



# ST. AGNES ACADEMY BEAR NEWS



Week of April 29th, 2024

## THIS WEEK AT ST. AGNES



Every year, The Key Biscayne Chamber of Commerce, The Principals' Coalition for the Good of the Children, and The Key Biscayne Community Foundation give "The Good Neighbor Award" for Key Biscayne students who display superior personal character and "The Giving Tree Award" for Key Biscayne teachers who give all there is to give. Featured here are our incredible St. Agnes recipients!

## GOOD NEIGHBOR & GIVING TREE AWARDS





**Mrs. Andrea Nucci - Giving Tree Award  
Teacher of the Year**

Mrs. Nucci is an exceptional St. Agnes kindergarten teacher goes above and beyond for her students. She not only imparts knowledge, but also shapes young minds, fostering confidence and excitement for learning. Her commitment to each student's success extends outside of the classroom, making her not just a teacher but also an advocate, friend, and mentor. Her impact on both colleagues and students is truly remarkable. Congratulations Mrs. Nucci!



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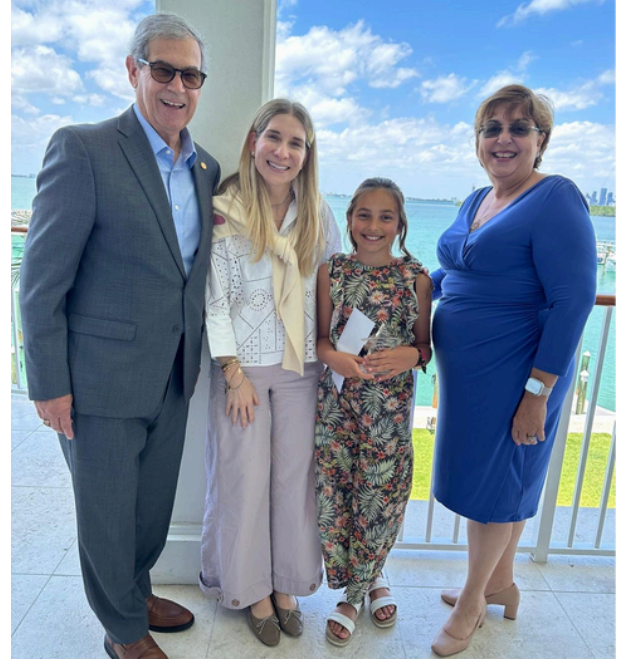
**Maria Lujan Orce- Good Neighbor Award**

Maria Lujan Orce epitomizes all the characteristics of a good neighbor with her selflessness, kindness, and devotion to her Catholic faith. She consistently shows goodwill towards everyone and always makes others feel welcome. Her exceptional work ethic and commitment to always acting with integrity is evident in everything she does. She is a true example and inspiration to everyone around her. Congratulations Maria!



**Diego Totani-Yanes - Good Neighbor Award**

Diego is a first grader that embodies all the character traits of a good neighbor. He is polite, kind and respectful to his peers and to adults. He walks into school every morning like a breath of fresh air with a big smile on his face and is always ready to learn. St. Agnes is so blessed to have Diego at our school. Congratulations Diego!



**Lucia Farina - Good Neighbor Award**

Lucia actively contributes to the well-being of everyone around her, whether it's lending a helping hand or offering support, she is always there. This award reflects her wonderful actions, goodwill, and amazing spirit. With every gesture of kindness, she reminds students that each person can make a significant impact on those around them and lead by example. Congratulations Lucia!

