



UPPER SCHOOL

GIRLS WITH
GRIT *since* 1851



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

St. Agnes Academy was founded in 1851, and will be celebrating 175 years of educating young women in Memphis this year! St. Agnes Academy for girls is a special place where girls can learn and grow and shine like nowhere else. Inspired by the courageous women who founded the school, a St. Agnes girl is tenacious in the pursuit of her dreams. With caring and knowledgeable educators at her side and with God's light consistently guiding her, a St. Agnes girl is empowered, confident and prepared for her future.

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 Academy, and you'll find a challenging, inspiring, and supportive place where your daughter belongs.



St. Agnes Academy was founded by the Dominican Sisters, 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.

Rooted in the Dominican Pillars of Study, Prayer, Community and Service, St. Agnes strives to prepare our students for more than just academic success, but rather to be catalysts for change and good throughout the world.

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.

Our school prayer calls for us to promote justice, respect, and peace, and the young women at St. Agnes Academy work each day to build a community founded on that Dominican ideal.

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.



“Educators and administrators foster meaningful connections and offer support so every student feels a sense of belonging inside and outside the classroom.”

Anna Osias / Class of 2024

The St. Agnes Academy Upper School is a welcoming community where girls are respected for who they are - confident, powerful young women focused on student agency and ownership. Classrooms are vibrant, and girls work together, supporting each other, to achieve their personal best. Guided by experienced and passionate educators, St. Agnes is developing leaders who are intrinsically motivated and genuinely focused on learning.

- Advanced Placement courses are regularly offered in American Government & Politics, Biology, Calculus AB, Chemistry, English Language & Composition, English Literature & Composition, Environmental Science, Human Geography, Modern World History, Precalculus, Psychology, Spanish Language & Culture, Statistics, Studio Art, and United States History.
- In the 2024-25 school year, St. Agnes students achieved a 91% overall pass rate on their AP examinations. Of these students, 39 were named AP Scholars.
- The average class size is 13 and our student-faculty ratio is 7:1.
- SAA participates in the Tennessee Hope Scholarship Dual Enrollment Grant Program with the University of Memphis and Christian Brothers University to grant college credit to students in levels 3 and/or 4 of Honors Spanish and Honors English 4.

Study

The world is changing fast. And while we focus on the timeless strengths and values that have served St. Agnes girls for generations, we also prioritize the technical skills and opportunities that power a 21st-century education.

- Math and Science Center opened for the 2024-2025 school year. This innovative space facilitates collaborative teaching and learning by bringing all math and science education under one roof. It provides space for emerging programming that will challenge and inspire students to learn by doing through experimental activities and real world scenarios allowing our students to think creatively and dream big.
- Through our state-of-the-art Distance Learning Center, learning extends far “beyond our walls.” The anatomy and health classes observe in real time a cadaver demonstration from St. Louis University’s Medical Center, and our Art students have explored various topics with the Los Angeles County Museum of Art. Our students meet authors and collaborate with students from other parts of the country or world through planned debates and novel discussions.
- Our world-class Library combines a traditional physical library with a seamlessly integrated virtual library, offering our students the opportunities to retrieve, evaluate, and synthesize information in a way that is optimal to learning and achievement in a technological world.
- Our Biomedical program provides an exciting and comprehensive introduction to robotics, biomedicine, 3D design and engineering, and investigative research. Our Biomedical Science sequence, allows students to investigate the roles of biomedical professionals as they study the concepts of human medicine, physiology, genetics, microbiology, and public health.



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.

St. Agnes Academy is committed to the respectful treatment of all people. Our student-led honor council is charged with upholding the academic and social integrity of our students and their interactions with others.

The lessons learned at the Academy in the classroom and on the field, the memories shared from the lunch table to Spirit Week, and the relationships formed with friends and educators will last a lifetime.

We are creating, cooperating, and competing.

St. Agnes Academy provides opportunities outside the classroom for our girls to excel. The arts thrive in our three Fine Art studios, and 300-seat performing arts center. From SGA opportunities to student-led clubs and academic teams, your daughter can find her place and develop her talents. Our sports teams and clubs strive for excellence, as proven through competitions across the city and region.

