

ST. AGNES CATHOLIC ACADEMY



BEAR NEWS



Week of Oct. 28th, 2024

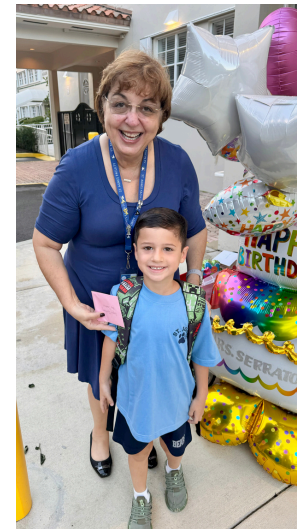
Happy Birthday Mrs. Serratore



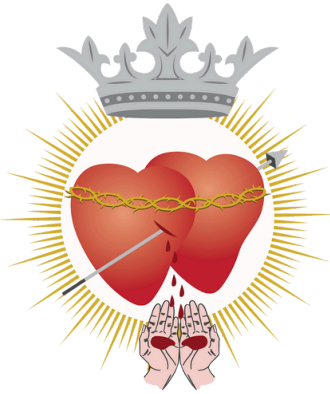
HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Our Academy surprised Mrs. Serratore last week with a special birthday celebration in her honor. Students showered her with flowers, gifts, treats, letters, and best of all, signs of their love and affection for her. Everyone is so grateful to Mrs. Serratore and all she has done and continues to do for our school. We are truly blessed to have her leading our St. Agnes Catholic Academy family. We love you Mrs. Serratore and wish you the best!



Br. Peter Michael's First Profession of Vows



Last week Br. Emilio Pio of the Eucharistic Heart of Jesus, SCTJM and Br. Peter Michael of the Heart of the Divine Child, SCTJM took their "First Profession of Vows." It was a moving ceremony celebrated by Bishop Steven Parks. During the Profession of Vows, the Brothers committed themselves to a life dedicated to God. They promised to live according to the evangelical counsels of poverty, chastity, obedience, and a fourth vow specific to their order called "Total Availability To The Heart of Christ," meaning they pledge total Identification with the Heart, Person, and Mission of Christ. Bishop Parks prayed for the Brothers to always find great joy and peace in their vocation and in their relationship with the Lord.

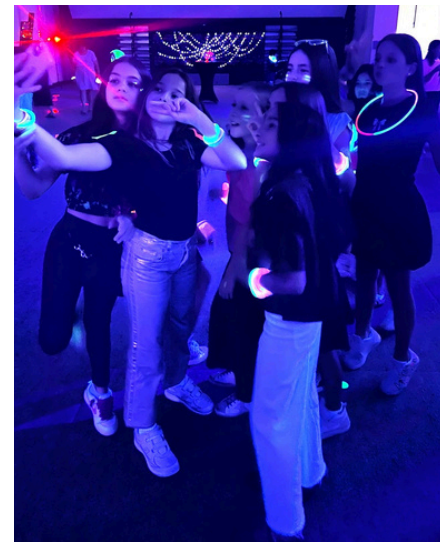


Br. Peter Michael prayed faithfully to the Lord for his mercy and grace as he faced a life threatening tumor at the age of 11. He was led to encounter our Lady of Fatima and asked her and Saint Michael for guidance on what he should do with his life if he was granted the miracle of surviving his illness. Our Lady and Saint Michael came to him and said he would be saved and to trust in the Lord. In the years that followed, he went to a vocation summer camp where he again felt God revealed his plan for him as His servant. He then went into the brotherhood, and a few years from now, hopes to become a priest for the Servants of the Pierced Hearts of Jesus and Mary. "The lord has touched my heart to become a religious brother and hopefully one day, a religious priest. Its been a great honor to be able to give my life to the Lord, to say yes to Him, to love Him with all my heart, and to always seek Him first."

