Baseball ages 4-12**



**Welcome T-Ballers  
with free 2026 spring registration!**

[ArlingtonBabeRuth.com](http://ArlingtonBabeRuth.com)



### Nurses Notes

[With temperatures dropping, please remember to send your children properly dressed for the weather. Our students are outside for recess most days of the week.](#)

Illness Dashboard:

This week, St. Agnes has been fairly healthy with little absences due to illness. The dashboard this week focuses more on the broader community.

- Common cold
- Strep
- Covid
- Flu

As we are now in the month of December, please keep your children home if they are not feeling well. This helps them to feel better and recover faster while also helping to stop the spread of germs at school.

No one wants to be sick during this very special time of the year.

As always, keep unwell students home until they feel well enough to be at school all day. Students who have had fevers and/or have been vomiting must be out of school for at least 24 hours after the last episode of fever and/or vomiting. If you have any questions, please reach out to the Clinic for specifics concerning your individual student. Remember to keep attendance informed about your student's ability to attend class.

Shannon Cypher, RN

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## **Student Council**

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

Sincerely,  
Elle Moon

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Help Our School...  
**Attention Parents!**  
Sponsor An Ad!

We are looking for businesses to help underwrite the cost of our school folder, directory, excuse pad and calendar magnet.

If you would like to participate in these ad programs, please fill out the bottom portion of this page and return it to the school office, or call our printer directly.

Our children receive these items FREE from the advertisements.

If we are unable to utilize you as a sponsor at this time, we will contact you with the next available advertising space.

*Thank you!*

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Scenes from the week









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- Homework (pages)
- Call for better notes (pages)

→ family has some nice papers





















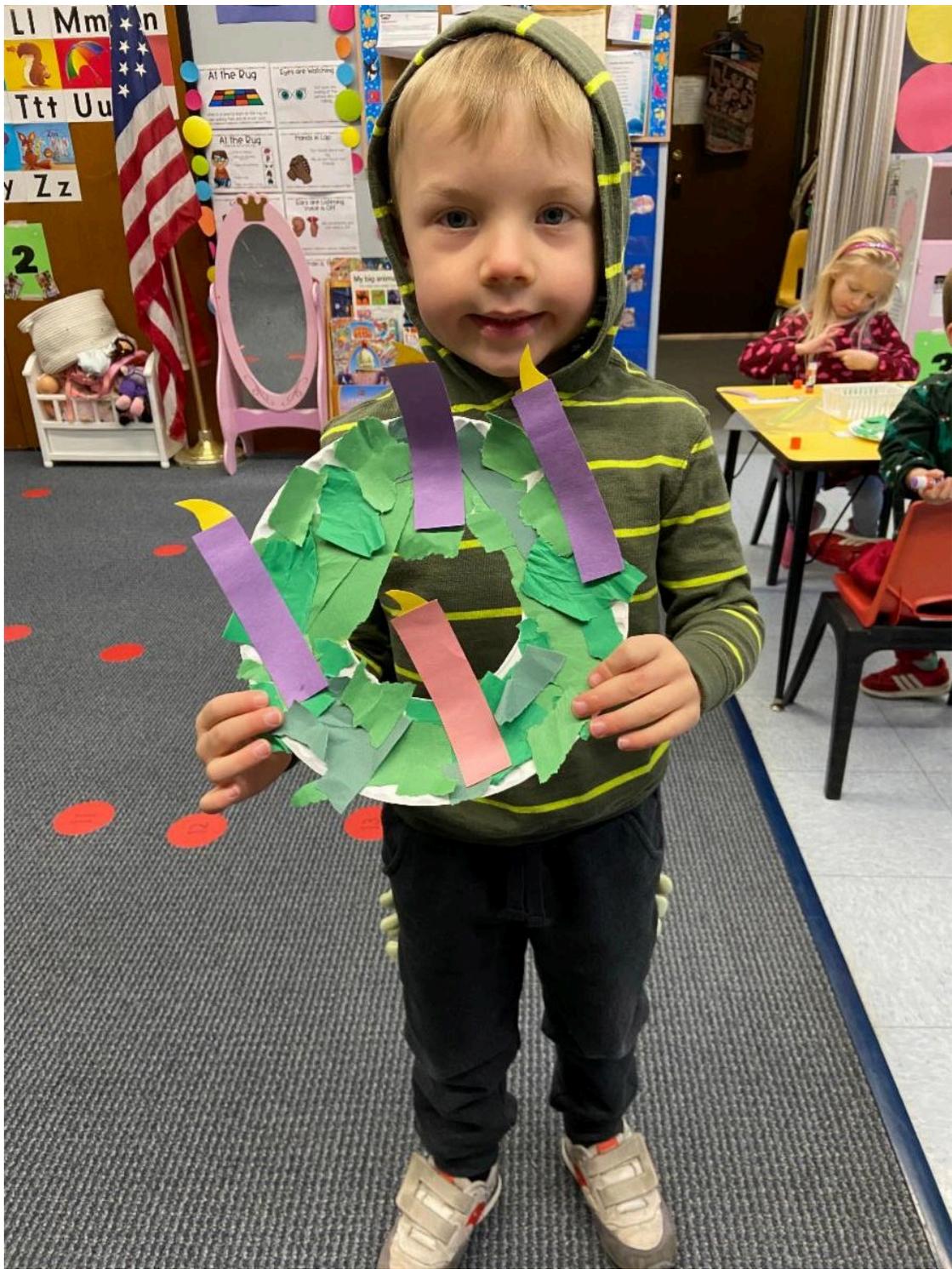


















March: Favorite Book Character- Dress as your favorite Children's

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!

 Log in to your Yay account to:

-  View your brand new pre-order lunch menus
-  Place your orders
-  Set your selections to repeat and forget the lunch-packing stress

[Log in now](#) to get started!

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](mailto:info@theyaycompany.com) or SMS Text at (909) 359-6898.

Purchase your Lands End Uniforms using this **link**

## 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.

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## Helpful Links

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PowerSchool



NWEA-MAPS



Yay Lunch



School Calendar



Google Classroom  
Instructions  
(grades 3–8)



2025-2026  
School Directory

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