



ST. AGNES ACADEMY

BEAR NEWS



Week of Jan. 8th, 2024

January Events

2024



Meet Our
New St.
Agnes'
Principal
Mrs. Serratore

Dear St. Agnes Families,

I hope this message finds you well-rested and filled with the warmth of the Christmas season. As we bid farewell to the festivities and welcome the promise of a new year, I am delighted to serve as your new interim principal and feel privileged to join such a dedicated community. Our journey together is an exciting one, and I am eager to work collaboratively with our office of Catholic schools, pastor, faculty, and staff to continue fostering a nurturing environment where every child can thrive. As we resume our academic endeavors, let us carry the spirit of the season into our classrooms, embracing the opportunities for growth and learning that await us. I am confident that, together, we will make this semester a memorable and enriching experience for all. I look forward to meeting all of you at the parent meeting on Tuesday, January 9th at 6:30 pm in the school's auditorium. Changes to the middle school schedule will be discussed so I urge parents from grades 5-8 to attend. May the new year bring success, joy, and countless moments of discovery for our students. I look forward to a fantastic second half of the school year.

Best Regards,

Mrs. Luisa Serratore Principal

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MONDAY

Classes Resume

All Grades

10

WEDNESDAY

7th Grade Retreat

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FRIDAY

Report Cards Go Home

Early Dismissal

15

MONDAY

School Closed

Martin Luther King Day

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TUESDAY

Parent/Teacher Mtgs

All grades by appointment only

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FRIDAY

School Mass +
Veneration of Relic

All Students & Parents Invited 9:25 AM

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MONDAY

March for Life

24

WEDNESDAY

Re-registration Begins

for all grades for school year 2023-2024

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FRIDAY

100th Day of School

27

SATURDAY

Family Day Festival

Everyone is invited to participate

28

SUNDAY

Catholic Schools Week

All Grades 1/28 - 2/3

31

WEDNESDAY

PK - Kinder Family Mass

ADOM All Schools Mass

All Students & Parents Invited 9:25 AM

*Together We Are
St. Agnes*

ST. AGNES ACADEMY



CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

Monday
1/29



Parent
Appreciation
Day
9 AM

Tuesday
1/30



Middle
School
Field
Day

Wednesday
1/31



Elementary
School
Field
Day

Thursday
2/1



Student
Appreciation
Day

Friday
2/2



Teacher
Appreciation
Day

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Absher, Cecilia & Katz, David
Academy Class of 2022
Alberni Family
Albert, Ellen
Albertson, Helen
Aldecocea, Julio & Nancy
Alfonso, Jose & Vivian
Alvarez, Taliana
Alzola Family
Amador, Elena
Amescua, Guillermo
Andes Global Trading LLC
Anonymous
Aswad Gonzalez Family
Atalaya, Maria Elena
Avila Krupp Family
Ballestas, Andres & Carolina
Barcie, Dr. Joseph
Barrera, Lautaro & Soraya
Barrinaga, Saily
Bastian Pineda
Battle, Carlos & Lauren
Bavuso, Fernando
Becerra, Jose & Maria Luz
Bellamy Arango Family
Benavides-Munoz, Rita
Bolton, David & Gutierrez, Claudia
Borgognon, Denise
Bother Zachary
Brandao, Victor
Burch, Timothy & Saily
Bustamante, Margarita
Caballero, Carlos E.
Camara, Victor & Paola
Camargo, Maria
Camps, Jorge & Maria
Cancio, Pepe & Mariana
Cañedo, Jose Antonio
Carreras, Maria Isabel
Carter, Verona
Casillas, Javier & Elaine
Castro, Patricia
Cedeño, Rafael
Celada, Raul
Cernadas, Mariana
Chase, Peter
Civantos Family
Cleary, Sean
Concheso, Maria Teresa
Cordova, Gonzalo & Deborah
Cortes, Nicolas & Cristina
Cortez, Rafael Alberto
Costa, Tatiana & Family
Coto, Kenneth
Courtney, Joe & Amelita
Crabtree Family
Craft, David & Rita
Crisp, Susie
Crotti-Wilson, Anne
Cuervo, Carlos & Family
Cuervo, Christina
Cuervo, Cristina
Culhane, Mary
Daes Family
Daes, Isabella
Damas, Raul
Dangond, George & Family

