



*Where children of God are welcomed, nurtured, and served,
Guiding souls and growing minds.*

2.8.18

Dear Parents/Guardians/Students:

In an effort to speed up your reading of the blue note, I'm trying to be as concise as possible. If you have a question about any information, please call the office. Thank you.

- The Krispy Kreme Fundraiser Pickup is today between 3-4:30 in room 203.
- Krispy Kreme Dress Down: If students sold an item, they earned a dress down day. Students who received a pink slip yesterday are allowed to dress down this Monday, February 12 in spiritwear, jeans, and gym shoes. Otherwise, students should wear their school uniform.
- There's No School tomorrow Friday, February 9 due to a professional development day.
- Ash Wednesday/Valentine's Day: Since both share the same date next Wednesday, Lent takes precedence. So if your child is going to share a Valentine's Day treat, it has to be on Tuesday, February 13. Treats/Cards will not be shared on Wednesday since it is Ash Wednesday.
- Palm Burning: In an effort to prepare for Ash Wednesday, there will be a very short Palm Burning ceremony on Tuesday at 1:30 P.M. Weather will determine if it's inside or out. All are invited.
- Empower Illinois: Their update stated that they are two weeks away from re-launching the application. When we learn details about the launch date, we'll let you know. Thank you.
- Tuition and Extended Day Balances: If you have a balance with tuition or with the Extended Day Program, you really need to try to become current. As always, our budget is razor thin and without timely payments, it places a hardship on us. Please make every effort to become current. Thank you.
- First Reconciliation: Congratulations to the students who made the Sacrament of Reconciliation! We are praying for you!
- CORRECTION-- 8th Grade Picture Retake Day is set for February 16. If you have a question, please call the office.
- Spring Picture Day is set for February 16. If your child was absent or missed his/her spring picture this past Monday, we will take your child's photo. Students wear their school uniform since these photos go into the yearbook.
- ISBE State Recognition Visit Update: As we have for the last 110 years, we are currently recognized by the State of Illinois! We passed our State Recognition with ISBE with flying colors! Thanks to the teachers and staff for helping make that possible. Also thanks to Mrs. Pastere for serving on the review team again. I really appreciate everyone's help with this recognition!

- GM Box Top Note: Box tops are due this Monday, February 12. The last box top collection brought in \$400 to the school. Thank you for taking the time to collect these GM Box Tops. Thanks also to Mrs. Christie for her help behind the scenes in helping coordinate the paperwork.
- Health and Wellness Notes: We have several students who are out sick with the flu or flu symptoms. If your child complains of a stomach ache, if your child throws up, or has a fever or diarrhea, please keep your child home from school. They should stay home, even if they are using antiviral drugs as well. *Please know that if children appear sick or get sick at school, they must be sent home.* Children are encouraged to wash hands frequently, cover nose/mouth with a tissue when coughing or sneezing. We have also spoken with the students about the best way to use drinking fountains and not touching their face with their hands if at all possible. Our teachers and maintenance staff work diligently to clean common areas that students and staff touch often.
- Nancy B. Witter Good Steward Scholarships: The following students received this wonderful scholarship: Brody Berg, Riley Bosco, Nicholas Briggs, Mariana Garcia, Jesus-Lopez Hernandez, Calleigh Norman, Michael Pastere, and Maeghan Tomaka. Congratulations to these students on such a fantastic award!
- December Reading Reward Winners: The following students were randomly selected to win a \$10 Walmart gift card, compliments of the Home & School Association, for completing the December Reading Incentive requirements: Samantha Tafolla, Nicholas Briggs, Brody Berg, Jose Dorsey, Oscar Montalvo, Benitta Gadison, Oscar Rivera Cornejo, Abigail Urban, Monserrat Coyt, and Ashley Ortiz. Thanks to the Home & School Association for your continued generosity! Congratulations to these recipients and keep reading!
- Alumni News: The following alumni made the 2nd Quarter Honor Roll at Marian Catholic: Andrea Aguirre, Monica Arellano, Jarrett Benavides, Michael Bohlen, Joi Brown, Melissa Coyt, Lannah Dee, Nicholas Dee, Ryan Dee, Oskar Diaz, Maureen Fagan, Caleb Fetzer, Connor Hamilton, Juliana Horta, Jacob Hybert, Rachael Kapocius, Dylan Klinger, Ashley Martinez, Cassandra Martinez, Destinee Ortez, John Pastere, Marissa Riley, Mariana Salvador-Earl, Alexandra VanDerAa, Jenna Vondrak, and Olivia Vondrak. Congratulations to all our alumni on their continued academic success!
- Spaghetti Dinner: Please mark your calendar for Sunday, March 4 from noon to 6:00 P.M. for the Spaghetti Dinner at the Parish Center.
- Facebook and Website Info: Parents—be sure to like us on our Facebook page: “St. Agnes Parish and Catholic School” page. Catholic Schools Week, Cheer Camp, and Keys to Success pictures are online now. If you’re not on Facebook, you can go to our website at www.saintagnes.us and see the same pics there! We currently have 648 ‘likes.’ Spread the news!

February

8	Krispy Kreme Doughnut Fundraiser orders are delivered after school
9	No School—Teacher Inservice Day
14	Ash Wednesday. Saint Valentine’s Day
15	Home and School Hot Lunch
19	No School—President’s Day
23	Stations of the Cross at 1:30 P.M.

I have only made this letter longer because I have not had the time to make it shorter.

—Blaise Pascal