Guided by tradition and animated by the sacraments, Saint Agnes School is marked by fidelity to Christ and his Church. From the educational philosophy and intellectual development to the cultural and aesthetic environment, everything is sustained by the Faith. The result is an authentic Catholic education, set apart by academic rigor and dynamic spiritual formation.

Saint Agnes School takes seriously its responsibility to challenge and elevate each student both intellectually and spiritually, regardless of natural ability or background. Saint Agnes School offers a rigorous program of study that prepares students for college, life, and beyond. Offering a wide variety of Honors and Advanced Placement courses in the high school, Saint Agnes School forms the intellect by immersing students in the most important ideas and literature from the Western Canon along with opportunities for advanced study in mathematics and the sciences. The challenging K-12 curriculum teaches each student to recognize truth, fosters a love for learning, and provides the intellectual skills and training to succeed in one's life vocation.

Saint Agnes School challenges and encourages every student to actualize his or her potential, and also recognizes that students have different aspirations or abilities. We are committed to preparing every student for successful post-secondary study, while at the same time acknowledging and affirming the dignity of all forms of labor. The school is also known for its tradition of inspiring many stable vocations to the priesthood and religious life as well as preparing faithful laity for lives of service — a proud tradition and testament to the quality of religious formation at Saint Agnes School.

“Faith and reason are like two wings on which the human spirit rises to the contemplation of truth; and God has placed in the human heart a desire to know the truth in a word, to know himself so that, by knowing and loving God, men and women may also come to the fullness of truth about themselves.”

— Pope John Paul II, Fides et Ratio, 1998

Our Vision

“A hundred years from now, the land north and west of the downtown will still be here. With God’s grace, Saint Agnes will be. The great church with its baroque onion tower and red tile roof will stand. With greater and greater sacrifices demanded, the school will continue, since the education of the youth will always remain the most important work of any generation.”

— The Church of Saint Agnes (1887-1987), p. 188

History:

125 Years of Excellence

The words above were penned over twenty years ago, and after 125 years Saint Agnes School is stronger than ever. Taking seriously the mission of the Catholic school apostolate, the historic institution has been offering a quality education to families since 1888 — one richly grounded in tradition and fidelity. Saint Agnes was originally founded by Austro-Hungarian immigrants over a century ago, and today the parish and school enjoy the reputation of serving a rich variety of ethnic and socio-economic families, creating a vibrant community unified by the Holy Spirit. Saint Agnes’ reputation precedes itself, drawing students and families from the extended Twin Cities area. Both the parish and school are nationally renowned for the quality and beauty of the choral programs as well as the rich, sacred liturgy.

Through recent strategic efforts of clarifying the vision, strengthening the curriculum, building a cohesive and talented faculty, and facility refurbishment and enhancement, Saint Agnes School is one of only a small host of private institutions that has increased enrollment in recent years — the school has also been recognized nationally as a leader in Catholic education.
Academics

For a complete and detailed overview of the K-12 curriculum offered at Saint Agnes School, please consult our K-6 and 7-12 Curriculum Guides, which is available through our Admissions office or online at www.SaintAgnesSchool.org.

Elementary (Grades K-6)

The Grammar Years: The K-6 curriculum is a highly integrated program of study, engaging students in a dynamic way. Grounded in imparting basic, ordered knowledge to our youngest students, such as reading proficiency, writing, vocabulary, arithmetic, and scientific discovery, the program is also augmented by an encounter with great literature, hands-on experimentation, enjoyment of the arts, Latin study, and an emphasis on the virtues: personal responsibility, cooperation, and teamwork.

Each year the K-6 program offers disciplined study in the following areas:

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Junior High (Grades 7-8)

The Logic Years: This is a crucial time to form young minds with good study habits and discipline during an important part of the maturation process into adolescence. While increasing the rigor and amount of material students encounter, these years are marked by instruction in critical thinking, abstract ideas, writing, pre-algebra/algebra, introductory lab sciences, language study, and organization. The goal of the program is to prepare students with the tools necessary for the mastery and use of rhetoric in the High School years.