- The Upper School Theatre Department produces three plays every year. Students are recognized and awarded for their performances by the Orpheum High School Musical Theatre (HSMT) Awards. In 2024, SAA earned 15 nominations and 6 awards. Recent productions include *Leaving Iowa*, *The Addams Family*, and *Matilda*. Our two vocal groups, Starlettes and Ladies First, perform on campus and in the community.
- Talented artists and writers produce our national-award-winning literary magazine, *Calliope*, and our annual yearbook, the *Aquila*.
- Every year we offer a variety of student trips including rafting on the Ocoee River, a New York fine arts trip, Spring Break trip to Europe, and our Costa Rican exchange program.
- In athletics, St. Agnes was named the Best of the Preps for the Female Division for five consecutive years. Our Stars compete in a variety of sports including basketball, bowling, cheer, cross country, golf, lacrosse, soccer, softball, swimming, tennis, track, and volleyball.
- Our golf team won the regional title for 16 consecutive years, and our bowling team has been state champion 6 times, and the current reigning champs for 2025!
- Campus life offers over 25 clubs and organizations, 9 honorary societies, 7 academic teams, musical ensembles, and student-led publications.



Learning to make a better world.

It has always been our vision to instill in each student the desire and ability to make the world a better place. Though the school offers a range of service projects, students are also encouraged to create their own service projects when they see a need.

We know service experiences cultivate and energize our students' understanding of their potential to be agents of positive change in our Church, our community, and our world. Every day we see students gaining a broadened perspective and a heightened sense of purpose.

- Every year, our Upper School students volunteer over 15,000 hours of service to the community.
- The Day of Caring has been a St. Agnes tradition for over 25 years.
- The Forever Friends Club partners with students at Madonna Learning Center.
- Our Upper School students serve as retreat leaders for our Lower School and St. Dominic students, building community across our campus.
- Capstone Project: *Catholic Social Teaching: Christian Life in Society and the "Path to Caritas" Project*

This project explores the major themes of Catholic social teaching and how they express God's plan for all people, with a goal toward inspiring students to a life of service. Our seniors explore injustices in our society, connect with local non-profit organizations, and apply Catholic social teaching to current social issues, such as protecting human life and dignity, defending human rights, promoting peace, advocating for economic justice, and safeguarding God's creation.

*The Class of 2025 earned over \$15.8 million
in scholarships, and were accepted to
colleges and universities all
over the world.*

Service

Our girls can go anywhere.

One hundred percent of our graduating class attends college. St. Agnes girls are accepted at colleges and universities throughout the world, earning millions in scholarships as well as early entry into pre-professional programs, special programs, and honors colleges. St. Agnes girls earn scholarships for academics, arts, athletics, leadership, and service.

Our extensive college counseling program helps students find the right fit as our counselors work closely with each girl to identify her individual gifts, talents, interests, and strengths. And the rigorous training our students have received ensures they will succeed and shine in any learning environment.

And after that? Our alumnae include scientists, college professors, researchers, surgeons, movie producers, authors, engineers, and artists. Armed with the education, commitment, and broadened worldview they honed at St. Agnes Academy, our girls truly can go anywhere.

Every year, our students are offered admission to some of the most challenging and prestigious colleges and universities across the country, including:

- Columbia College
- Georgetown
- Loyola Marymount and Loyola Chicago
- Rhodes College
- Savannah College of Art and Design
- Sewanee
- Texas Christian University
- Tulane University
- University of Notre Dame
- University of Saint Andrews, Scotland
- Wellesley
- Xavier
- And, the SEC – Alabama, Arkansas, Auburn, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana State University, Mississippi State, Missouri, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Texas A&M, University of Mississippi





——— *Legacy of* ———

SISTERHOOD

Founded in 1851, St. Agnes Academy for girls is the oldest continuously operating school in Memphis, and we celebrate a long list of special traditions that connect us with generations of alumnae. But more special to St. Agnes girls are the connections they make with their peers and the relationships that last a lifetime.

“I am lucky enough to be a part of a school that gives me that feeling of sisterhood every day. Nothing is more special than having my 76 best friends by my side. There is always something to smile about, and I owe it all to my classmates.”

Caroline Coffey / SGA Chaplain, Class of 2026



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