

# St. Agnes School

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## Mission

As a Catholic educational community, St. Agnes School is created, supported and nurtured by the parish. St. Agnes School's mission is to provide an environment where each student can discover personally the presence and message of God while developing all aspects of his/her growth—morally, intellectually, emotionally, physically and socially. St. Agnes School serves primarily the families of St. Agnes Parish on Springfield's northwest side, but is open as class size permits to families of other denominations who accept its philosophy, regardless of race, creed or national origin.

## Key Facts

- Co-educational elementary school with enrollment of 417 (K-8) and 34 (Preschool) students
- School of the Diocese of Springfield, Illinois; founded in 1897
- Students consistently place well above the national norm with standardized achievement test scores
- Computer lab with full-time teacher and monitored Internet access in lab and classrooms
- Cable access in all classrooms
- 8<sup>th</sup> grade students required to complete Community Service hours
- Over 8,000 books in school library
- After school care program staffed by school faculty
- State certified teachers
- School Counselor, Learning Disabilities teachers and Speech and Language teacher
- Aides for classrooms Preschool through grade 6
- Resource teacher for grades 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup>
- Creative writing for grades 5-8
- Eleven 8<sup>th</sup> graders awarded the President's Award for Educational Excellence in 2005
- Graduates excel in honor classes and attain leadership positions in high school; four St. Agnes alumni who graduated from Sacred Heart-Griffin High School in 2005 have enrolled at Notre-Dame
- Active Parents Club and many parent volunteer opportunities including Technology and M.A.G.I.C. Match Committees
- Academic curriculum includes:
  - ✓ Full day kindergarten
  - ✓ Self-contained classrooms in grades K-2
  - ✓ Departmental classes in grades 3-8
  - ✓ 30 Wireless Laptop computers for class instruction
  - ✓ Art, Computer, Library, Music and Physical Education classes
  - ✓ Honors Algebra for 8<sup>th</sup> grade at SHG
  - ✓ Spanish Instruction
- Comprehensive religion program and sacramental preparations include:
  - ✓ Weekly children's liturgies
  - ✓ Advent and Lenten Reconciliation Services
  - ✓ Stations of the Cross
  - ✓ Benediction
  - ✓ May Crowning
  - ✓ Parental Sacramental Preparation
- Athletic Activities include:
  - ✓ S.C.A.A. girls and boys basketball for grades 5-8
  - ✓ I.E.S.A. girls and boys basketball for grades 7-8
  - ✓ I.E.S.A. girls and boys track for grades 6-8
  - ✓ I.E.S.A. girls and boys cross country for grades 6-8
  - ✓ 2006 softball and track teams all placed at State
  - ✓ I.E.S.A. girls softball for grades 6-8
  - ✓ S.C.A.A. girls volleyball for grades 6-8
  - ✓ I.E.S.A. girls volleyball for grades 7-8
  - ✓ I.E.S.A. boys baseball for grades 6-8
- Clubs and activities include:
  - ✓ Singing Aces Choir
  - ✓ Children's Church Choir
  - ✓ Student Leadership
  - ✓ Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts
  - ✓ Spanish Club and Math Club
  - ✓ Altar Servers
  - ✓ Safety Patrol
  - ✓ Math Counts
  - ✓ Scholastic Bowl
  - ✓ Speech Contests
  - ✓ Science Fair
  - ✓ Chat & Chew Book Club
  - ✓ Read-In
  - ✓ Art Fair
  - ✓ Mardi Gras for Missions
  - ✓ School Newspaper
- Other School Services include:
  - ✓ Evaluation and testing for students with special needs
  - ✓ Hot lunch program