Saint Agnes’ Junior High has a core curriculum offering the following courses in both 7th and 8th grade:

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Electives offered include:

- General Music/Choir
- Studio Art
- Spanish (in addition to Latin)
- Band

Committed to Excellence

Saint Agnes School is a fully accredited K-12 program by the AdvancED / North Central Association (NCA). The school was recently voted one of the “Top 50” Catholic High Schools in the nation by the Cardinal Newman Society for Academic Excellence, Civic Education and Catholic Identity. The faculty, staff, and administration does not rest on the laurels of such an award, but uses this high honor to strengthen continually their commitment to the pursuit of academic excellence within a truly integrated and faithfully Catholic environment.

“Saint Agnes prepared me for the rigors of college academics... most importantly, it helped me to build a strong foundation of faith.”

— Elizabeth, class of 2011, Carlson School of Business, University of Minnesota
Senior High (Grades 9-12)

The Rhetoric Years: Building upon the important foundation established in the Junior High, the High School offers a challenging curriculum that prepares students for university study and other post-secondary opportunities. The grammar study in the Elementary years, followed by an introduction to critical thinking in Junior High, is strengthened in the High School through the core studies of composition, textual analysis, language study, the physical sciences, and advanced mathematics. The comprehensive curriculum includes such highlights as advanced-level foreign language study (Latin or Spanish I-V) as well as a host of Honors and Advanced Placement courses, including an engaging course called the Senior Capstone Seminar, which joins the studies of history, philosophy, literature and theology. In addition, the Guidance Office supports parents and students in the post-secondary application process through the administration of college entrance exams and one-on-one planning sessions.

The following summarizes the minimum requirements for graduates of the high school:

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Total Credits Required: 24 Credits

Honors & AP* Course Options

- Algebra II
- American Literature
- Biology*
- Calculus*
- Chemistry*
- European History*
- Geometry
- Language & Composition*
- Literature & Composition*
- Latin IV* & V*
- Spanish IV* & V*
- Trigonometry & Pre-Calculus
- United States History*

Electives at Saint Agnes are rigorous courses offered from the core subject areas listed above.

Latin at Saint Agnes School — A Proud Tradition

The study of Latin offers insight into the origins of the English language, increases vocabulary, introduces the Romance languages (Spanish, French, Romanian, Portuguese, Italian, and Catalan), enhances knowledge of grammar/syntax, and offers the opportunity to read the most dynamic texts of the Western Canon in their original language: Latin. In addition, the study of Latin has been proven to dramatically increase standardized test scores, helping students to gain entrance into competitive colleges and universities. Saint Agnes School views the study of Latin as a privilege and a responsibility to our Catholic heritage — as it is the language of our Church and our public worship in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. Therefore, Latin is offered K-12 at Saint Agnes School.

Academic Profile

- Ranked among the ‘Top 50’ Catholic High Schools in the nation for academic excellence & Catholic identity
- Fully accredited by the AdvancEd/North Central Association (NCA)
- A challenging, integrated liberal arts curriculum
- 15 Honors & Advanced Placement courses
- Standardized testing: ACT, PSAT, PLAN, Explore & Stanford 10 (SAT10) offered on campus
- Guidance Office staff provides individualized support for the college planning and application process
- Opportunities for offsite experience (Biology in Costa Rica, History on the eastern seaboard, Spanish in Latin America, Vocations Pilgrimage to Rome etc.)
- Senior Capstone Seminar: an interdisciplinary course exploring the great books of the Catholic intellectual tradition
- Technology: 3 computer labs, a full-time science lab and smart board technology in all classrooms to augment the learning experience
- Two Semester Calendar (Four Quarters for K-6)

College Credit

By taking Honors-level courses at Saint Agnes School, high school students have the opportunity to take Advanced Placement, CLEP and SAT subject tests as well as the option for advanced-level study through partnerships with local colleges and universities.

“We could not be more pleased with the academic formation our daughter received at Saint Agnes in preparation for her university studies.”
— Tim and Tricia, parents of a 2011 graduate, current sophomore and second grader
Faculty Profile
- A faculty united in mission and fidelity to Christ and His Church
- Over 60% of faculty hold a Master’s Degree or higher
- 3 Doctoral Degrees and 1 ABD on the High School faculty
- 7 faculty members are alumni of Saint Agnes School
- Each member of the Administration is a current or former teacher

Student Profile
- Over 550 students are enrolled in the school (K-12)
- 296 current families; 105 families with 2 or 3 children enrolled;
  31 families with 4+ children enrolled
- Families hail from over 65 zip codes and over 40 different parishes
- 87% of students are of the Catholic faith – all religious backgrounds are welcome
- 27% of students are from diverse ethnic backgrounds
- 95% of students participate in at least one co-curricular activity
- 94% of 2012 graduates enrolled in college or university,
  3% volunteering, 3% in military service

