



SAINT AGNES

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The smartest start for your child



EDUCATION

St. Agnes School meets the academic, social, and developmental needs of young students whose parents want their children's first school experiences to be great ones. We welcome children of all faiths. We cultivate intellectual growth while engaging heart and spirit. Our core subjects include many cross-curricular projects, all with a strong emphasis on literacy. We encourage creativity and confidence in the classroom and offer exceptional art, technology, French, and music programs.

FAITH

We share with parents a commitment to the spiritual growth of Catholic children and children of all faiths. Religious education and character development are components of the St. Agnes curriculum. We encourage students to grow religiously, spiritually and morally, as well as physically, socially, and intellectually.

FAMILY

The role of St. Agnes parents, grandparents, and caregivers cannot be overstated. Family involvement is integral to our students' education. Opportunities for engagement include attending our many celebrations and presentations, volunteering in our classrooms, participating on committees, chaperoning field trips, or simply joining us for lunch.



PRESCHOOL

IMPORTANCE OF PLAY

Our three- and four-year olds have many opportunities to engage in teacher-guided and child-driven creative play. This allows them to develop their imaginations, physical dexterity, and cognitive abilities. Emerging interests are identified and supported through play at our learning centers, on the playground, and in our well-equipped gym.

WORKING WITH OTHERS

Our preschoolers are supported as they make new friends, learn to share, and work closely with caring adults and in small peer groups. Children learn and feel safe within our predictable and enjoyable school routines. We create classrooms that promote self-expression and self-awareness, and we cultivate important social skills such as listening, sharing, and taking turns.

FOUNDATIONAL SKILLS

Our carefully planned schedules and curriculum encourage cognitive, physical, and emotional development. Three-year olds are introduced to books, letters, patterns, counting, puzzles, games, and interesting objects. Four-year-olds learn letter sounds, number identification, and shape names. Music, French, art, and dramatic play are incorporated for multi-sensory and interactive learning.



KINDERGARTEN

We believe that Kindergarten students learn best when they're actively engaged and having fun. Our child-centered curriculum incorporates activities that improve coordination; develop language, reading and writing skills; and encourage problem solving and social awareness. By embedding skills and content into all aspects of the curriculum, students eagerly participate and strive toward academic excellence. The outcome of our Kindergarten design is simple: every child is prepared for his or her journey through school and gains a love of learning.



PRIMARY GRADES

In 1st, 2nd, and 3rd grades, learning abounds. Our teachers set, and our students meet, high standards. The curriculum encourages students to explore, discover, and build upon individual strengths and talents. We use a whole child approach to education. Our skilled teachers design grade-level curricula with students' cognitive, academic, and social growth in mind.

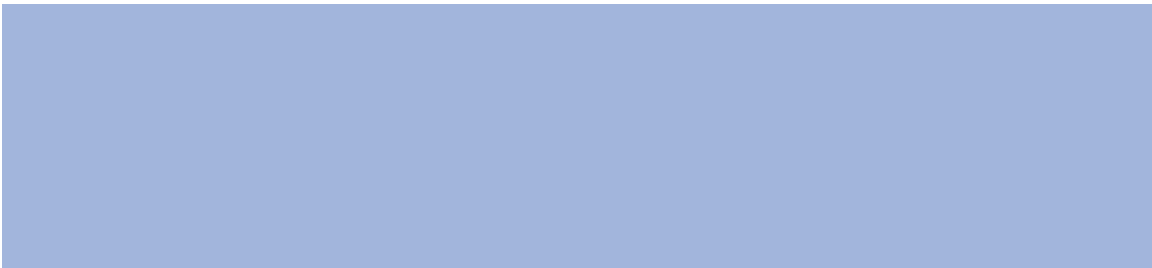
We focus on literacy because it plays a central role in school success. Reading excellence allows children to become proficient in all subject areas and pursuits, and it is highly correlated with school achievement.

Educational research demonstrates that the quality of instruction students receive in the elementary grades often determines future school success. By setting a high bar and scaffolding instruction, we aim to encourage students in 1st, 2nd, and 3rd grades to become skillful and confident learners in language arts, math, science, and social studies.



