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The Principal's Pen

By: Mr. Rob Costante

As November arrived with a whisper of warm air, the month stormed to a frosty conclusion. The warning of winter sent a clenching chill intended to prepare us for the upcoming months of cold weather. And even amid the changing temperatures, the cooler weather

couldn't dampen the warm spirit that pervaded our campus this past month. From the touching Veteran's Day events, to the festivity of Spirit Week activities, to the gracious presence of our Grandparents on their special day – it was quite an amazing month. This glorious month also provided

our community a fitting occasion in which to give praise to God for all the blessings that he has provided to us. And as I sat down to a delicious Thanksgiving dinner with my own family, I offered prayers of gratitude for the spectacular students, the fabulous families, the terrific teachers and the

stupendous staff members who call BEAR NATION their home.

We Are....ST. AGNES!
Happy Advent!!



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Reunion Sunday and Open House!

By: David Wilder, 7th Grade



On Sunday November, 11, St. Agnes had our first Open House of the year. We started our morning with Mass at 9am. Our Cherub Choir sang and we presented the Alumni of the Year Award to Sam Bianco, class of 1997. We then invited alumni and new families to tour our school. The school looked amazing! It was full of old photos, decorations, balloons, and yearbooks. Our

student ambassador team was great at giving tours to the 25 new families who attended, and we got lots of compliments! We had a few alumni attend as well. This was a great day for St. Agnes!!



SPIRIT

Veterans Day Prayer Service

By: Dylan Payne, 6th Grade

On Friday, November 9, 2018, we celebrated Veterans Day to honor those who have served in the military to protect our country, America.

This year after Mass, we held a special Prayer Service lead by the Student Council. Our Student Council Representatives

presented the Veterans with a Flag Pin and homemade thank you cards from our students. Each Veteran was asked to introduce themselves and share about their time serving our great country. It was a very special morning!



At St. Agnes, Every Room is a Saint

By: Elijah Rowe, 7th Grade

Every month we will feature two teachers and the Saints in which they named their classroom or office.

Mrs. Madigan - St. Maria Faustina



Why is this Saint special to you?
She is the apostle of "Divine Mercy". My sister introduced me to the devotion of the Divine Mercy Chaplet. I have had a devotion to the Divine Mercy since the 1990's. St. Faustina was the instrument that our Lord used to give the word the Divine Mercy chaplet and

prayers. "For the sake of His sorrowful passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world."

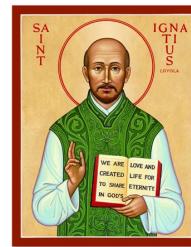
What do you think your students could learn from your saint?
Nurses need to show a lot of mercy and compassion. worked toward achieving peace States.

Mr. Costante - St. Ignatius

Why is this Saint special to you?
I first learned of St. Ignatius when I was a freshman at Loyola Blakefield High School. I truly believed that in many ways, I went into the field of education because of the influence of St. Ignatius.

What do you think your students could learn from your saint?
St. Ignatius has given us a practical view of how God invites each of us to follow the Cross. In

developing his model of "Ignatian Spirituality", he has given us a pragmatic method in which to infuse faith into our everyday lives. The premise of his view is that God is present in our world. And through attentive prayer and a heart of gratitude, we can become more attentive to the movements of the Holy Spirit and see God's active presence in our lives. This approach provides us a pathway to use prayer to make decisions that are guided by reflection and an active life of service to others.



ACADEMICS

Teacher Feature - Coach Knight

By: David Wilder, 7th Grade

Each month in The BEARTimore Sun we will interview a teacher and ask him or her to share some fun facts with us. This month, we are featuring Coach Jocara Knight, our P.E. Teacher.

Q1. Why did you choose to be a teacher? I became a teacher because I am able to help change a child's life in a positive manner. If I could help change just one child's life every year, I

would consider myself successful for the whole school year!

Q2. What is your favorite sport? I've been playing sports since I was five. My top sports are basketball, bowling, baseball and playing pool. My favorite sport is Basketball.