# Celebrating Ms. Nucci St. Agnes Academy Teacher of The Year



# Eucharistic Revival

**FAMILY RETREAT**

**ST. AGNES**



**NEW DATE!!**

**MAY 5, 2024**

ST. AGNES AUDITORIUM  
2:00-6:00 PM  
CONCLUDES WITH A  
EUCCHARISTIC PROCESSION



**Please join us  
Sunday, May 5th from 2 - 6 PM.  
The whole family is welcome.**

**RSVP Today!**





# ST. AGNES ACADEMY SPORTS



# AWARDS

**May 9th 4:30 PM**  
**ALL Team Awards**

All St. Agnes team athletes and families are invited to attend a special night to recognize our teams, athletes and coaches. There will be food and refreshments for everyone to enjoy from 4:30 - 5:15 PM, followed by the awards ceremony. Athletes do not pay to attend, parents and other family members pay \$50 each. Please follow the link below to pay for each guest attending.



[bit.ly/SportsAwardsBanquet](https://bit.ly/SportsAwardsBanquet)



# ST. AGNES SUMMER CAMP 2024



\$60  
ONE-TIME  
REGISTRATION FEE  
+  
\$300  
A WEEK

MONDAY- FRIDAY  
9AM-1PM (SNACK INCLUDED)  
INCOMING PK-3 TO 4TH GRADE

SESSION 1: JUNE 17- JUNE 21

SESSION 2: JUNE 24- JUNE 28

SESSION 3: JULY 1- JULY 3

& PARTICIPATE IN THE ST. AGNES SUMMER CAMP 4TH OF JULY FLOAT

SESSION 4: JULY 8- JULY 12

ARTS & CRAFTS + SPORTS + WATER ACTIVITIES + EXPERIMENTS + FUN WITH FOOD  
DANCING + MOTOR SKILLS BUILDING + NATURE EXPLORATION + AND MUCH MORE...



REGISTRATION DEADLINE MAY 1, 2024

# Scholarships for Florida Schoolchildren



## It's Time To Apply! Step Up For Students 2024 - 2025

### Renewal Scholarship Students

Families with children that were already enrolled in the Step Up For Students program, may now RENEW their student's Family Empowerment Scholarship for Students with Unique Abilities, Florida Tax Credit Scholarship, or Family Empowerment Scholarship for Educational Options for the 2024-2025 school year. As a reminder, current families who would like to renew their student's scholarship must complete the Step Up For Students application annually. For instructions on how to renew your student's scholarship, check your email or login to your Step Up For Students portal.

### New Scholarship Applicants

Families may now apply for a 2024-25 scholarship for the following programs:

- Florida Tax Credit Scholarship (FTC)\*
- Family Empowerment Scholarship for Educational Options (FES-EO)\*
- Family Empowerment Scholarship for Students with Unique Abilities (FES-UA)

\*With recently passed legislation, if signed by the Governor, the Hope Scholarship will merge with the FTC and FES-EO programs. Families who are benefiting from the Hope Scholarship for the 2023-24 school year will apply through the FTC/FES-EO programs to renew their student's scholarship for the 2024-25 school year. You may view our Legislative Updates page for a summary of all legislative updates. Visit [stepupforstudents.org](https://stepupforstudents.org) for more information on learning options, scholarships and how to apply.



# ST. AGNES ACADEMY

# JOIN OUR TEAM

## AND MAKE A DIFFERENCE

*Inspire young hearts & minds  
& shape futures.*

Great  
Benefits

Competitive  
Pay

Professional  
Development

Apply Today

## We're Looking For:

- Bursar (Tuition Coordinator)
- PK 2 Teacher
- Teacher's Aide
- Elementary School Teacher
- Middle School English Teacher
- Middle School Math & Science Teacher
- Special Education Teacher

Email cover letter, resume, certifications  
& references if available to: Luisa Serratore  
[principal@stagnesk.us](mailto:principal@stagnesk.us)







FLORIDA CONFERENCE  
OF CATHOLIC BISHOPS

WWW.FLACCB.ORG

# PRAY TO PROTECT THEM BOTH

## *Vote No on Amendment 4*



### Prayer to Defeat Florida's Abortion Amendment

Ever-living God, you give life and  
desire a future for all your children.

