



ST. AGNES SCHOOL
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Dear Parents & Students,

Summer is in full swing, but the St. Agnes School faculty & staff is already looking forward to a fun-filled and successful 2019-2020 academic year, which will begin on **Thursday, August 22nd**!

In this envelope you will find information & enclosures to help get you and your child off to a great start! Please do not hesitate to contact me by phone or email if you should have any questions. You can also find this information on our website, www.stagneselem.com. We hope to see you at some of our summer events!

~ Mrs. Jessica Bundle
Administrative Assistant

SCHOOL UNIFORM

All students in Kindergarten through grade six must wear the school uniform, according to the enclosed "Uniform Requirements" sheet. Some items can be purchased locally, such as pants and shirts, as long as they meet the dress code. It's a good idea to visit www.flynnohara.com to at least look at the pictures so you know what styles to buy elsewhere! However, some items, such as red sweaters & girls' plaid uniforms, may only be purchased from Flynn O'Hara. If you have any questions regarding acceptable items or how to order uniforms, please give us a call.

EXTENDED CARE PROGRAM ("LATCHKEY")

Before & after school child care will be available each weekday (except for days when school is closed) from 7am-7:45am, and from 2:45pm-5:15pm. The cost is \$4 per hour, charged to the next half hour. Latchkey is not included in the yearly tuition cost, and is not billed through FACTS. A monthly invoice will be sent home and should be paid directly to the school.

LUNCH PROGRAM

The Towanda School District provides lunches to our students for the following prices:

\$2.25- Student Lunch
\$0.40- Reduced Price Student Lunch
\$0.50- Milk

Each student will be assigned their own individual lunch account, which will be debited when they purchase lunch and/or milk. Lunch money to be added to their account may be sent in daily, weekly, or monthly- whichever is most convenient for your family! On some days, two entree options will be offered, with the side dishes remaining the same. A lunch menu for August & September is enclosed. Once school begins, monthly lunch menus will be posted on our website and will be available in the office upon request. Applications for the Free & Reduced Lunch Program will be sent home during the first week of school, for those families that may qualify. Parents are welcome to join their child for lunch on any day...please let us know by 9am if you would like to purchase the school lunch for \$3.50!

FAMILY SWIM PARTY!

Bring the whole family for a fun night of pizza & swimming at the Bradford County YMCA! Our traditional swim party will be held on Tuesday, August 6th from 4pm to 6pm. It's a great way to get to know the other school families and students of all ages, as well as the faculty & staff! There is no cost to attend, and you do not need to bring anything other than swimsuits & towels! There will be lifeguards on duty.

SPECIAL INFORMATION FOR PRE-K & KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS

Orientation Day

All Pre-K 3, Pre-K 4, and Kindergarten parents & students are welcome to stop by the school for a visit on Monday, August 19th between 11am and 1pm! Some families find it is convenient to bring their child's sleeping bag and other school supplies on that day, so the first day of school isn't so hectic!

Snack Fees

There will be a one-time snack fee of \$30 for each five-day Pre-K student and each Kindergarten student. The fee will be collected at the beginning of the year by the classroom teachers. It will not be included in the yearly tuition cost or billed through FACTS. The fee for each three-day Pre-K student will be \$20, and the fee for each two-day Pre-K student will be \$15. You may pay the snack fee at orientation on August 19th if you wish. Checks should be made payable to "St. Agnes School." This allows us to provide a daily morning snack for your child, without having to assign parents to bring in snacks!

First Day

All Pre-K students are encouraged to attend the first day of school, even if they are not signed up for Thursdays. The teachers would like to get all of the students off to a great start together! There will not be any additional tuition charge.

SUMMER FUNDRAISERS

Fundraisers are vital to the continued success of our little school! They help us close the financial gap between tuition income & operational expenses, especially since our tuition is lower than other diocesan schools. We try to offer a variety of options throughout the year- some are great for people who like to sell to family & friends, and some are better for people who like to volunteer their time. The two fundraisers that take place during the summer are the Lyle Williams Memorial Golf Tournament & Riverfest, and we need your help with both!

