

February 2012
School Board President Monthly Letter

Happy New Year, Saint Agatha Community! It's going to be a great year (well, maybe not according to the Mayan Calendar) so let's live it up!

The excitement is building for our 70's Themed Auction event! Jason Best and Paul Glass have enlisted the aid of St. Agatha alum, Bobby Whitman, in the creation of the Alumni database which is up and running! Sonya Best has been inputting the information! A sure sign of the success of our Friday Auction event with a focus on St. Agatha Alumni! Mrs. Joellen Siegrist, former teacher will be honored that evening. Keep that Alumni information coming!

As you may have heard, Saint Agatha is offering PreLatin for Grades 6-8. We wish to welcome Mark Wright, a PhD candidate from Ohio State, as instructor for this pilot program. A special thank you to LeeAnn Ruess & Lori Valachovic for volunteering their early mornings to help facilitate the PreLatin Breakfast Club. Saint Agatha has re-established Chess Club. Taught by Chess Master & former National Chess Champion Kyle Jones, Saint Agatha students are learning chess strategy on Friday afternoons. We hope to offer Chess each quarter. Hopefully you've read the School Board's recent Status Report on Catholic Identity, which went home with students last Friday. Please consider attending the Catholic Identity Subcommittee meeting (Feb. 2, 7-8 pm, School Library). As we continue to plan future After school Enrichment programs, the Academic Committee is very interested in your feedback! Please share your comments & suggestions with one of the committee members: Amy Laudo (Chair), Andy Ferris, Steve Valachovic, Steve Druhan, Jayn Warner, Patrice McCarron or Joan Mastell.

Dominic Rotolo would like to remind people about our Parent Support Network, a program in place aimed at providing assistance with means to listen, empathize, educate, and resolve concerns that involve the student body at St. Agatha School. He would encourage any who would like to be a part of the network to please contact him. Also, he would like to invite you to a coffee after mass held in the Monsignor Kennedy Hall on Wednesday, February 1st. There will be a speaker, Diane Delk, MS, LPCC-S who is a Clinical Manager for Family Services and Prevention programs. She will be speaking to us on the prevention of Child Abuse and help us recognize signs and symptoms and neglect, as well as strategies for parents in dealing with suspected abuse, including bullying.

The Alternative Revenue committee has planned its next meeting for Thursday February 9th at 6PM in the Parish Hall. The meeting will be very informative and any new volunteers would be welcome to help sustain

alternative revenue streams for our school. If you would like to join, please contact the subcommittee leaders, Joe Patrick or Tracy Hatem.

What a great Cake Bingo we had last Friday! If anyone has any great photos of that event or any Saint Agatha event that would warrant publication, don't forget Megan Flanagan is the point person for submitting pictures of school events to be published in our local papers to spread the word about our great Saint Agatha community. Her email address is: we.r.superbusy@gmail.com

I hope you all had the chance to view our advertisement for our annual Open House Monday January 30th in the Suburban News, "You've heard the Buzz, now Catch The Spirit!" By the time you read this letter, our open house will be finished, so here's hoping for a successful and informative Open House! Mrs. Mastell is always happy to offer tours and meet with prospective parents so please continue to get out the Buzz!

Respectfully submitted by,
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St. Agatha's School Climate Committee has organized a parent support group.

School Climate is a general term that refers to the feel, atmosphere, tone, or ideology of a school. Just as individuals have personalities, so too do schools; a school climate may be thought of as the personality of a school.

This group of volunteers will work with Guidance Counselor Mrs. Tee Whitman and Principal Joan Mastell and will be available to all parents to assist with any developing classroom or classmate situations.

We are in need of one parent volunteer for each class. If you have any interest or questions please contact the following:

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Parent Support Network

Climate Committee

Volunteer sign-up

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