Take hold of our nation, state, and community  
and awaken in every heart awe for the gift of life.  
Send your Spirit to strengthen us with wisdom and  
fortitude as we defend mothers and children in Florida  
from laws that disregard their health and safety.

Mary and Joseph trusted in you and welcomed Jesus  
into our broken world. God Almighty, we ask their  
intercession to protect the preborn and their mothers,  
and to guide all parents in raising their children.

May they help us build a civilization of love by  
upholding the sacredness of life and accompanying  
pregnant women in need.

We ask this through Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

Our Lady, Mother of the Family,  
pray for us!

St. Joseph, Protector of the Unborn,  
pray for us!



2024 ††† ABCD  
ARCHBISHOP'S CHARITIES & DEVELOPMENT DRIVE

# IMPACT

of your generosity

**33%** **DISCIPLES IN FAITH**  
EDUCATION & FORMATION OF  
SEMINARIANS, CLERGY, DEACONS &  
RELIGIOUS

**30%** **MISSIONARIES OF HOPE**  
MINISTRIES, EVANGELIZATION, &  
FAITH FORMATION

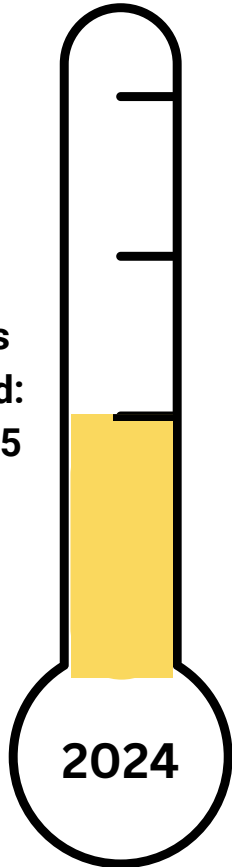
**37%** **SERVANTS FOR CHARITY**  
SOCIAL MINISTRIES & ASSISTING  
PARISHES & PEOPLE IN POOR  
COMMUNITIES

