



## Looking Back...Looking Ahead...



At the beginning of the school year, St. Agatha was involved in the reflective process of applying for accreditation. It was the culmination of looking back, in order to look forward! As a result of that work, there is a foundation for planning and implementing new strategies and initiatives that will further the development of the school. As Principal Marion prepares to leave St. Agatha, it is an opportunity to appreciate the groundwork that has been laid for taking action on the thoughts and ideas that construct the various strategic plans. Mr. Marion spent much of the last couple of years guiding the faculty and staff through the paces of setting priorities for curriculum development and considering the needs for future professional development. In making infrastructure repairs, Mr. Marion addressed heating improvements and identified other needs for the long range plan. Recognizing the importance of communication, he ensured that the weekly newsletter and social media would be routinely used as tools for community stories and to highlight special events and student accomplishments. Mr. Marion saw the re-establishment of a parent group, called the Family School Association, which will be formal avenue for parent support. He enhanced the spiritual life of the school in many ways, but most will remember his morning announcements where he would provide a reflection on God's loving messages and remind us "God likes what he sees". For these, and other steps of progress in the growth of the school, Father Palardy writes: "I am extremely grateful to Mr. Marion for his role in promoting these initiatives to strengthen and enhance St. Agatha School. May our Lord bless him in his future endeavors, and may he have the satisfaction of knowing that in much that he has done during these past two years he has had a major role in moving our school forward in these very positive ways." Father Palardy asks God's blessing for our graduates and families leaving the community this year. "Have a safe and relaxing summer., everyone!"



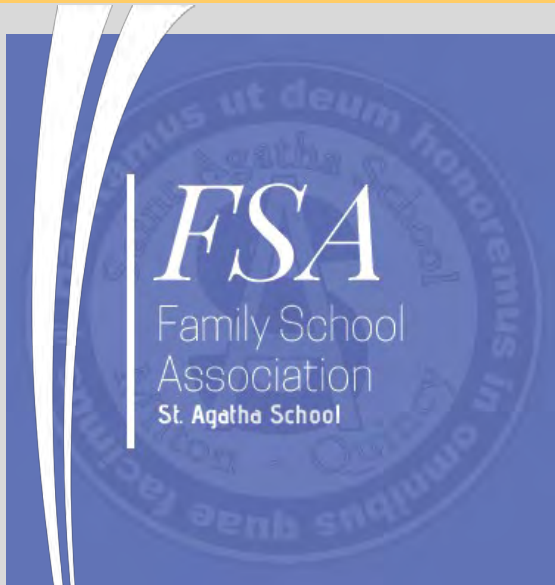
*~High Flyin' Math Class~  
Grade 6 studies geometric solids*

## Someone's in the kitchen with...Mrs. Carito!



*"Cooking is at once child's play and adult joy. And cooking done with care is an act of love." – Craig Claiborne*

This year, Mrs. Carito, middle school science teacher, offered cooking as an auction item. Two sessions of four students had the pleasure of baking cake and cooking up some snacks together. They enjoyed the activity not only for it's kitchen science value, but also as a form of creative expression...and FUN! Teachers at St. Agatha School offer many auction items that allow students a role reversal experience, such as principal for the day, or an event just to have some fun with a teacher, such as getting a group of their friends together to go out for ice cream, or being treated to lunch and a movie with some friends. With this activity, there were elements of both! Buon appetito!



*Dear Families,*

*The FSA Executive Committee recently met and will continue to hold meetings over the summer. We are very excited and would like to thank you for your support and patience as we get started! Special thanks to Theresa Jolley, Olivia Parlevocchio, and Sheila Taylor for their work in jumpstarting the FSA!*

*Currently, we are indentifying various committees and working on the calendar for the school year, solidifying important dates, events, and activities. **Please keep an eye on your email throughout the summer for community events and back to school socials!***

**\*\*We need your help with our first two tasks: the BIGGEST FUNDRAISERS!\*\***

**1. BINGO!!** *If you haven't fulfilled your volunteer hours for this year please do, so that you won't be charged for those hours (See Parent Handbook). You can complete ALL of your hours for next year over the summer!!*

**2. AUCTION CO-CHAIRS AND VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!** *Iciar Garcia and Kristen Scott will be stepping down. Many thanks for their dedicated service. If you are interested in being part of next year's committee and/or co-chairing it please get in touch with the FSA!*

*Please email us with thoughts, questions, and concerns.*

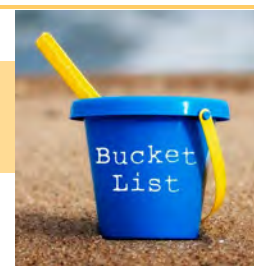
**HAPPY SUMMER!!**

*Kara, Tracy, Manuel, and Carla  
Family School Association Executive Committee*

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## ...in the good old summertime...