Lyle Williams Memorial Golf Tournament

This annual tournament to benefit the school will take place on Saturday, July 27th at the Towanda Country Club, beginning at 9am. We are looking for more teams of 4! The cost per player is \$80, which includes coffee & donuts, greens fees & cart, and lunch & prizes. Hole sponsors are also very much needed- the cost to sponsor a hole is \$100, and can be a business or an individual. Volunteers to help with player registration that morning would be wonderful! Please email or call the school by July 19th to register a team, sponsor a hole, or sign up to volunteer.

Riverfest

Our PTG will have a booth at Riverfest again this year, selling hot dogs, hamburgers, corn, salt potatoes, drinks, and more! Volunteers are needed to set up, take down, and work at the booth, which will be open on August 15th from 6pm-9pm, August 16th from 5pm-9pm, and August 17th from 11am-9pm. Please call or email the school office to sign up for a shift or two!

SUMMER READING & MATH

Don't wait until the last minute- students entering 3rd-6th grade for the 2019-2020 school year have reading & math assignments to complete prior to the first day of school!

DIRECTIONS FOR MORNING DROP-OFF

The safety of all of our students is of the utmost priority to us! With that in mind, please be aware of our parking and drop-off policies:

Parents dropping off their child may only enter the hardtop playground via the 4th Street driveway, which is located next to the white garage building. Parents who wish to walk in with their child must pull into a designated parking spot behind the brick house (the rectory). All students, including, Pre-K, arriving prior to 7:45am should enter via the main doors by the office, and go directly to morning latchkey in the gym. Supervised morning recess for Kindergarten through sixth grade students is provided from 7:45am-8am. Pre-K students will "check in" at their classrooms from 7:45am-8am. During inclement weather, morning recess will be held in the gym as well. With the exception of Pre-K, no student is to go to their classroom prior to 8am.

All cars should only exit the hardtop playground area via the State Street driveway. No children will be permitted to play on the blacktop area in the morning, or on the enclosed playground.

This one-way policy has been instituted to ensure student safety, and also alleviates unlawful parking on Fourth Street, which eases the congestion of buses & vans that are dropping off students. Parents who wish to park on Third Street to drop off their children may continue to do so.

Please refer to the map on the back of this page if you aren't yet familiar with the streets around the school, and remember to observe the marked "no parking" zones during school hours!

FACULTY & STAFF

Principal	Mr. Chad Shrawder
Pre-K 3	Mrs. Holly Bradley
Pre-K 3 Aide	Mrs. Nicole Heeman
Pre-K 4	Mrs. Rebecca Basse
Pre-K 4 Aide	Ms. April Romano
Kindergarten	Mrs. Kreshel Hakes
1 st Grade	Mrs. Kelly Wilhelm
2 nd Grade	Mrs. Stacie Cox
3 rd Grade	Mrs. Cheryl Snyder
4 th Grade HR/ 4 th -6 th Grade Science	Mrs. Theresa Knapp
5 th Grade HR/ 5 th -6 th Grade Math & Social Studies	To Be Announced
6 th Grade HR/ 4 th -6 th Grade English	To Be Announced
Gym & Health/ Technology	Mrs. Ann Segar
Library & Art	Mrs. Elizabeth Weinman
Spanish	Ms. Sonia Huff
Custodian	Mr. Al Bradley
Cafeteria	Mrs. Melissa Fiske

We will be welcoming a new 5th grade homeroom teacher and a new 6th grade homeroom teacher this year, but we cannot announce names just yet... we will let you know by email as soon as we can!

Mrs. Stacie Cox will be the new 2nd grade homeroom teacher and she is very excited, as are we!

Please be sure to add sa123@epix.net into your email address book! Non-urgent parent/school communication will be primarily through email. The email address that you provided on your registration form is the one that will be used. Typically only one parent is emailed; please let the office know which parent is the preferred contact, if necessary.

Thank you!