Q3. What is your favorite part of St. Agnes? My favorite part of St. Agnes is the family feel that there is among the staff

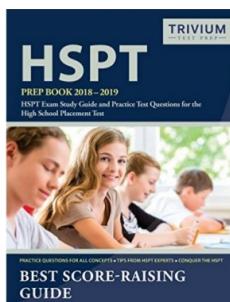
and students.

Q4. If you weren't a teacher what would your profession be? I would be a college Basketball Coach or trainer.

Q5. What are you most excited for this year? My goal this year is to be a great Physical Education Teacher for St. Agnes. I want to encourage and allow the students to grow as individuals and teach students life-long healthy habits.

High School Placement Test Preparation Course

By: Jamison Washington, 8th Grade



If you are an 8th Grader and looking to attend a Catholic High School, you need to take the High

School Placement Test (HSPT). In order to prepare for the HSPT, 8th graders can sign up to take a prep course. St. Agnes partnered with READ, LLC. to host an 8 week course after school on Thursdays. Our tutors worked with us on test taking

skills for both the Math and English sections of the test. At first the prep class was boring, but then it became fun as we moved along. We all loved it and if you are in 7th grade, you should definitely consider taking the course next year!

Dia de los Muertos - A Spanish Project

By: Seamus Smith, 8th Grade

Mexico is one of the few countries that celebrates Dia de los Muertos. Dia de los Muertos, The Day of the Dead, is a celebration of your ancestors that have died. Families gather around and spend time to honor their loved ones that have crossed over to the other side. Family members eat food, listen to music and dance. They

decorate their houses, streets, and graves with quite the variety of objects, such as decorative skulls, flowers, candles, and pictures of loved ones. Food is a big part of the Day of the Dead. They eat many different varieties of food and often make their deceased loved one's favorite food and put it on their grave for later.



SERVICE

Hallo-Giving

By: Henry Romeo, 8th Grade

On October 31, St. Agnes celebrated Hallo-Giving. We decorated pumpkin cards and read stories with our Prayer Partners. At 1:30 we paraded over to Frederick Villa in our costumes. We walked around the hallways and said "Happy Halloween" to the residents.

They were all very excited to see the children dressed up in their costumes. We went back to our classrooms, ate a Halloween snack, watched a movie and spent the rest of the afternoon playing games and having fun. It was a very fun day!



7th and 8th Grade Service Projects

By: Seamus Smith, 8th Grade

Last year, our Middle School classes partnered with local charities as part of monthly service projects. This year, 5th thorough 8th grade participates in monthly service projects.

7th Grade and Frederick Villa

The 7th grade Bears go down the street to visit Frederick Villa to spend some time doing fun activities. From my experience, and in my opinion, it was really fun. You and your team may go and play games like bingo,

cards, or volleyball. You may just talk with the residents and learn about their life. It is a great way to do some service and still have some fun!

8th Grade and My Brother's Keeper

The 8th grade goes to help out at a soup kitchen called My Brothers Keeper. As a volunteer, you help prepare and serve food to the homeless and then wipe down the tables. It may seem like you are just doing

annoying work, but it is actually really fun. The people who work at My Brothers Keeper are really nice. They will guide you through what you need to do and help you with your work. My Brother's Keeper is a great organization, run by Catholic Charities, that helps so many people in need.

FUN TIMES AT S.A.S.

The Spaghetti Dinner - November 3, 2018

By: Finn Smith, 7th Grade

The Spaghetti Dinner was a fun HSA activity for school and parish families. We got together in the Activity Center where we played games, listened to music, won cakes, and obviously had SPAGHETTI! The spaghetti was cooked by Jane and John McCaul. St. Agnes school families donated the boxes of spaghetti in order to participate in an out of uniform day. Our

Middle Schoolers were invited to act as servers for the evening. Mrs. Clemmy was the Master of Ceremonies for the night. There was a cake wheel where we could bet on numbers and try to win a cake. There was also a mini-basketball game. Ms. Rowe and Mrs. Cabrera served as chairpersons and organized the whole thing. It was a fun night for everyone. è stato incredibile!



