

LOWER SCHOOL

A place where
girls belong.

Ask a St. Agnes family, and they're sure to tell you that this is where their daughter belongs.

The St. Agnes Academy Lower School is a special place where young girls can learn and grow and shine like nowhere else. The school engages their minds in an environment that strengthens their confidence, fosters their friendships, and builds it all on a foundation of respect and kindness that is rooted in faith.

We strive to help each girl who walks through our doors become spiritually and ethically grounded, academically prepared, ecologically conscious, and critically aware of her responsibility to build a more truthful and peaceful world.

Take a closer look at St. Agnes, and you'll find a challenging, inspiring, and supportive place where your daughter belongs.



St. Agnes Academy for girls is sponsored by the Dominican Sisters of Peace, and we have taken on their simple motto: Veritas. Veritas means Truth, and we help our girls pursue Veritas through study and prayer, and build Veritas in our world through community and service. In all that we do, we are guided by the four Dominican Pillars: Prayer, Study, Community, and Service.

The tenets of Catholic teaching are essential to who we are.

The foundations of the Catholic faith and Dominican tradition are woven into the fabric of our daily life at St. Agnes Academy. With Jesus as the center, our goal is to instill Catholic moral values, to encourage the practice of ethical behavior, and to support the spiritual growth of all students. Students attend weekly Mass and participate in class retreats, reconciliation services, and prayer services.

Part of the Dominican spirit means accepting and welcoming students and faculty of other denominations. Everyone is felt to be a part of the whole. Every child brings something from the experience of faith in her life, and every child has a gift to give.

SCHOOL PRAYER

Loving God, let Thy blessings be upon St. Agnes Academy and St. Dominic School. Help us to seek the truth, to stand up for the rights of others and to promote justice, respect and peace in our school and world communities. Inspire with love and goodness both those who teach and those who learn. Give us the grace to walk in the footsteps of Jesus, loving and forgiving of others. We ask these gifts in Jesus' name, through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.



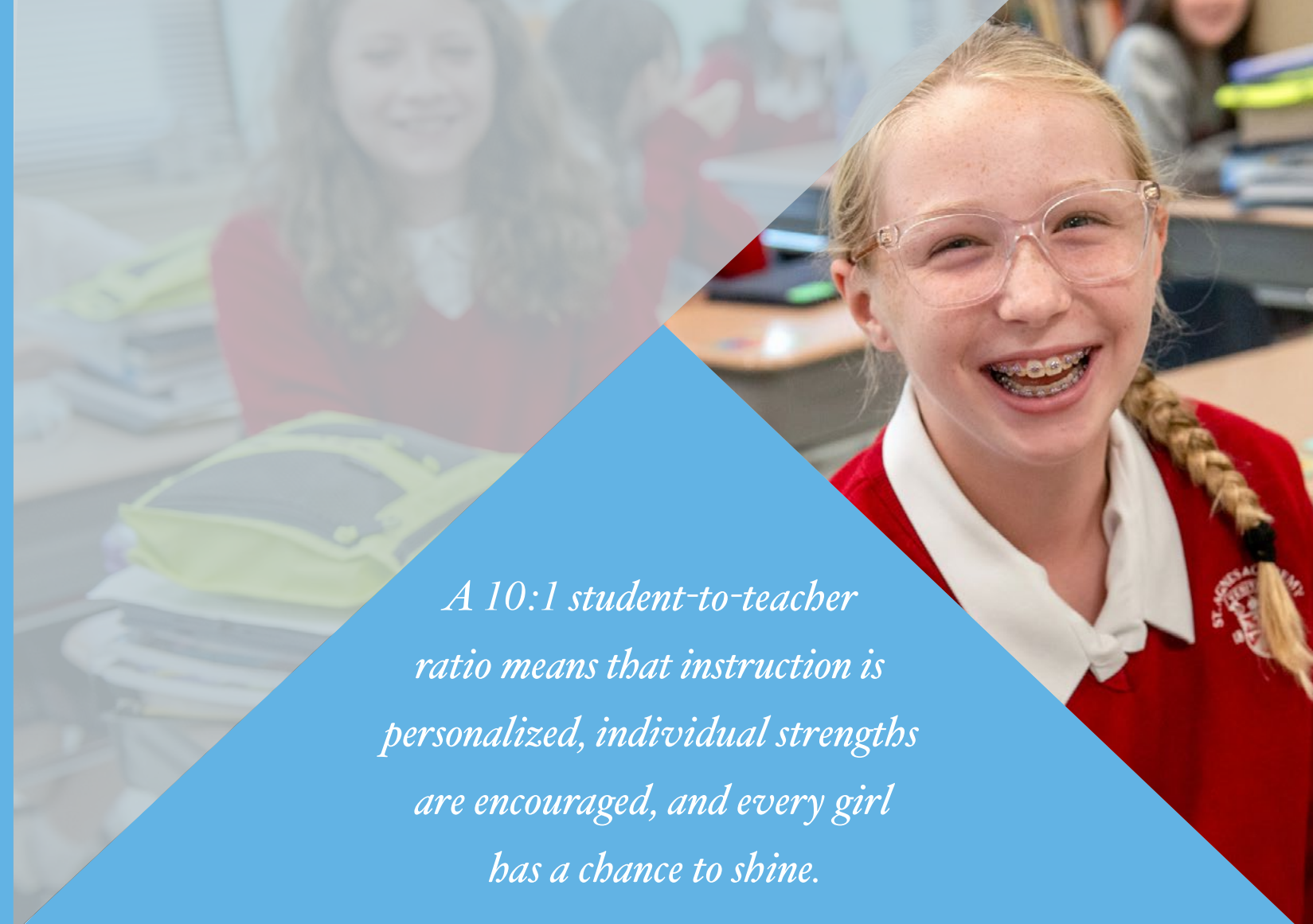
“We are committed to knowing people individually and forming genuine relationships where each member feels supported in his or her growth, encouraged to take risks to realize St. Catherine of Siena’s call to “Be who God meant you to be and...set the world on fire.”