[www.isupportabcd.org](http://www.isupportabcd.org)  
#GIVECATHOLIC

## ABCD 2024 QUOTA

\$327,407

Pledges  
Received:  
\$163,595  
50%



STILL NEED:  
\$163,812

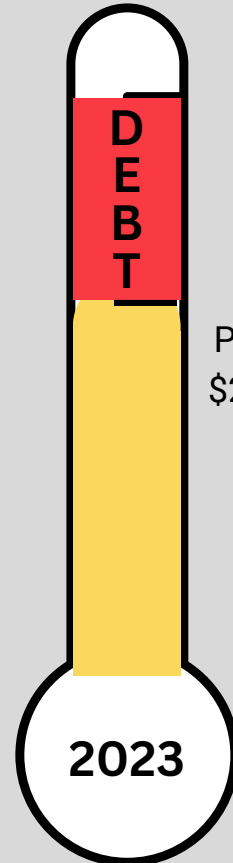


**PLEASE MAKE  
A GIFT NOW**

## ABCD 2023 QUOTA

\$321,428

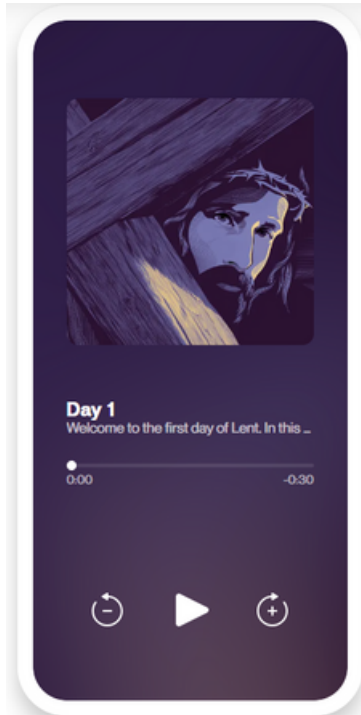
Pledges:  
\$212,657  
66%



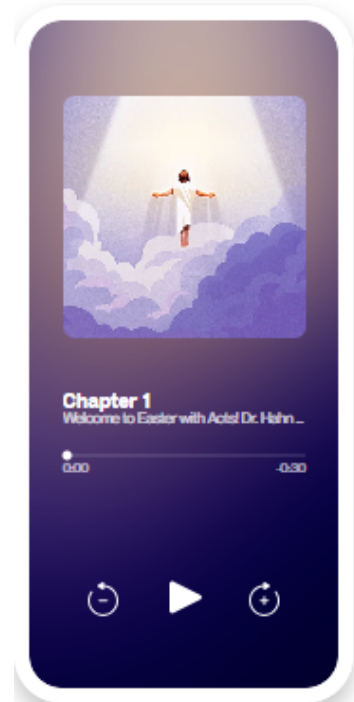
**DEBT: \$108,771  
PAID BY OUR CHURCH**



# Pray With Hallow



**Sign Up For  
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Months  
With St. Agnes  
For A Limited  
Time  
Through  
5/19/24**



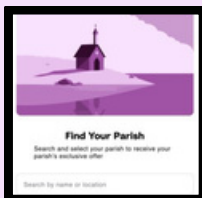
Great news - St. Agnes is excited to invite our parishioners to access the Hallow prayer app this Lent for 3 months. Sign up today to access Hallow's premium app content beginning now through May 19th, 2024 for FREE! Through prayer and meditation rooted in the Catholic faith, Hallow helps people grow closer to God and find peace. Follow the steps below to access your free content.

## Step-by-Step Registration Process

**Step 1: Follow this link to find your parish page:**

<http://hallow.com/holyday>

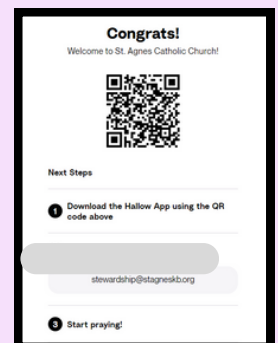
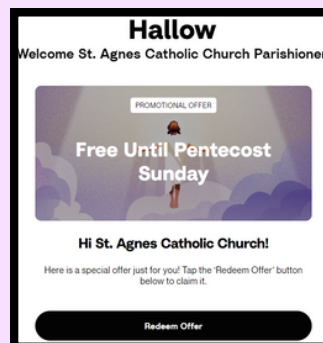
**Step 2: Search for your parish by name or location in the search box. Click Continue.**



**St. Agnes  
Catholic Church  
Key Biscayne**

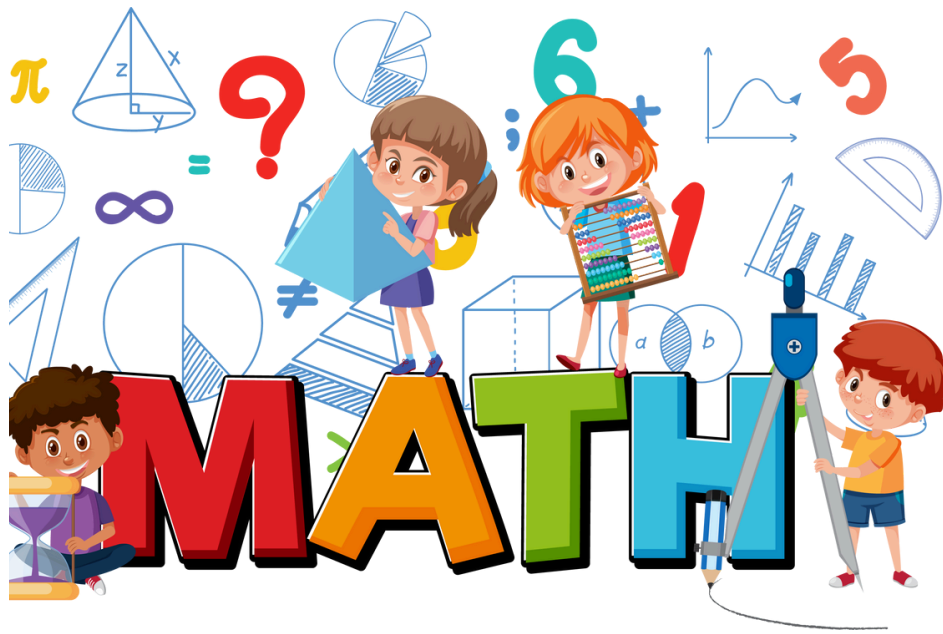
**Step 3: If you have an existing account please log into it. If you don't have an account you can create one by choosing any of your three options here. (Note: if you have an account with an email already and you login with the wrong password you will get the error that this account already exists, simply reset your password and try again)**

