

St. Agnes Catholic Academy

Principal's Letter

August 2024



ANGELS AMONG US



ST. AGNES CATHOLIC ACADEMY 2024-2025 

August 10th, 2024

Welcome Back St. Agnes!

Dear St. Agnes Family,

I hope this letter finds you well and that you had a wonderful summer filled with memorable moments with your loved ones. As we transition from the relaxing days of summer back into the school routine, I am filled with joy and excitement to be a part of the St. Agnes community and to begin the 2024-2025 school year as your principal.

This year, our school theme is "Angels Among Us." As a Catholic community, we believe in the presence of angels as messengers of God and protectors of His people. The theme invites us to recognize and appreciate the everyday "angels" in our lives—those who guide, support, and care for us, often in ways we may not immediately notice. It also reminds us of our own call to be "angels" for others, embodying kindness, compassion, and service in our daily interactions. Throughout the year, we will explore this theme in our spiritual, academic, and social activities, encouraging our students to be mindful of the ways they can be a positive influence in the lives of others.

Over the summer, we have been hard at work completing several projects to enhance our school environment. I am pleased to share some of the key improvements made during this time:

- **Middle School Flooring:** The tiles on the second floor of our middle school have been removed and replaced with non-slip material to ensure a safer and more durable surface for our students.
- **Music Room Upgrade:** Our music room has received a much-needed refresh and now features special music chairs that double as desks, providing a comfortable and functional space for students to learn and play their instruments.
- **Safety Enhancements:** The most significant project involved enhancing our school's safety measures. We have installed new PA two-way speakers and call buttons throughout the entire school, along with additional outdoor speakers to ensure clear communication in all areas.

I am delighted to welcome several new members to our St. Agnes family. Please join me in extending a warm welcome to our new faculty and staff:

- Vanessa Araneta – Teacher Assistant
- Daniel Barnard – PE Teacher
- Sianeth Bertran – Teacher Assistant
- Michelle Boj – Teacher Assistant
- Valeria Casanova – Bursar
- Cristina De Lamar – Reading Teacher
- Adriana Herrera – Teacher Assistant
- Edith Mendoza – Teacher Assistant
- Maria Noguera – Teacher Assistant
- Lourdes Villa Rodriguez – Teacher Assistant

We are excited to have them join our team, and I am confident that they will bring fresh ideas and energy to our school.



Important Information for the Start of the School Year

As we gear up for the new school year, here are some essential details to help ensure a smooth and successful start:

Monday, August 12

• **9:00 AM – 10:30 AM**

• **PK2-PK3-PK4 Open Classroom**

Parents and students are welcome to visit and play anytime between 9:00 and 10:30 AM. You may stay for as long or as little as you like, but the session will end promptly at 10:30 AM. Please go directly to the classroom upon arrival. Uniforms are not required for this event.

• **9:00 AM – 11:30 AM**

• **Kinder – Grade 8 New Student Orientation (Students Only)**

New students will begin in the auditorium for a welcome presentation and introduction to their counselors. Kindergarten through 2nd grade students will meet their teachers and take a tour of the school. Elementary counselors will guide 3rd-5th grade students, while the middle school counselor will tour grades 6-8, with iPads and tech training provided. Kindergarten through 5th grade students will finish by 10:30 AM, and grades 6-8 will conclude at 11:30 AM.

Uniforms are required for all students in Kindergarten through 8th grade. Drop-off will be at the back of the school in the designated drop-off/pick-up area.

• **6:30 PM – 8:00 PM**

• **Kindergarten – Grade 8 Mandatory Parent Meeting**

This meeting is mandatory for all parents of students in Kindergarten through 8th grade. A sign-in sheet will be available in the vestibule area of the auditorium. If you have multiple children enrolled, please sign in under your oldest child's name.

Tuesday, August 13 – First Day of School

• **Important Reminder:** Students who do not report to school on the first day will be disenrolled by the administration on the same day.

• **School Hours:**

o PK2: Start time 7:50 AM; late after 8:00 AM.

o PK3 – Grade 5: Start time 7:50 AM; late after 7:50 AM.

o Grades 6 – 8: Start time 7:45 AM; late after 7:45 AM.

• **Drop-Off and Pick-Up Procedures:** Please adhere to the designated routes for drop-off and pick-up to ensure the safety of all students. A detailed map and instructions will be sent out prior to the first day of school.

• **Sibling Carpool and After Care:** These services will begin on August 13. Registration details, including costs and schedules, were emailed to all parents on Friday, August 9. The registration link for Sibling Carpool and After Care is also included below in case you missed the email.

Sibling and After Care Registration Link:

<https://giving.parishsoft.com/App/Form/79cd0d37-beb6-4368-bac7-546f65e47089>

Please check your Monday Morning Memo (MMM) for detailed information regarding the rest of the week.

As we embark on this new academic year, I look forward to working closely with each of you to ensure a successful and enriching experience for all our students. Thank you for your continued support and partnership in making St. Agnes a wonderful place for our children to learn and grow.

God Bless,

Mrs. Luisa Serratore
Principal