Jenn Wojcik / Dean of St. Agnes Academy Lower School

At St. Agnes Academy, we have created an academic environment that is challenging, but one that ensures every student has the attention and support necessary to rise to that challenge. We are home to a rigorous curriculum, innovative programs, extraordinary technology, and a commitment to help every girl succeed.

- We have implemented the nationally recognized Being a Writer program as a way to develop the writing skills that are so essential to future success. Developed by the Center for the Collaborative Classroom, this innovative program develops each girl’s literary skills and nurtures a love of reading and writing.
- A 1:1 laptop school since 2002, we have also earned the distinction of Apple Distinguished School for over 10 consecutive years.

Study



A 10:1 student-to-teacher ratio means that instruction is personalized, individual strengths are encouraged, and every girl has a chance to shine.

- In our state-of-the-art Distance Learning Center, St. Agnes girls engage in virtual classroom experiences – “traveling” around the world, touring art museums and zoos, and tapping into the knowledge of experts across the globe.
- We were one of the first independent schools in the nation to install a Kitchen Community Learning Garden, a dynamic outdoor classroom for hands-on learning, as well as a productive edible garden.
- Our STEM curriculum teaches experimentation and design thinking, which teaches our girls that trying different approaches and solutions is an essential part of the learning process.
- Because studying a second language at an early age enhances brain development, all of our girls study Spanish, PK2 through the eighth grade.

Community

St. Agnes girls learn what it means to live in community.

Community is the foundation of who we are. When you become a St. Agnes girl, you are joining a timeless community bound by shared experiences and amazing growth. Here, remarkable girls become extraordinary women while sharing in traditions that build a sense of belonging. While striving for their personal best, girls collaborate and support one another, creating a sisterhood where all are embraced and each can shine.

Character development is an integral part of student life. From our Meet-in-the-Middle assemblies and Claiming our Gifts to Big Sister-Little Sister activities, we foster the development of lifelong learning and active citizenship within a spiritual foundation.

At the Dominican Community of Schools, we are committed to the respectful treatment of all people. Justice, Respect and Peace, our school-wide kindness initiative and leadership training program, provides the foundation for our students in their interactions with others.

We are creating, cooperating, and competing.

At St. Agnes Academy for girls, there are countless opportunities outside the classroom for our girls to excel and discover their talents.

The fine arts thrive in our three art studios, two music rooms, and 300-seat performing arts center. Our students have numerous opportunities to perform on the stage and to participate in musical ensembles including the Starbursts choral group and the liturgical choir.

We provide a range of ways for our girls to exercise their leadership skills whether through elected, selected, academic, athletic, or service opportunities, including Student Government Association, Morning Stars and Global Ambassadors.

Our St. Agnes girls learn teamwork, sportsmanship, respect for others, and develop athletic skills through participation in a variety of sports including soccer, volleyball, cross country, golf, track, and cheer.

And there are numerous other opportunities for our girls to explore and develop their interests through a variety of clubs, activities, and artistic endeavors.

Opportunities include Mathletes, Chess Club, Beta Club, Wordsmith, Robotics, and much more.