Dasburg, John & Mary Lou
De Aguiar, Lucky
De Arce, Maria Fe
De Guzman, Rafael
de la Camara, Rosa M.
de la Llama, Josefina
de la Roche, Beatice
de la Roche, Hernando
De Novio Family
del Valle, Mario & Clara
Diaz-Balart, Lincoln
Dimitrakis, Nikolas & Ketty
Dodero, Belen
Domit, Bibiana
Don, Yolanda
Dupuy Family
Duque, Luis & Catherine
Easton, Ed & Amy
Easton, Ed Jr. & Robbi
Easton, Olivia
Echeverri Family
Echeverri Family
Emmaus Ministry
Enderby, Heather
Endere, Esteban
Eraña Zamora Family
Erhardt, Maria
Erickson, Patricia
Errichetti Family
Estefani, Alcia
Fabregas, Borja
Fanta, Alejandra
Fariñas, Maria Lourdes
Fernandez del Castillo Family
Fernandez, Aurora (in memory of)
Ferrari, Flor
Ferreira, Juan
Ferrier Family
Fezza, Joseph & Angelica
Figueredo, Reynaldo
Fischer Family
Floreani, Maria Justina
Flores, Raul
Foley, Mary E.
Foundation, Jonathan Viergutz
Gago, Claudia
Gall, Flora
Gallagher, Lynn
Garcia Family
Garcia, Frank & Hope
Garcia, Sheila Teodoro
Garcia-La Puerta, Alina
Garcia-Serra, Mario & Silvia
Gimenez, Fernando
Giraldo Family
Godoy, Urbano
Golden Hog
Goldstein, Kattia
Gonzalez de Campo, Laura
Gonzalez, Brittany
Gonzalez, Daniel & Libby
Gonzalez, Erwin & Foden, Mary
Gonzalez, Miguel Angel
Gratteri Gutierrez Family
Gratteri, Vincenzo
Griffiths, Edward
Grunwald, Ricardo
Guada, Eloisa de

Guijarro Aguirre
Gutierrez, Daniel
Gutierrez, Jimena
Gutierrez, Juan & Martha
Gutierrez, Lourdes & Family
Gutierrez, Stefanie
Guyot, Veronica
Guzman, Carmen Maria
Hackley, Maria
Halula, John and Nancy
Halvorssen, Alejandra Peraza
Harb, Tony
Hellmund, Carlos Jr.
Henriquez Family
Henriquez, Javier
Henriquez, Oswaldo
Herdocia, Nina & Jorge
Hidalgo, Jose
Hondal, Carlos & Isabel
Huerta Family
Irurita Family
Islami Family
Jacobs, John & Barbara
Jimenez Sagarduy Family
Johnson, Richard & Kathleen
Keller Sarmiento Family
Kelly, Maria Haydee
Ketchum, Roy
Keyeux, Elizabeth
Knecht, Robert
Knoetzel, Luz Maria
Kornmeier, Nancy
Krause, Lourdes
Kubler, Carlos & Santaella, Isabel
Kurzan, Enrique & Alida
Labrada, Aurora & Fernando
Labrada, Chloe
Latell, Brian
Lauria, Gonzalo
Lazo Family
Lesmes, Sofia
Liberati, Anne
Licona, Magaly & Family
Lillieskold, Mañanita
Liner, Belen
Lopez, Jose G.
Loredo, Bernard
Lorenzi, Mechi
Lorie Family
Lucena, Maria
Luchsinger, Carlos & Maria
Madiedo, Reynaldo & Bibiana
Mandiola, Carlos
Marquina Family
Martin, Jim
Martinez de la Torre, Ana
Martinez, Ricardo & Maren
Mascarenhas, Michael
Mauri, Carla
Mayaki Hamar
Mc Donald, Donna
McKee, Janeau
McLaughlin, Maureen M.
Medina Walker, Mariano & Connie
Mendia, Gloria
Menendez, Ana M.
Mestre, Lily
Mezerhane, Masud
Miyashiki, Francisco M Martinez

