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St. Agnes Page Turners Win Regional Finals

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After taking first place in the East Division of the GVEP competition on April 29th, St. Agnes School advanced to the Regional Finals and achieved 1st Place in the 2010 Page Turners competition. The school faced talented competitors from five other divisions. There were 31 teams competing from 22 different school districts, altogether, but only 6 teams made it into the Chapter 1 final. Although Page Turners has existed since 1997, this was just St. Agnes' third year competing and they were the smallest school represented at this competition.

Page Turners is a literature-based competition. Each semester teams are given a list of approximately 15 books which they need to read and learn about in order to answer tough questions during competition. Students need to know authors, illustrators, dates, chapter titles, first and last lines, vocabulary, story elements and chronological order of [events](#). At the end of each semester the different [schools](#) gather to compete. Following the spring competition, each chapter sends its champion to the regional finals.

You could feel the energy at this year's regional competition as the anxious crowd eagerly awaited each question and its answer. However, nothing was more nail biting than the last few minutes when the team waited for the final scores to be read by the moderator. Finishing with a score of 25, St. Agnes School won the competition 3 points ahead of 2nd place finishers Lockport and Warsaw. It was a very proud moment for students, coaches, teachers, and families.

St. Agnes students had read, studied, and prepared long and hard for this event. Armed with a love of reading and the gifts of comprehension, memorization, and the ability to keep calm under competitive circumstances, all of the students did a wonderful [job](#). Reading 30 books is a tall order for anyone, but most impressive were their ages. From third grade up to sixth grade, this team showed their true spirit by coaching, encouraging, and finally congratulating all those who worked so hard to make this win so special. Special thanks to the St. Agnes School coaches: Kathy Ragan, Becky Meisenzahl, and Tara Smith.

Since 1876, St. Agnes School has offered an enduring tradition of educational excellence to families throughout Western New York. Children of all faiths and cultures come together to discover the joys of learning and build lasting friendships. By combining academic, cultural, and values-centered education in a caring environment, they are provided with memorable learning experiences that will last a lifetime. St. Agnes School was recently awarded Middle States Accreditation by the Middle States Commission on Elementary Schools after meeting the stringent expectations / requirements of the Middle State Commission. The school has been recognized as a school of exceptional quality and is now listed on the Commission's International registry of superior schools. A St. Agnes School education is a valuable and affordable investment in a child's future. Tuition scholarships and payment assistance programs are available.

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