FAITH FORMATION

Students are encouraged to deepen their faith through understanding the teachings of the Catholic faith. We offer a religion class to our primary school students. Lessons use developmentally appropriate texts, including *Christ Our Life* and *Discover! Finding Faith in Life*, and incorporate hands-on projects. Elements of faith formation and character development are emphasized throughout the academic day. Students learn to embrace gospel values and acts of kindness, as well as see themselves and others as God's creation with a purpose.



SPECIALS

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Gym class at St. Agnes develops sports-specific skills, coordination and balance, and good sportsmanship. Gym is also a time when our children can simply be active and learn healthy habits.

SCIENCE

Our science program is an interactive, technology-integrated exploration of the natural world. Using Next Generation Science Standards as a guide, students undertake experiments that encourage critical thinking and verbalizing explanations.

LASTING LESSONS

In Lasting Lessons, students gain self-awareness and respect for others by practicing skills such as being honest, developing courage, and articulating feelings. As the year progresses, other social dynamics are explored, including developing manners and recognizing bullying.

ART

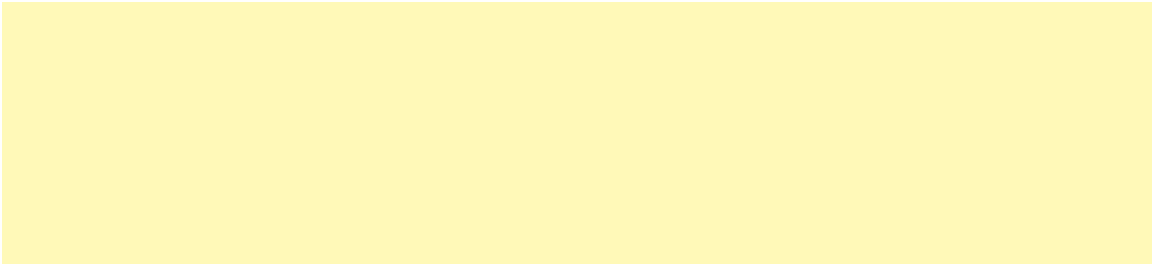
In our art classes, children joyfully express themselves and complete multi-step, creative projects using paint, clay, and fiber. In addition to building fine motor skills, art classes encourage inventiveness and decision-making. Students gain exposure to and explore the great masters of art.

FRENCH

French instruction is divided into thematic units in which students learn about Epiphany in French families, Mardi Gras, famous people in French history, and Parisian landmarks. Special emphasis is placed on vocabulary, dialogue, and song.

MUSIC

The robust music program at St. Agnes exposes children to rhythm, song, and theatre. Students sing, dance, play instruments, and rehearse performances, including a Christmas concert and a spring musical.



SPARK

STEM, Play, Art, and Recreation for Kids

SPARK is our afterschool program and summer camp. Students and Campers explore, discover, create, and invent!

SPARK After School is held Monday-Friday during the academic year. Children in Kindergarten-3rd grade enjoy healthy snacks, complete their iReady homework on laptops, and participate in indoor and outdoor play and clubs – including Minecraft, Legos, French Culture and Cuisine, Mad Scientists, and Art and Invention.

SPARK Camp runs Monday-Friday from the end of June through the end of August. Session dates and registration information can be found at www.stagneslp.org/forms. Children entering grades Kindergarten-5th enjoy arts & crafts, Iron Chef contests, outdoor experiences, water play, and more. Camp takes place at the Daisy Reiss Camp Property off of Saranac Avenue and at St. Agnes School.