Monaldi Family
Montoya, Jorge & Constanza
Montoya, Juliette
Moriarty Family
Morrissey, Siobhan
Mulligan, Kelly
Murciano, Cristina
Naranjo, William & Lorena
Nearing, Michael & Graciela
Niebruegge-Luque Family
Novo de Oliveira Family
Nucci Family
Ocampo, Angela
Olarra Family
O'Neil, Alexandra & William
Ortega, Alvaro
Ortega, Jorge & Tracy
Ortiz-Penzol Family
Pagano-Fals, Lina & Family
Paguaga, Fr JC
Palazio, Carla
Pardo de Zela Family
Paul, Maria
Penichet, Joaquin
Pereira, Andrea
Perez Phelan Family
Perez, Marcos & Ana Maria
Perez, Maria Elena
Perez, Teodoro
Picaza, Jorge
Pinedo, Alberto
Pino Jr., Jorge E.
Poleo, Alberto & Beatriz
Pontonio, Alberto & Alessandra
Portela, Debi
Portugal, Martha
Postigo Family
Poulat, Genaro & Martha
Pulgar, Amalia
Quevedo, Adelena
Rabassa, Antonio & Maria
Ramon, Ernesto
Rasco, Joe & Ana
Rasco, Ramon
Recognition - Sr. Alyssa
Reyna Morales Family
Rivadeneira, Eduardo
Rivas, Jose Felix & Ferro, Adriana
Rivera, Monica
Roa, Claudia
Roa Family
Rodas Herran, Samuel
Rodriguez, Alejandro & Greyhni
Rodriguez, Eulalia
Rodriguez, Ramon & Tita
Rojas, Hilario & Yolanda
Rojas, Marco & Ana Maria
Roman Family
Roman, Cesar & Mariela
Romero, Maria E.
Roubach, Mayra
Ruiz, Francisco & Cangilos, Margaret
Ruiz, Gabriel & Fanny
Ruiz, Jose A. & Family
Ruiz, Nancy, Rafael & Helena
Russo, Mary
Saavedra, Noehmy & Veronica
Sabria, Walfredo & Adraca, Georgina

Sagebien, Rene & Carmen
Salazar Family, Mauricio
Sanchez Elia Family
Sanchez Rasco Family
Sanchez Zinny, Manuel E.
Sanchez, Maria Cecilia
Santana, Gonzalo & Leticia
Sanz de Acedo Family
Sarasua Family
Schmidt, John & Nurys
Sierra Rocafort, William & Ana
Sister Cordua, Ana Pia
Sister Eaton, Alyssa
Sister Oliver, Ma. Andrea
Soriano, Jose
Soto Family
Spencer, Mary
Spitale, Adriana
Stanham Family
Stevens, Albert & Mary
Stevens, Albert & Anabel
Stisin, Sara
Stuzin, Charles
Sullivan, Lisa
Tano, Raul & Ana
Tata, Pilimar
Tavara Family
Teran, Ma. Lourdes
Thomas, Benjamin
Thompson, Annie & Bill
Toro, Alejandro
Torrente Quintero Family
Trujillo, Daniela M.
Uribe Family
Valencia, Adriana
Valle, George F.
Valls, Ginny
Vanderheyden, Carla & Brett
Vegas Quintero Family
Velazquez, Marina
Villaverde, Raul
Voglino, Dr. & Mrs. James
Volante, Leonor
VonHartz, M. Alejandra
Weyts-Yague Family
Wiegering, Carlos E.
Wiese Family
Williams, Lourdes
Wimer, Frank & Lourdes
Winn, Jacqueline
Wong, Elvia E.
Young, JoAnn
Zachrau, Constantin
Zamora, Diego & Ma.Elena
Zamora, Roberto & Lucia
Zapata, Laura