**Brother
Peter Michael**

Middle School Dance

MIDDLE SCHOOL DANCE

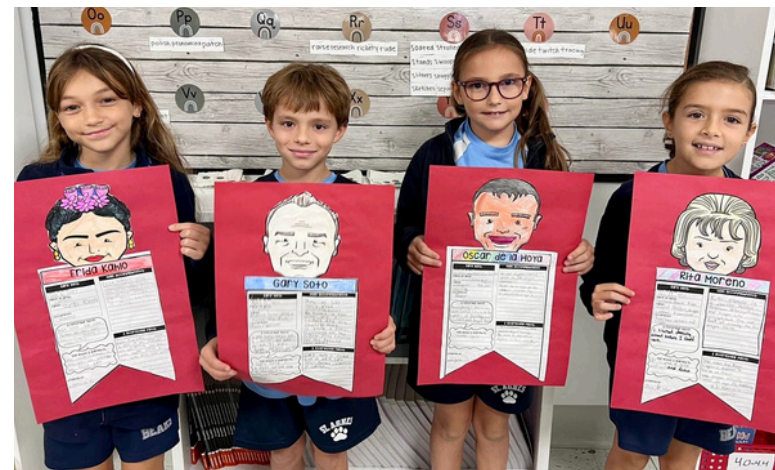
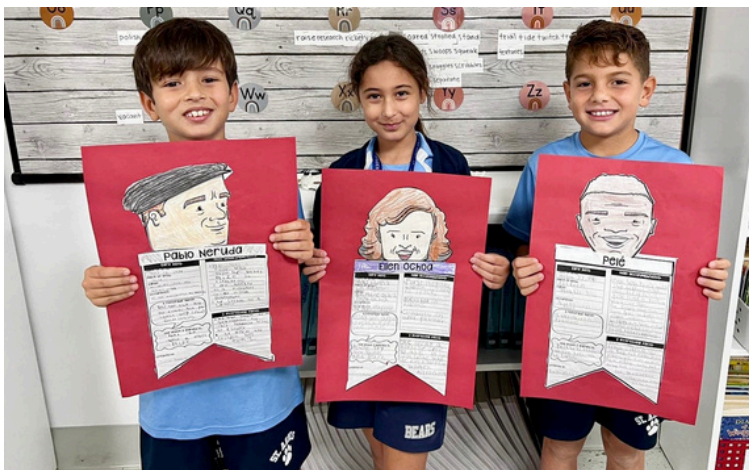
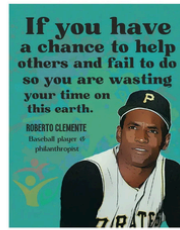
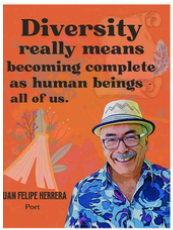
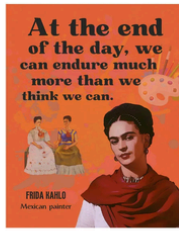
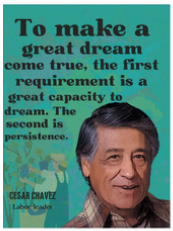


Our St. Agnes Middle School students had a great time at their dance last Friday. The Academy organized an awesome neon-themed party in our auditorium, filled with cool decor, laser lights, party favors, as well as pizza and treats for the kids to enjoy. Everyone was energized and had a blast dancing the night away to the fun tunes the DJ played.

3rd Grade Activities

Hispanic Heritage Figures

Third grade students celebrated Hispanic Heritage Month by each researching an important Hispanic figure in history. They created projects that featured facts and details about their Hispanic figure's life and contributions to society and culture and presented them in front of the class. It was an inspiring lesson on Hispanic people that have made positive impacts in our world.



Science Experiment

3rd graders also worked on a science experiment aimed at turning copper pennies green. The project was inspired from a lesson on the Statue of Liberty, which is also made of copper. They learned that the Statue of Liberty's copper was exposed to air and moisture over time. This caused a chemical reaction that created a beautiful green patina that has covered and protected the Statue of Liberty from corrosion for many years.

