



ST. AGNES  
SCHOOL

Wednesday e-Folder

September 4, 2019

## “The Year to Lead”

Each fall across the Archdiocese of Baltimore, the Catholic Schools Office establishes a theme that is intended to serve as a focal point for the year. Accordingly, 2019-2020 has been designated as “The Year to Lead”. This theme provides us a unique opportunity to inspire our students to use their God given gifts as a means in which to guide their actions toward enriching the lives of others and serving the needs of our human family. At St. Agnes, we have taken this theme and expanded it into our leadership language. Thus, “**MODEL the Way**” serves as a standard of leadership, where we are committed to developing **Merciful**, **Optimistic**, **Discerning**, **Empowered**, **Leaders**. And during yesterday’s Opening Day ceremonies, each student received a spirit band proudly announcing their calling as faith-filled leaders: **BEAR NATION Models The Way**.

Using our daily gathering as a means in which to foster a greater understanding of the virtues of authentic leaders, we will present a *Leadership Word of the Day* during our morning Community Meeting. In addition, each week during our communal assembly, we will highlight a *Leadership Saint of the Week*.

### Quote of the Week

*“Do not wait for leaders; do it alone, person to person.”*

**Saint Teresa of Calcutta**



Opening Day at St. Agnes 2019

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# Things You Need to KNOW:

## From Slave to Priest

Augustine Tolton was the first black Roman Catholic priest in the United States when he was ordained in 1886. His journey from slave to priest is a remarkable example of faith, love and perseverance. To learn more about this historical story, your family is invited to attend a number of free performances across the Archdiocese. Please click [HERE](#) for a copy of the informational flyer.

## School Photo Day—September 11

As a reminder, next Wednesday, September 11 is our scheduled school photo day. On this day, the students are asked to arrive to campus prepared to sit for both their individual and class photos. Please be aware that there is no make-up day for school photos.

## Leadership Saint of the Week

Saint Teresa of Calcutta serves as our featured Leadership Saint of the Week. As the patron saint for World Youth Day, Teresa's feast day is Thursday, September 5. This blessed woman responded to God's call to care for the poorest of the poor in Calcutta, India. Her response to this Christian calling led her to establish the Missionaries of Charity. This order of religious sisters has represented itself on every continent in service to the needs of God's people.

## Leadership Word of the Day

Attentiveness: thoughtful of others, considerate, polite and courteous; being observant to that which surrounds us.

## Weekly Mass

Each Friday throughout the school year, our entire school community gathers to celebrate the gift of the Eucharist. Please know that you, your family and other guests are invited to join us in the St. Agnes church as we celebrate Mass at 9:00am each Friday.

## Cherub Choir

Our St. Agnes School Cherub Choir invites students in grades 2-8 to participate in the St. Agnes Cherub Choir. The group will rehearse on Thursday's until 4:00pm and will perform once a month at our Friday Mass. Any questions, please contact Julie Williams at [jwilliams@stagnesschool.net](mailto:jwilliams@stagnesschool.net).

## Junior Choir

The St. Agnes and St. William of York parishes invite students in grades 3-8 to become a member of the Parish Junior Choir as they perform as a group at weekend masses throughout the year. With this thought in mind, on September 12 at 5:15pm, the choir will meet in the church sanctuary and will gather every following Thursday. Any questions, please contact the Director of Liturgical Music, Daniel Sampson at [Daniel.Sampson@archbalt.org](mailto:Daniel.Sampson@archbalt.org).

# Things You Are Asked to DO:

## Race for Education

Thank you to the families who completed the Summer Pyramid Challenge. A letter will come home today to families who are awarded the 10 Volunteer Hours! Thanks to our early summer push, we are off to a GREAT start towards our School-wide goal of \$30,000. Packets containing all the information about our Biggest Fundraiser of the school year will be sent home tomorrow with your youngest child and are due back on Wednesday, September 11.

## St. Agnes Forms

### **Handbook Acknowledgment Form:**

Yesterday, each child received a copy of our School Handbook. Included in this important resource manual is the Handbook Acknowledgement Form. Parents/Guardians are required to return a signed form for each child. This form must be signed and returned by Monday, September 16. Failure to do so will jeopardize your student's enrollment.

### **Emergency Contact Form:**

Yesterday, each family received a copy of our Emergency Contact Form. The information included on this form provides essential information regarding our communication with your family. The completed form is due back to school today. If you have not sent in this form, please do so ASAP.

## Back to School Night

Our annual "Back to School Night" presentation will be held next Wednesday, September 11. This event begins at 6:00pm with a special prayer service event in the St. Agnes Church. Following this portion of the evening, we will then move over to the school building for our classroom presentations. Thank you in advance for your attendance at this informative gathering. One parent from each family should plan to attend. Please note that families who attend this event will earn **one hour** towards your required 20 volunteer hours.

## Volunteering

As stated within our enrollment contract, each family is required annually to provide 20 hours of service time to our school. As a reminder, there is no longer a separate hour total for single parent status. It is recommended to get a jump on your hours total. And to do so, please click [HERE](#) to register for a number of upcoming volunteer events.

As a reminder, any volunteer who will work in our school and/or with our students in any capacity, are required must be screened and Virtus trained. Please click [HERE](#) for information regarding this process. Don't delay, complete your Virtus training today!

## Mark Your Calendar

September 11	School Photo Day
September 11	Back to School Night
September 19	Fire Drill
September 25	Middle School Cub Club
September 27	Early Dismissal Day (12:05pm)
September 30	8th Grade ACRE Test
October 3	5th grade Service Experience at CEA
October 9	6th grade Service Experience for Westside Men's Shelter
October 9	Middle School Cub Club
October 13	School Open House
October 14	8th grade Service Experience at MBK

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