ST. AGNES ACADEMY ADMISSIONS OPEN

New Applications & Re-registration

New Student Applicants

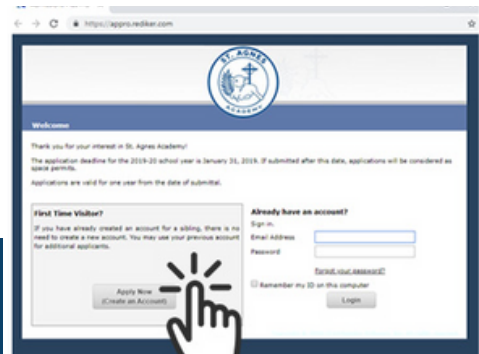
New applicants apply by
January 31st, 2024
for consideration.

Apply online at:
stakb.org

Current Student Re-Registration

Re-Registration for existing
students will be from
January 24, 2024
to **February 5th, 2024.**

Re-registration packets will be
emailed on **January 24th.**



ST. AGNES

Feast Day

January, 21st



PRAYER TO ST. AGNES

Dearest St. Agnes,

Our courageous patron, although you were only a child, you believed that Jesus was always with you; help us to remember that He is also with us, and to remain true to His presence. You refused to give up your faith; help us to be proud of our faith, to love it, to be strong in it, and to give witness to it daily. Patron saint of children, watch over the children of this parish and those of the whole world; keep them safe from harm, be with them in their hour of need, and pray for them always.

St. Agnes, Pray for Us. Amen.

St. Agnes Family Day

SATURDAY,
JANUARY 27TH, 2024
12 - 6 PM

ST. AGNES ACADEMY FIELD



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ST. AGNES ACADEMY 4TH GRADERS FEATURED IN ISLANDER NEWS!



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St. Agnes 4th-graders offer a variety of opinions on the cause and impact of flooding in the Village

By **St. Agnes Academy 4th graders**

Special to *Islander News*

Since 2019, *Islander News* has published opinions on various topics from 4th-grade "mini-journalists" at the Key Biscayne K-8 Center. We are pleased to welcome a new crew from St. Agnes Academy.

This is the first of two installments from students in Mrs. Maria Dávila and Ms. Laudy Ibarra's 4th-grade classes — their topic: Flooding in the Village.

Look for the second installment on our website, *Islander News.com*

Floods are caused by excessive rain, a ruptured dam, rapid melting of snow or ice, or hurricanes. Floods can cause wide devastation, resulting in the loss of animals, plants, and resources. Floods can be fun when they end. You can play in the puddles and go kayaking. Many people are protecting their homes using hurricane-proof windows. We need bigger sewers so more water can flow, and floods won't occur. *Indra Bellamy*

Floods are dangerous because they can break down houses, cars, and trees. People can die in a flood caused by a hurricane. One solution is to make the sewers bigger so more water can go. Also, in Key Biscayne, many people lose their cars because of floods. In the last storm, many parking lots flooded, and people lost their cars. They should also clean the sewers so the water can go in faster. Having more open and green areas allows water to drain. Having more constructions and buildings it makes more floods when it rains. *Mario Garcia-Serra*



Floods are natural disasters. They can cause damage; they can also ruin cars. The one good thing about floods is when the flood is over, we can jump, water ski, and kayak. In Key Biscayne, we should change the system of the drains in the street. Each time there is a flood, there is trash covering the drains. The trash clogs the water from passing into the drain. Having more green areas works like a sponge on the floor. We should plant more native plants that prevent water surges. *Daniel Totani*