**Step 4: After you hit register you will come to this screen and now all you need to do is download the hallow app and login the same way you just did.**



**Step 5: Confirm in your Account Settings that you have a free subscription through May 19th, 2024!**

# Kindergarten



Our Kindergarteners were busy learning about 2 dimensional shapes in Math class. They cut out different colored shapes to create elaborate collages.



# PK 3

# SAVE THE PLANET



PK 3 students learned about practical ways to take care of our planet by reducing, reusing and recycling, by planting trees, by saving electricity and conserving water. The kids put their lesson into action by collecting glass bottles, cans, plastic bottles and more to recycle them.



# 1st Grade

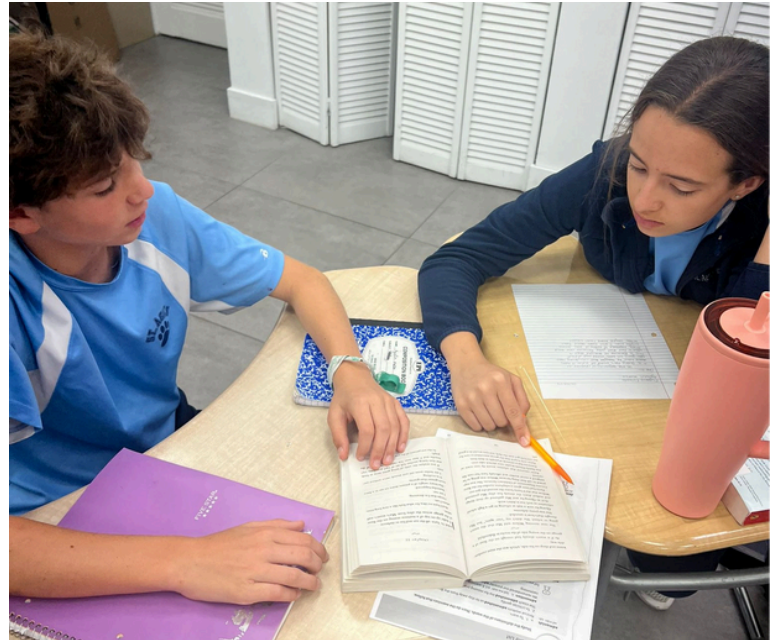


On Earth Day, first graders worked hard cleaning up and taking care of our St. Agnes Divine Mercy garden.

# I LOVE READING

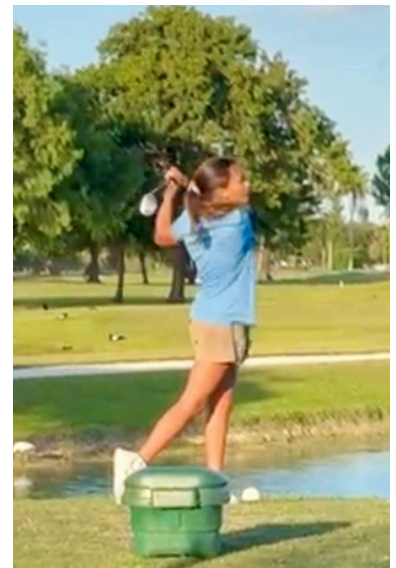
## 7th Grade

Our 7th graders were deep in analysis and reflection of the current novel they are reading, **Counting by 7's**. It is a coming-of-age story about a resilient girl who is coping with loss while trying to remain true to herself and find her place in the world.