Catholic Culture
- Sacramental preparation for Confession, First Holy Communion, and Confirmation in addition to annual retreats for High School students
- Mass offered each week during the school day, rotating between English and Latin liturgy (Mass offered twice per week for grades K-6)
- Regular opportunities for Eucharistic Adoration & Confession
- The Sisters of Charity (Baltic, CT) teach and serve at the school and reside in the convent on campus
- Culture of Life: Unique opportunities for students to participate in the Pro-Life, Vocations, and Service clubs
- Significant number of priestly and religious vocations as well as fruitful marriages among our alumni

Parish pastor, resident priests, and local seminarians active within school life
- Regular opportunities to travel to St. Peter’s Basilica in Rome and other destinations in the U.S. and abroad
- A ‘Top 50’ school of excellence for Catholic Identity (Cardinal Newman Society)

Co-curricular Activities / Clubs
Saint Agnes students have the opportunity to be involved in a variety of co-curricular activities:

Band  Chess Club  Mock Trial  Spanish Club
Choir  Classics Club  National Honor Society  Spring Musical
Fine Arts Club  Pro-Life Club  Student Ambassadors
Little Flower  Quiz Bowl  Recreational Sports  Student Council
Liturgical Ministry  Scouts  Student Newspaper
Madrigal Singers  Service Club  Tutoring

Activities Snapshot
95% of our students participate in at least one co-curricular activity. Students at Saint Agnes enjoy a variety of activities ranging from musical and theatrical performances, vocational discernment, community service, academic competition, and travel abroad.

Athletics
Saint Agnes participates within both the Catholic Athletic Association (CAA) and Minnesota State High School League (MSHSL). Teams and individuals have achieved success competing at the state tournament level in several sports including most recently baseball, basketball, and track. Graduates have earned athletic scholarships to post-secondary institutions participating at all levels of collegiate competition (Division I, II, and III programs respectively).

Baseball  Soccer  Spanish Club
Basketball  Softball  Spring Musical
Cheerleading  Swimming/Diving  Student Ambassadors
Football  Track  Student Council
Golf  Volleyball  Student Newspaper
Hockey  Wrestling  Tutoring

Aggie Baseball: 2012 Minnesota State Champions
Experience Us

We encourage you to learn more about Saint Agnes School, inviting you to visit us and see our program first-hand. Below are some opportunities to experience all that Saint Agnes School has to offer:

Attend an Open House Event

Hear from our students, faculty, staff, and parents in person. Tour the campus and learn more about the curriculum, vision, athletics, co-curricular activities, school culture, admissions process, tuition, and much more!

Schedule a Personalized Visit

The staff in our Admissions Office is ready and available to schedule a time that works well for you. Meet our faculty, staff, and students as you and your son or daughter visit our classrooms and other important points of interest.

Shadow a Current Student

We invite those interested in attending Saint Agnes School to come and spend the day with one of our current students. Visitors will be paired with a Saint Agnes student in the same grade level with similar interests, who will serve as a guide for an informative day of activities and classes. Parents may contact our Admissions Office to schedule visits and learn more details.

“My best friends are here at Saint Agnes and we share the same values, interests and faith. Also, I love the different opportunities available.”
— Sarah, current senior

Tuition / Financial Assistance

Saint Agnes School is committed to making a quality Catholic education affordable.

- Our tuition and fee schedule reflects a philosophy that although Catholic education is an investment, it should not necessarily be cost-prohibitive.
- Tuition assistance is provided in the form of both need-based and merit-based grants and scholarships. Saint Agnes uses guidelines established by TADS (Tuition Aid Data Services) to determine financial need.

School Hours

The Elementary, Junior High, and Senior High operate on the same schedule, offering convenient times for parents to drop off and pick up each of their children from school.

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<td>Classes end for the day</td>
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<td>2:40-3:15 p.m.</td>
<td>After-school tutoring each day</td>
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<td>3:15 p.m.</td>
<td>Sports, clubs &amp; activities begin</td>
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Admission & Registration

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Directions

From I-94 in St. Paul, travel north on Dale Street approximately nine blocks; turn right on Lafond Avenue traveling east one block to the school. Main parking lot is on Lafond, immediately north of the school.