GAP

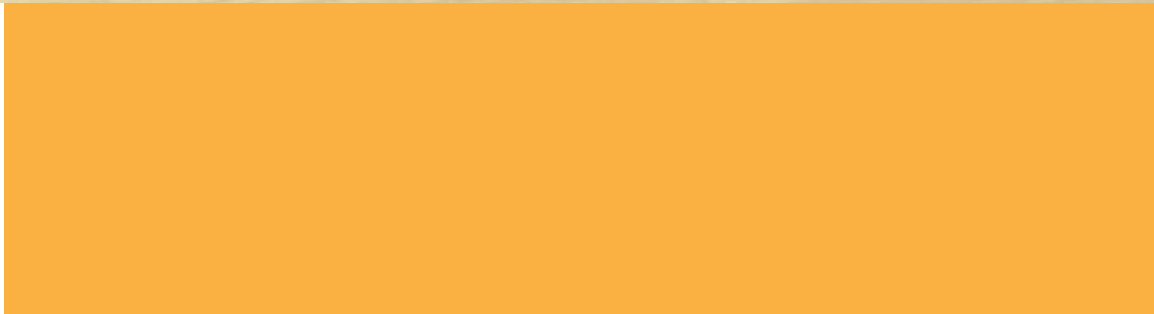
Growth Achievement Program

GAP provides educational coaching and services, including speech, occupational, and physical therapies, one-on-one and small group counseling, and academic support to every student who would benefit. We offer assessment and intervention with specialists at the first sign of one or more learning delays. Many educational settings can only offer services to students who “score low enough,” on screenings and tests. At St. Agnes, we have a GAP team ready to offer intervention and enrichment to all students in need of support, as well as accelerated opportunities for students working beyond their grade level.

SEL

Social-Emotional Learning

SEL supports students’ growth and development, equipping them with a healthy sense of self and others, as well as strategies to thrive in a school setting. Practiced throughout the day, and often taught in conjunction with our faith formation program, concepts such as self-awareness, self-management, responsible decision-making, and interpersonal skills are vital to our students’ wellbeing. Classroom activities and group events are specially designed to encourage sharing, empathy, and cooperation. When children have healthy social-emotional skills, they are better able to engage, interact, and learn.



TRADITIONS AND CELEBRATIONS

100th Day of School Party
Aggie Day
Authors' Night
Back-to-School Family BBQ
Blessing of the Animals
Catholic Schools/Spirit Week
Christmas Bazaar and Gingerbread Contest
Christmas Concert
Coffee Hour in the Foyer
Crowning of Mary
Family Color Run
Geography Night
Graduation
Grandparents Tea
Halloween Parade
Open House and STEM Show
Prayer Services
Primary Parties
Read Across America
Reading Olympics
Rummage Sale
Science Fair
SPARK: After School and Summer Camp
Spring Gala
Spring Musical
Trunk-Or-Treat
Tucker Farms Fall Trip
Whiteface Lodge Holiday Party





BIRTH TO AGE THREE

As Lake Placid's only early learning center, St. Agnes School not only educates children age three to grade three, but also offers resources, support, and social events for babies and younger children. We are proud to be one of several organizations in Essex County that is committed to offering programming that supports the developmental and social needs of babies and toddlers.

From infancy through toddlerhood, children explore their surroundings, interact with others, form strong bonds, develop language, and establish a sense of well-being. These years are also important in the lives of parents as they form attachments and learn to meet and balance the needs of their children. Our Birth to Age Three programs are free and open to the public.

FACULTY AND STAFF



Katie Turner
Principal



Father John Yonkovic
Pastor



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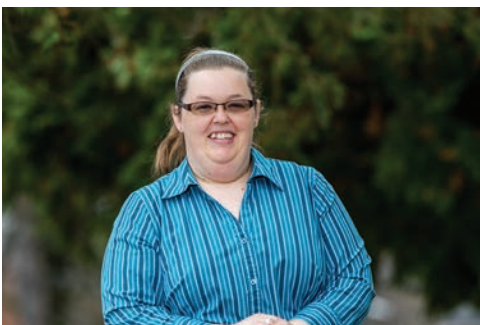
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ENROLLING AT ST. AGNES

Families are encouraged to attend our annual Open House in the spring. Parents may also call to schedule a visit or request information by mail. Open enrollment takes place at the end of April into early May, after which applications will continue to be reviewed as space allows. Applications can be found at www.stagneslp.org/forms.



AFFORDABILITY

Thanks to our Adopt-a-Student and Bishop's Funds, our parish, supporting parishes, and donations from individuals and foundations, St. Agnes School is able to award need-based tuition assistance to families who qualify. Monthly payment plans are available through FACTS. Paperwork and links can be found on our website or be mailed to you.

FAMILY INVOLVEMENT

Parents and caregivers are engaged in the life of the school. There are numerous opportunities to stay involved: serving on the PTO, attending family events, offering special activities, and volunteering at our fundraisers. Parents are encouraged to support their child's school experience and the success of the school.

UP AND AWAY: 4TH GRADE AND BEYOND

Our graduates thrive in their next schools. We prepare our students and support our parents during the transition to area public and private schools. Alumni/ae of all ages remain part of the St. Agnes family and often continue to attend SPARK summer camp and events throughout the year.

To apply, schedule a visit, or receive a welcome packet, please contact:

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