Service

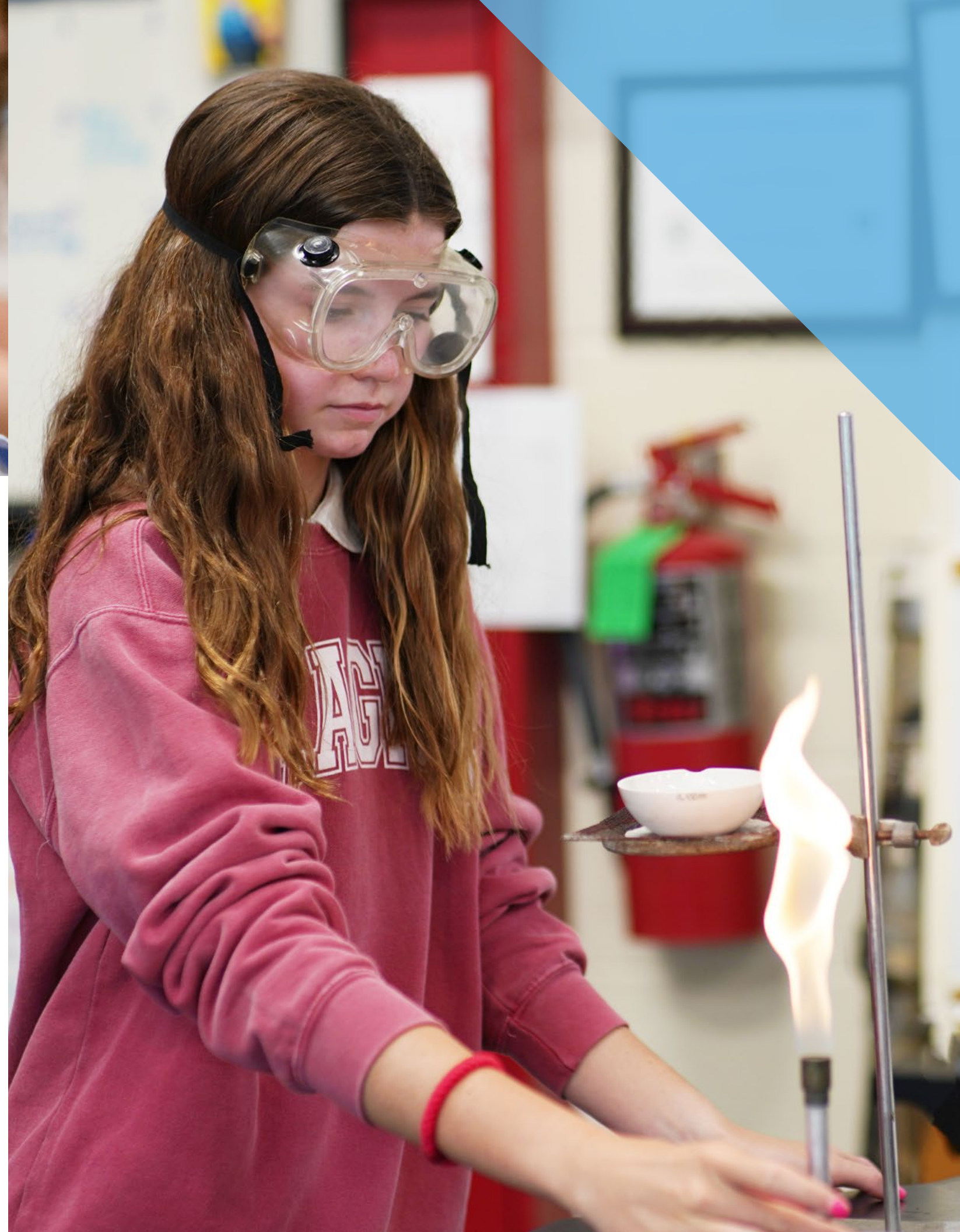


Learning to make a better world.

Service learning is a guiding principle for all students who lead and participate in a wide variety of community projects. Our students learn at an early age that they have a responsibility to build the Kingdom of God through their service to others.

Our girls have many opportunities to live out the Dominican pillar of service in our school community, in our Memphis community, and even in the global community. Every year our students serve through a variety of projects.

- St. Jude Math-a-Thon
- Make-a-Wish Kids Wish Granting Program
- Emily Fund to support Dominican schools worldwide
- Madonna Learning Center Partnership
- “Socktober” Drive for Manna House
- Coat Drive
- Food Drive for Project Outreach
- Weekly Recycling
- Christmas Toy Drive for Catholic Charities
- Collection for Dorothy Day House
- Visits to Signature Nursing Home
- COP Stop





“Right before our eyes, we are seeing our daughter growing into who she was meant to be. There is no doubt that St. Agnes is where she belongs.”