Middle School Monster Mash Bash - October 27, 2018

By: Finn Smith, 7th Grade



The middle school dance was a FUNraiser held the Saturday night before Halloween. All middle schoolers were invited and to gather in the cafeteria where we danced, sang, and most importantly had fun. The cafeteria was decorated with lights, spooky skeletons, witches, etc. Parent volunteers brought food such as: candy corn, chips, cookies, etc. We had an awesome DJ, DJ Fella, who is

also a parent of two S.A.S students. At one point we played musical chairs and it got a little wild. There were two rounds and everyone was excited and nervous because they didn't want to lose. At the end there were two winners- Seamus Smith and Christian Smith, both in the 8th grade. We all had a great time and we can't wait for the next one in February.

OPINION - Burger King versus McDonald's

By: Henry Romeo, 8th Grade

It is an age-old question: Burger King or McDonald's? So many people keep their opinions to themselves, but today in Media Masters, we took a survey and the results were a landslide. With 8 votes to 3 votes the big

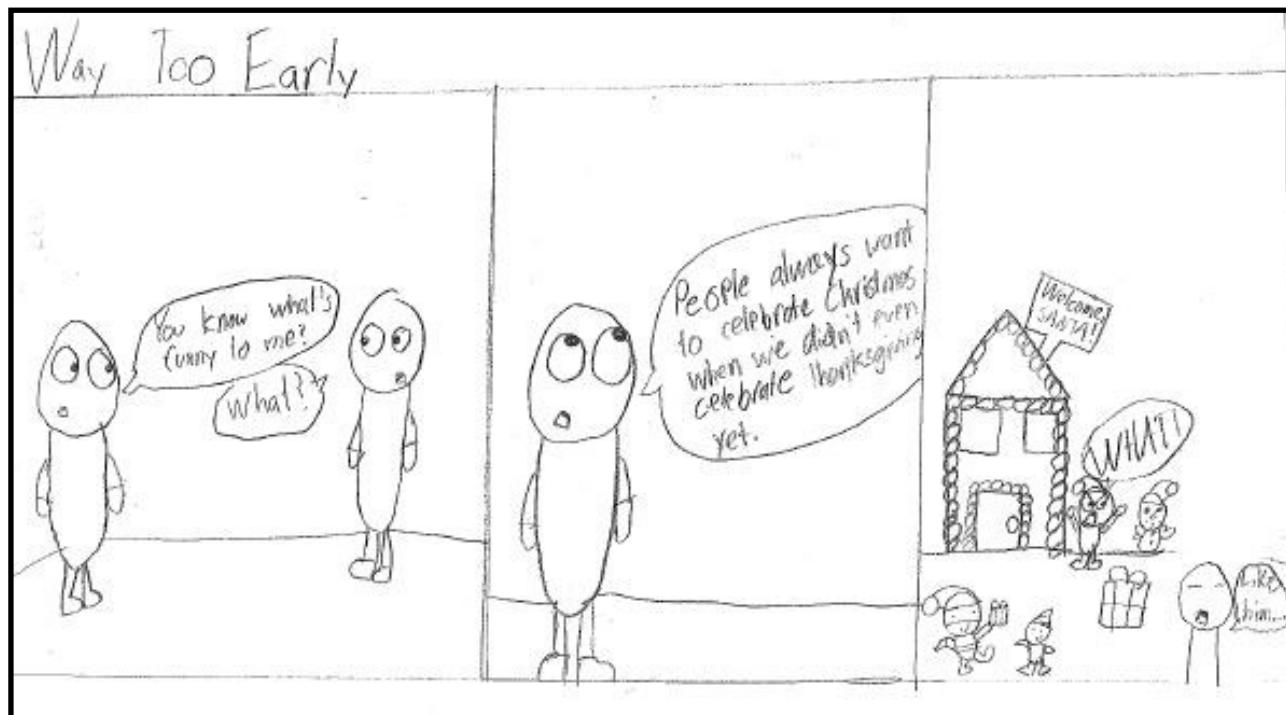
winner was: McDonald's! TJ, Jamison and Elijah voted for Burger King. McDonald's won because of their awesome fries and McNuggets! TJ claims Burger King is the best because of their sourdough burger and

recommends you try it the next time you are there!



Some NovemBEAR fun!

By: T.J. Graham, 8th Grade



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