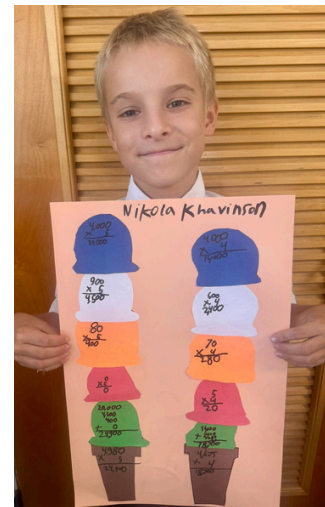
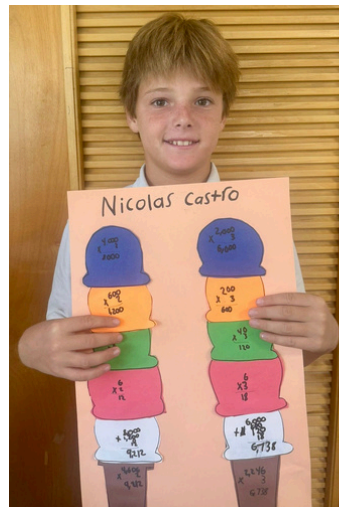
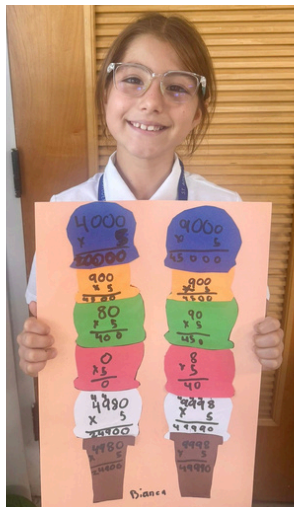
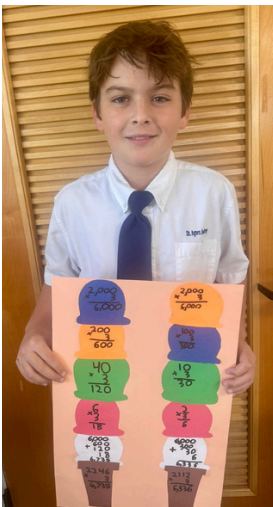
They tested this effect with pennies by placing them in water, in order to recreate the chemical reaction of oxidation. The copper in the pennies reacted with oxygen and water, forming a green compound called malachite.



4th Grade Activities

Math Concepts Lesson

4th grade students studied and practiced the partial product method in math for multiplication. They learned the process of breaking down numbers into more manageable parts. They worked on an ice-cream scoops arts and craft project that illustrated how the mathematical concept works.





Red Ribbon Week Project



During Red Ribbon Week, 4th grade students discussed the importance of living a drug-free life. The Red Ribbon week theme focused on “Life is a Movie, Live Drug Free.” It emphasized, that just like in a movie, individuals have the power to shape their lives and stories based on the choices they make. In order to be the protagonist of your real-life movie, and be able to live a fulfilling and healthy life, you have to make good choices--like living drug-free. It empowered students to be intentional in making positive decisions in their life, to help pave the way towards a bright future.



5th Grade Retreat



In honor of St. John Paul II's Feast Day, Our 5th graders had their faith formation retreat last week. The retreat's theme was "Do not be afraid to be saints!" It was a beautiful day to reflect on the lives of the saints, spend time with the Lord, and even hear testimonies from other students. Let us not waste the time of our youth, but spend our lives with J.O.Y! The retreat culminated with a special mass that included the students and their parents.



6th Grade Activities



Our 6th graders enjoyed an ice-cream party thanks to one of the students' parents donating the winning bid at the auction held during the Parents' Night Out social event. We are grateful to the Grisenti family for their support of our Home & School Association.



Octoberfest Celebrating Fall



Dr. Miller's 6th grade homeroom class celebrated fall with a fun Octoberfest themed party. It was a cookie decorating and bonding activity under the gym for students. The kids got creative making fall festive designs using a delicious array of cookies, frosting, sprinkles, and more. It was a great way to welcome the season!

7th Grade Activities

St. Brendan Visit



Our 7th graders had the chance to tour St. Brendan High School in anticipation of their 8th grade year when they will apply to the high schools of their choice. They really enjoyed being guided by the student ambassadors and connected with the school's mission and vision.

St. Brendan's mission is to provide a Catholic educational experience to young men and women that inspires a passion for learning by fostering intellectual, physical, social and spiritual development through academic excellence and mutual respect. They aim to prepare students to become college and career ready in the 21st Century through the use of the latest educational resources and cutting-edge technological tools available. Students, faculty and staff build unity through a lived experience of faith, culture, innovation, and charity.

8th Grade Scholastic Olympics

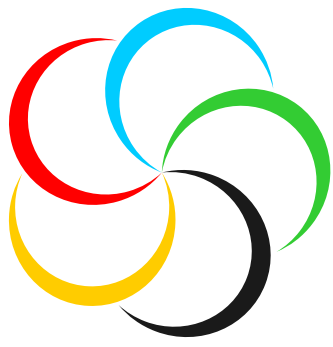


Scholastic Olympics



Our amazing and bright 8th grade class had the honor to participate in the recent Scholastic Olympics held at Christopher Columbus High School. They competed against hundreds of students from Archdiocesan schools from across Miami. Each student was assigned to a particular category to compete in. Overall, St. Agnes Academy students performed extremely well in the challenges they faced, and received medals in several subjects. Congratulations to our incredible 8th grade team! We are extremely proud their hard work and success. They all showed tremendous team spirit and were incredibly supportive of one another.





