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St. Agnes School: Wisconsin School Choice options available

Wisconsin School Choice Program offers Milwaukee families the choice of sending their children to St. Agnes School without paying tuition, just as though they were attending a public school. But time is running out for this year. August 1-20 is the final enrollment period, and this isn't something you want to leave to the last minute.

St. Agnes' Parental Choice administrator, Amy Retzer, is ready to help you make this transition for your children. Parents can apply online, but there is paperwork to take care of to show that you qualify for this program—city of residence and income level, for example.

Retzer reminds us that "Choice seats are limited," so it's important to reach out to her as soon as you can. Contact Retzer at 262-781-4996 or retzera@stagnesparish.org.

"Parents want their children to come to St. Agnes for a superior education, grounded in our Catholic faith, which is not necessarily available from their public school district," Retzer said. "They want their children in a faith-filled environment that focuses on our personal relationships and that is grounded in our beliefs."

Teachers at St. Agnes are dedicated to their students' success and parents realize that. Parent Jessica Headson had Mary Langford as her own teacher, this fall and she is thrilled that her daughter, Summer, will be in Langford's K5 class.

"The small class sizes here at St. Agnes give each teacher the unique opportunity to spend time with each student individually," principal Rachel Kolbeck said. "Teachers are able to target their lessons to the individual needs of each student. Small class sizes help the teachers to meet the needs of every student."

Choice parents are enthusiastic about our school. "St. Agnes is the place where we feel at home, from our kids to our parents," one parent said. "The staff here treats each child as one of their own and there's no other school I would trust with my kids. My daughter comes home each day HAPPY after receiving the same love and care she would at home."

Kolbeck knows "children learn differently and at different paces. Individualized attention is key to student growth and ultimately student success."

Choice parents are supportive of St. Agnes School. Sarah Toliver has two children here, a third grader and another in K3 this year. She said, "CHOICE has afforded our family the opportunity to provide our children with a strong foundation in the form of a Catholic education in a loving and diverse school. We are so grateful for this program and the chance it gives our girls to grow educationally AND in their faith."

If you are interested in learning more about School Choice at St. Agnes, contact Amy Retzer at 262-781-4996 or retzera@stagnesparish.org. The deadline for this school year is only weeks away.



St. Agnes school children have an annual tradition of having their photo taken in this cross formation, a reminder of their being a part of the Christian family.