

ST. AGNES ACADEMY

KEY BISCAWAYNE, FLORIDA

Providing strong
Catholic values and
academic excellence



JOY
Jesus First,
Others Second,
Yourself Last.





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Welcome to St. Agnes Academy. Since 1973, our archdiocesan parochial school has been providing students in the Key Biscayne and Miami community a strong Catholic education as well as an academically challenging curriculum that encourages critical thinking, collaboration, and problem solving. Our Catholic identity enables us to educate the whole child spiritually, academically, and morally.

The foundation of our school is based on five pillars:

- I. Catholic Identity
- II. Academic Excellence
- III. Well-Rounded Students
- IV. Safe and Healthy Environment
- V. Community Engagement

Our God-given mission is to develop young minds and hearts, foster faith values, and enable our students to have an encounter with the Lord. We strive to accomplish this within a strong academic environment, incorporating Catholic teachings across the curriculum, and promoting service in all aspects of daily life. Thus, our school's mission of JOY, "Jesus first, Others second, and Yourself last" is at the cornerstone of our students' lifelong journey.

We invite you and your family to become familiar with St. Agnes Academy and consider joining our faith-filled, vibrant community that empowers and prepares students to be future leaders.



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "J. Paguaga".

Father Juan Carlos Paguaga, Pastor



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Susana".

Mrs. Susana Rivera, Principal





Our Mission

The mission of St. Agnes Academy is to
provide for our students strong Catholic
values and academic excellence, while
encouraging them to be lifelong learners.

JOY (Jesus first, Others second, Yourself last)

is our call to action!





Catholic Identity

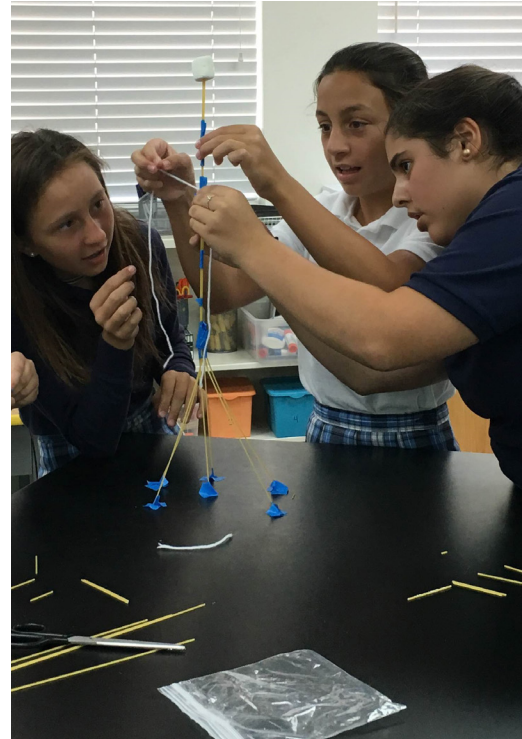
St. Agnes Academy's mission of "JOY" (Jesus first, Others second, Yourself last) embraces a Catholic Identity rooted in Gospel values, centered on the Eucharist, and committed to faith formation and service.

How do we foster "JOY"?

- Schoolwide focus on virtues and recognition of students who embody these virtues through monthly Peacemaker Awards.
- Celebration of weekly Mass with students, faculty and parents and monthly Sunday family mass led by different grades on a rotating basis.
- Regular visits by students and staff to the Blessed Sacrament where there is Perpetual Adoration.
- Preparation and initiation of all age-appropriate sacraments and regular opportunities for Reconciliation .
- Yearly retreats for students and bi-annual retreats for faculty members.
- Contribution of time, treasure, and talent through participation in ministries and service projects.
- Integration of Catholic values and faith formation across the curriculum.