St. Agnes Scholastic Olympian Participants

Art

Thomas Barker
Antonia Beltran
Sebastian Camacho
Sofia De Lapuerta

Debate

Olivia Gherardi
Paulina Plehn
Juan Ignacio Poleo
Tomas Stanham

Drama

Valentina Castelo

English

Catalina Herrmann
Alegra Schumann

General Skills

Victoria Castelo
Alejandro Perez-Phelan
Harrison Rossi
Isabella Tompkins

History

Jose Cañedo
Eugenia Estrada
Andres Salazar
Jazmin Waldman Bernigaud

Journalism

Eva Henricksen

Math

Sofia Cavalieri
Francisco Malmierca
Enrique Partidas
Lola Somarriba

Music

Maria Catalina Stel
Florenca Vodovoz

PE

Joao Arena
Alesia Boelcke
Veronica Garcia-Serra
Marcos Sanchez Elia

Science

Leonardo Mata

Spanish

Martina Endere
Gabriel Orce
Martina Rovira
Quinto San Miguel

STEM

Santiago Carrasco
Gonzalo Fernandez del Castillo
Emilio Ferro
Maximo Zingg

Theology

Matias Maldonado



St. Agnes Scholastic Olympian Winners



PE

**Veronica Garcia-Serra
1st Pl
Alessia Boelcke
3rd Pl**

PE

**Marcos Sanchez Elia
3rd Pl**

History

**Jazmin Waldman
1st Pl
Eugenia Estrada
3rd Pl**

Theology

**Matias Maldonado
3rd Pl**



Art

**Sofia De Lapuerta
1st Pl**

Art

**Antonia Beltran
3rd Pl**

Debate

Olivia Gerardi, Juanchi Poleo, Tomas Stanham & Paulina Plehn - 2nd Pl

Spanish

**Gabriel Orce
2nd Pl**

PROTECT WOMEN AND BABIES



VOTE NO ON AMENDMENT 4

Repeats all common sense laws enacted by our duly elected state representatives.

By precedent, this is not just about physical health, but also emotional, financial, etc. creating no limits on abortion.



Ballot Summary

No law shall prohibit, penalize, delay, or restrict abortion before viability, or when necessary to protect the patient's health, as determined by the patient's healthcare provider. This amendment does not change the Legislature's constitutional authority to require notification to a parent or guardian before a minor has an abortion.

Viability is not defined, and will include painful, late-term abortions through birth.

No definition for healthcare provider is given, leading to non-physicians performing abortions.

Parental notification is NOT parental consent, allowing underage children to obtain abortions without their parents' permission.

Vote

NO on AMENDMENT

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Keep Florida
a Family-
Friendly &
Drug Free
State

KEEP YOUR FAMILY SAFE

Consequences If Amendment 3 Passes

- In states that have legalized recreational marijuana, marijuana addiction among youth has dramatically increased.

- With legalization, marijuana's potency has skyrocketed to upwards of 99% THC. Studies show that use of today's marijuana, severely affect the development of young brains & is associated with psychosis, schizophrenia, anxiety, depression, worsening PTSD symptoms & even suicidality.

- Legalizing recreational use of marijuana would normalize smoking in public, polluting our beautiful cities in Florida with a toxic drug. This would also encourage "high" users to roam our towns with potential unsafe behavior due to cognitive impairment and likely lead to increased crime rates.

- We would be complicit in supporting a drug-addiction-for-profit industry.

ST. AGNES CATHOLIC ACADEMY



ADMISSIONS OPEN HOUSE



NOV. 16, 2024
9:00 AM

St. Agnes Catholic Academy
122 Harbor Drive
Key Biscayne, FL 33149

COME AND
EXPERIENCE

OUR JOY!

Register To Attend
Open House Here



bit.ly/StAgnesOpenHouse





Join us for our annual

St. Agnes Christmas Bazaar

DECEMBER 8TH, 2024
10 AM TO 7 PM





Join us for our annual

St. Agnes Kids Entrepreneur

DECEMBER 8TH, 2024

10 AM TO 7 PM

<https://bit.ly/BazaarStudents2024>



Marriage



Covenant Retreat

Nov. 1 - 3, 2024

Join us for an amazing weekend with other couples dedicated to strengthening your marriage bond through interactive activities & resources.

bit.ly/MarriageCovenantRetreat16