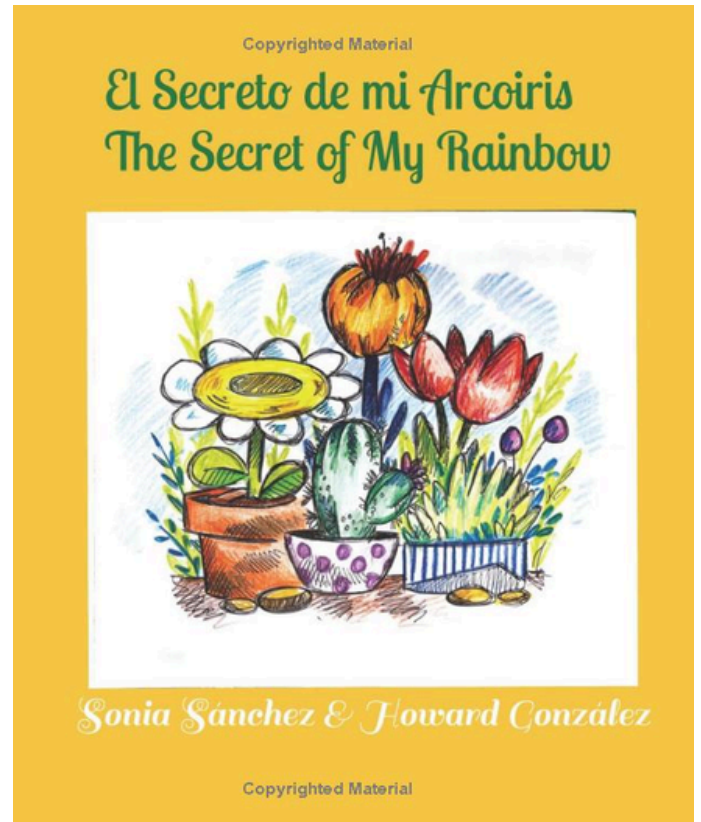
# CAL CUP GOLF CHAMPION VICTORIA TAMAYO



Our 6th grader Victoria Tamayo won the Catholic Athletic League (CAL) Varsity Golf Girl Stroke Play Championship Tournament last week. She defeated 7th and 8th graders and recorded a 38 (2 over par) to win the championship! What an amazing season and victory for our talented golfer! Congratulations Victoria!!! GO BEARS!!!



# Art Teacher Sonia Sanchez



art is life

Our beloved and very talented St. Agnes Art teacher, Ms. Sonia Sanchez has recently published her 5th children's book, ***El Secreto de mi Arcoiris - The Secret of My Rainbow*** now available on Amazon. Sonia illustrated the book and helped co-author the storyline with her husband. The Secret of My Rainbow is a bilingual story about Chloe, a curious young girl who sees the world in shades of black and white, as she embarks on a magical journey through the vibrant world of a garden. In story, Chloe discovers that life is more than just black and white; it's a tapestry of colors waiting to be explored. Guided by her wise neighbor, Chloe learns to appreciate the beauty of nature and the transformative power of simplicity. Through the nurturing care of a single plant, Chloe experiences how even the smallest living things can bring joy and brightness into her life.

Ms. Sonia is passionate about taking care of the environment and tries to convey that message through her artwork. She is on a mission to spread art and a love of nature to every place around the world. She is a true inspiration and example of JOY to her students and her fellow teachers. Congratulations Ms. Sonia!