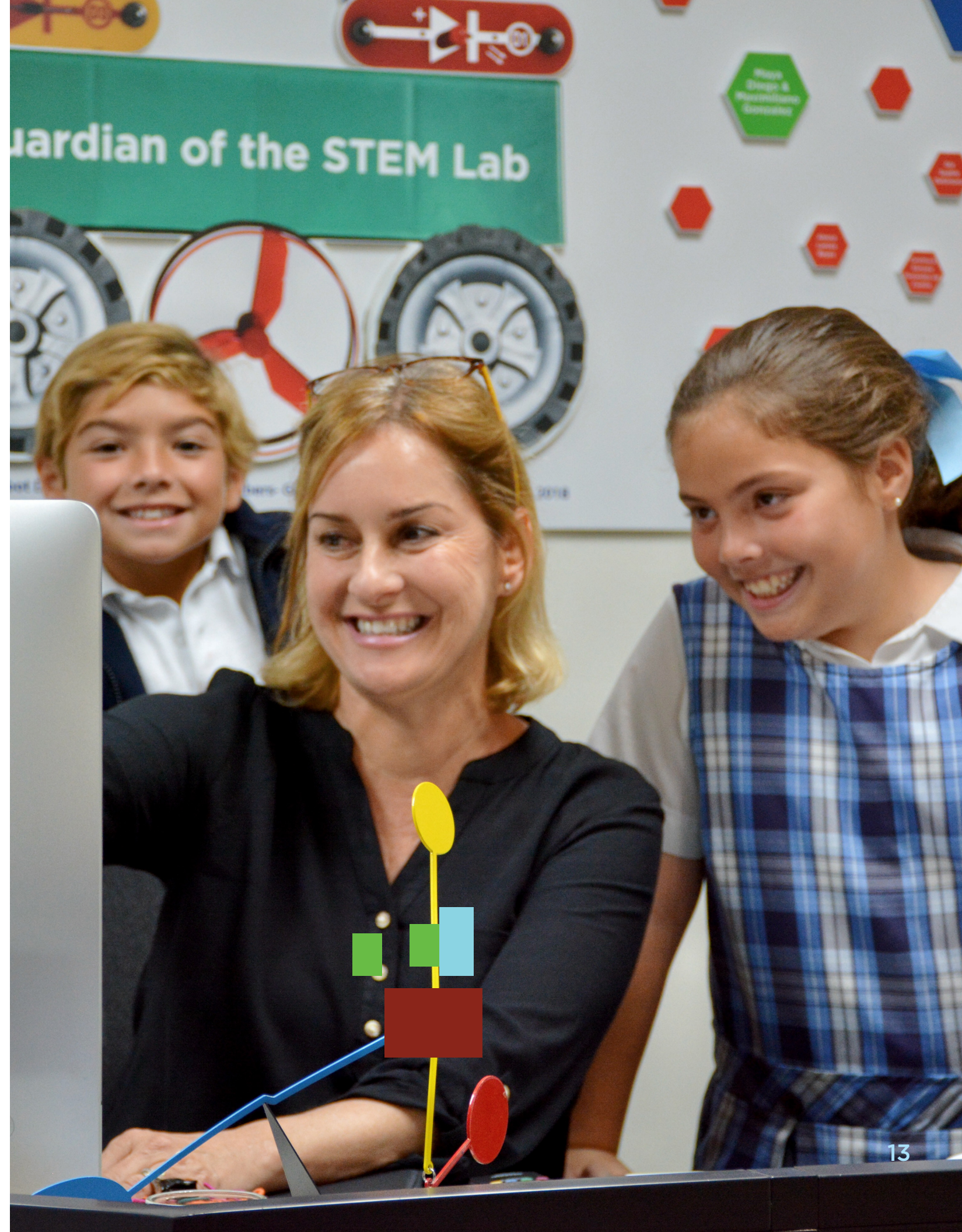
Academic Excellence

St. Agnes Academy is highly committed to academic excellence for all students and offers a challenging, well-rounded curriculum incorporating core subjects as well as religion, Spanish, music, art, robotics, and physical education.



How do we achieve excellence?

- STREAM (Science, Technology, Religion, Engineering, Art, and Math) Program for all students in grades 2 through 8.
- Leveling in Math, Language Arts, and Spanish as well as High School level courses in Spanish and Math for 7th & 8th grade students.
- Bilingual Spanish Program through Boston College for all students.
- Successful implementation of daily real-time virtual teaching which enables mastery of grade-level standards.
- Tech-enabled learning through an iPad program, computers and smart boards in every classroom.
- Professional staff development covering all subject areas, faith formation, instructional strategies, and child development.
- Academic recognition in local, state and national competitions.





Well Rounded Students

St. Agnes Academy is committed to the cognitive, physical, spiritual, and emotional development of our students to mold them into well-rounded adults.

How do we prepare good stewards and leaders?

- School sports for boys and girls including cross-country, basketball, soccer, flag football, and volleyball.
- After-school enrichment classes including chess, science, robotics, and engineering.
- Schoolwide and grade specific stewardship programs that encourage students and their families to share their gifts and talents.
- Student leadership opportunities through Student Council, National Junior Honor Society, yearbook staff, Reading Buddy Initiative and Safety Patrol Program.
- Leadership recognition through awards such as Good Citizen and Good Neighbor.



Safe & Healthy Environment

St. Agnes Academy provides students with a safe and healthy learning environment in which to grow academically, spiritually, physically, and emotionally.

How do we safeguard our students and surroundings?

- A closed campus with a state-of-the-art security system, highly trained faculty and staff, a security guard and Key Biscayne Police Department resource officer on campus, and police support during student drop-off and pick-up times.
- A comprehensive socio-emotional counseling program which includes classroom guidance, individual counseling, conflict resolution, an Empower Me Program, and a zero tolerance to bullying policy.
- Facilities for physical activity and sports including basketball courts, a fully-equipped playground, a large sports field and a soon to be built state of the art gymnasium/multipurpose room.
- A recycling program which encourages the school community to “Reduce, Reuse, & Recycle” and a “Walk to School Wednesdays” initiative to foster environmentally conscious students.
- Education in cyber literacy for students and strict guidelines and policies regarding the safe and responsible use of information and communication technology.





Community Engagement

St. Agnes Academy recognizes that Catholic education is deeply rooted in community and has always been committed to our parents, alumni, parish, and the greater community.

How do we build community engagement?

- A Home & School Association that assists school families with faith formation, fundraising, community building, and communication.
- A strong relationship with St. Agnes Church through faith building events, pilgrimages, and school/church events.
- Community service through a series of schoolwide and grade-specific events such as blanket drive for children with cancer in local hospitals, turkey drive to feed the poor, visits to senior centers and respect life activities
- A Coalition of Principals consisting of all schools on Key Biscayne who meet on a regular basis to network and collaborate on community-wide projects and activities.





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