Floods can be very bad for the environment and our homes, but there are some solutions. Some floods can cause much damage to cities, like harming people's homes and leaving water all over the cities. Also, flood waters can spread infectious diseases, contain chemical hazards, and cause injuries. However, floods can

also be fun in some ways. After the storm, we can surfboard in the water while a car pulls it and plays in the water. A good solution for Key Biscayne is to reduce more large construction. We can also make an underground rainwater retention tank. Another solution is to make better sewers and street drains that take the garbage out so the water can drain faster. *Mila Mendez*

What is a flood? And why do we have them? Floods are life-threatening storms that can cause damage to a city and community. I don't like floods because they can do more than just destroy homes and hurt others. Rain can surprise you, and heavy rains and storms also cause flooding. The Key Biscayne community can help by building a dam or a sea wall. What is a sea wall? A sea wall is a wall that stops rushing water. A dam is

almost the same thing as a sea wall. It pushes the water to the side. All the sea walls can protect us. We have some native plants that prevent water from entering the community. It's a natural seawall, and we should plant many more! *Ella Maloy Ottley*

Many floods are happening in Key Biscayne, especially in the rainy and hurricane season. The flood affects because cars can break. They should also add more drains to the roads so the water can drain to the ocean quickly. They should also add a sea wall because it can also prevent floods. You are probably asking what a sea wall is. It is a wall that you put by the shore, and it will stop the water from going. If it goes through the wall, Key Biscayne will flood. *Sofia Lima*

In Key Biscayne, there are a lot of floods. In hurricanes, the Village floods in the blink of an eye. Sea walls can help, but they have disadvantages like blocking sea views, giving sea turtles difficulty nesting, and so on. The solution may be underground pipes. When it floods, the pipes could drain the water, which could then be transferred into the ocean. The drains would suck up the water. For example, during Hurricane Ian in 2022, I drove to school in the pouring rain. The whole day, it rained like it would never stop, the streets flooded, and it was hard to get home. *Catherine Goldfarb*

If I were Key Biscayne's mayor, I would put sewers under every house or building to avoid flooding in the houses and buildings. People could put their cars in a garage or somewhere safe from

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the water or heavy things landing on them. Floods are dangerous, but some can be fun. When it stops raining, we can play in the water. *Hilario San Miguel*

Floods are natural disasters. They can cause our homes to flood, and the engines of cars can break. One good thing about floods is when the flood is over, we can jump, sky, and kayak. Here, we should change the system of the drains in the street or upgrade it. Trash gets in the water each time a flood, keeping it from passing into the drain. We should have more green areas so the water will be absorbed.

Sabrina Manzur

Floods and storms can bring walls of water from 10 to 20 feet high. A car can be removed in as little as two feet of water. To stay safe from a flood, you must evacuate if you are near the sea. Floods in Key Biscayne result from heavy rain overflowing water like a storm surge. Our community of Key Biscayne is at risk because it is a low-lying area near water. We always prepare in case of a storm. We stock up on first aid items, non-perishable food, drinking water, battery-operated radios and flashlights. *Luciana Plehn*

Floods are inconvenient because they cause physical damage and transportation issues. They are also bad for the environment. We can stop floods by upgrading

the drainage system or increasing the roads. Hurricanes are destructive. They can destroy houses and cities and also cause floods. We should prevent floods because they damage the Village, and repairs are costly. *Torino Calamari*

A flood is dangerous because it can cause damage to your house, and rebuilding your house is a lot of money. But we can start by helping even if you are a kid! You can reuse stuff like water bottles, paper, and boxes. You can recycle. If people leave lots of trash out, it can get into the sewers, clogging and making them dirty.