- Go bike riding (at Savin Hill Beach in Dorchester)
  - Play in the sprinkler
  - Hike Blue Hills
  - Play tennis
  - Swim in a pool
  - Visit Kimball Farm (Westford, Lancaster, Carlisle, or Jaffrey NH)
  - Go to Dairy Freeze for ice cream...or venture to Ericsons in Carver and try a new flavor!
  - Go to a baseball game, or play baseball
  - Spend a day at Nantasket Beach which has golfing, arcades, ice cream, swimming, and more!
  - Bake a cake with your mom
  - Visit Pond Meadow Park (between Braintree and Weymouth) to enjoy walking, biking and the pond
  - Build sandcastles
  - Take a day trip to Water Wiz water park has slides, food, lazy river, a wave pool, and more
- (Wareham)
- Go to a beach you have never been to before
  - Enjoy the thrill of a roller coaster (and other rides!) at Canobie Lake Park (Salem, NH)
  - Plan a picnic
  - Find a new show to watch with your family on a rainy day
  - See the animals at Franklin Park Zoo (Boston) and even ride a camel there!
  - Do an outdoor craft project, such as Yard Yahtzee or Sponge Boat races (diyjoy.com)
  - Cool off at Water Country (Portsmouth, NH)
  - Find snails & build a little habitat at the beach (remember to release them before heading home!)
  - Play basket ball games, such as King of the Court or Knockout with your friends
  - Have a cook out
  - If you generally go to the southern New Eng-
- land, check out Maine, NH, or Vermont! If you typically head north, try a trip to the Cape, Rhode Island or Connecticut!
- Try a new recipe
  - Celebrate summer birthdays with friends and family
  - Try laser tag, games, sports, amusement rides at Starland Sports and Fun (Hanover)
  - Grab a mason jar and catch fireflies
  - Go crabbing and let the crab races begin! (remember to return them to their natural home)
  - Entertain the family at Six Flags (Agawam) and find something for everyone!
  - Try for a hole in one at mini-golf or practice your game on a golf course
  - Watch the stars and make s'mores and just hang out with friends
  - Try gardening...Grow strawberries, anyone?

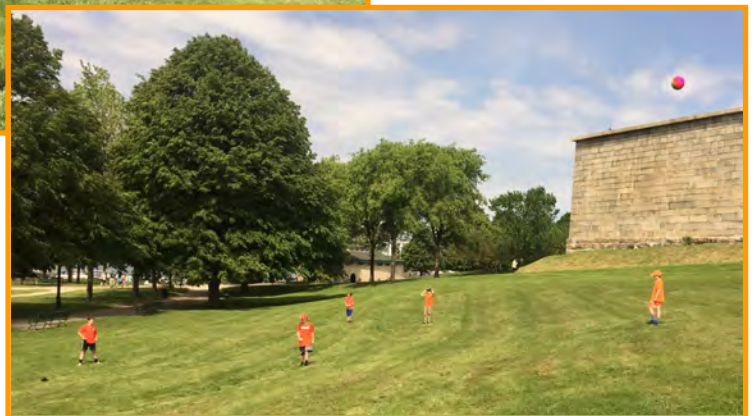


In anticipation of the upcoming lazy, hazy, crazy days of summer, fifth graders share their ideas for summer fun...

- Visit the library for new books to read. Milton Library has a Library Rocks Challenge and other area libraries have other challenges too! Have you read: the *Wings of Fire* series, by Tui T. Sutherland; the *Spy School* series, by Stuart Gibbs or *Wonder*, by R. J. Palacio? What about *Encyclopedia Brown* by Donald J. Sobol; *Number the Stars*, by Lois Lowry; or *Star Girl*, by Jerry Spinelli?















**AVOID THE SUMMER SLIDE**

**ENRICHMENT ACTIVITIES,**

**AND LOTS OF FUN!**

# SUMMER ENRICHMENT PROGRAM

**Monday-Thursdays 8:30-1:00**  
**FOR STUDENTS ENTERING 1ST, 2ND AND 3RD GRADE**



June 25: Ocean Life    July 9: Volcanoes are Cool!  
July 23rd: Star Wars    July 30th: Summertime Favorites  
August 6: Building Fun

PosterMyWall.com **Contact Erin Leary: [ELeary@StAgathaParish.Org](mailto:ELeary@StAgathaParish.Org) for more information**



**AGES 3-5**

*Saint Agatha School*

# Summer

## STEAM Camp

June 25th Beaches of Fun	July 9th Under the Sea
July 16th Science Rocks	July 23rd Let's Build
July 30th Dr. Seuss	August 6th Mini Artists

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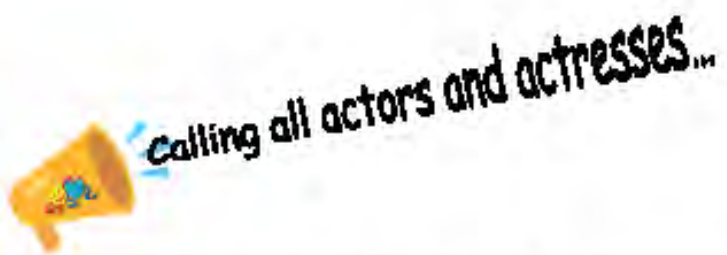
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**Register: Until Filled**

**Program up to 4 days a week**

**JSullivan@StAgathaParish.org**





Fontbonne Academy's Summer Theatre Program still has some openings!

This is our **eighth year** of providing a live theatre experience for boys and girls from grades 1 thru 10. Students will experience the wonders of theatre as they act, sing, and dance, as well as take part in costume and set design. Our program offers the excitement of putting on a play from start to finish, and teaches young actors the importance of teamwork and dedication. Students in all programs will work on communication, collaboration, creativity, and critical thinking—all skills needed to help students get ready for the 21st Century!

This year we are excited to be offering the following:

**Session I:** July 9<sup>th</sup> - July 13<sup>th</sup>

For students entering grades 1 & 2 in September 2018

*It's a Hit*

**Session II:** July 9<sup>th</sup> - July 20<sup>th</sup>

For students entering grades 3 - 5 in September 2018

*Peter Pan, Jr.*

**Session III:** July 23 - August 3<sup>rd</sup>

For students entering grades 6 - 10 in September 2018

*Bye Bye Birdie, Young Performers Edition*



Disney  
**Peter  
Pan JR**



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