Lucia Farina

You probably thought that there is no solution for floods. You are wrong. Floods can be fun for us but bad for the environment. We face huge dangers, like death, electricity outages, and more. A good solution for floods is "Sponge Cities." They are elevated cities. There are several reasons for floods – like trash inside sewers, tsunamis, and too much rain. Those are some of my thoughts about floods. I hope you enjoyed reading. I put much love and effort into this. *Maria Isabel Rosendi*

One of the biggest natural problems in Key Biscayne is floods. We all know they're dangerous, which is why we need to change them. We can help by recycling. By throwing trash away, we damage the earth and cause climate change. Recycling also helps keep the sewers clean for better water drainage. *Juan*

Ignacio Zaragoza

Floods are terrible parts of nature. People die because of these floods. We must make bigger sewers. I think paying a lot is okay because our safety is more important. The problem is people don't realize they are risking their lives for a little video of the weather. We have a lot of floods in Key Biscayne. I don't think it is safe for us to be doing these things in floods. Floods are dangerous because they break houses, drown cars, kill, and injure people. Hurricanes, rain, tsunamis and more cause floods. In 2022, floods caused the death of roughly 7,400 people across the globe. *Santiago Milan*

Most places worldwide receive yearly rainfall and very high amounts during the peak rainy seasons. The ground absorbs some rainwater, which we need now in Key Biscayne. *Rufino*

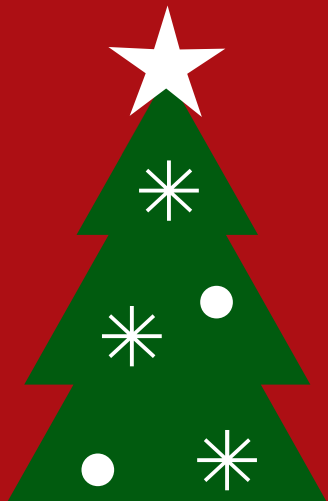
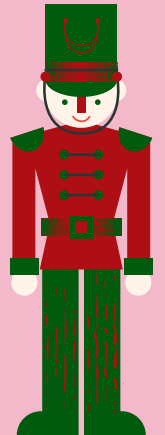
Lalanne

Floods are dangerous. We could drown. Your car could break, and you might be inside. It could destroy a house, and it could ruin all that you have. A problem in Key Biscayne is that trash can get into the sewers of water, clog the drains, and cause a flood. Another cause of flooding is back and making a storm surge or huge waves. A good and natural way to prevent floods is by making more green areas to absorb the water. *Matias Majdalani*

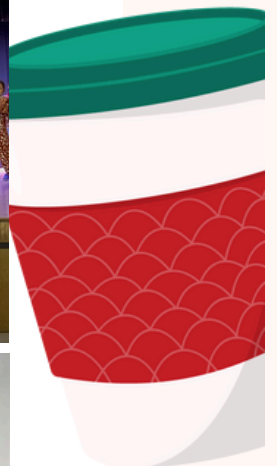
I think Key Biscayne floods are dangerous but also fun. I have some solutions. I think you should make more sewers and make one big one specifically to get all the water to the ocean. I think it would be good to create an automatic cleaner, so the garbage doesn't clog the sewers. Floods are dangerous because they kill people, and many people may lose everything they own. Floods are also fun because you can surf and kayak. *Nicolas Diaz*



8th Graders Deliver St. Agnes Christmas Gifts to Centro Mater Kids *Merry Christmas!*



St. Agnes Christmas Fun!





THANK YOU!

St. Agnes Families



Our St. Agnes faculty and staff want to extend their thanks to our wonderful St. Agnes families for their generous Christmas fund gift. May you have a blessed and happy New Year!

St. Agnes Faculty & Staff



St. Agnes Catholic Church New Mass Schedule

Sunday Masses

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| 8:30 AM | English |
| 10:00 AM | English |
| 11:30 AM | English |
| 1:00 PM | Spanish |
| 7:00 PM | Spanish |



St. Agnes Catholic Church

Key Biscayne, FL

Pilgrimage

Saturday, January 20th, 2024



to

JESUS

through

MARY



Pilgrimage from St. Agnes Catholic Church
to La Ermita de la Caridad

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