



ST. AGNES
SCHOOL

Wednesday e-Folder

March 21, 2018

Holy Week and Palm Sunday

This weekend our faith community celebrates the final Sunday of Lent and the start of Holy Week. This blessed week begins with Palm Sunday which commemorates the triumphant arrival of Christ into Jerusalem, only days before he was crucified.

Palm Sunday is known as such because the faithful will receive palm fronds as an observance to of Christ's arrival in Jerusalem. In the Gospels, Jesus entered Jerusalem and the townspeople threw palms or small branches in front of him as a sign of homage.

During Palm Sunday Mass, the palms are blessed and many people will fashion them into small items of personal devotion. The palms may later be incinerated so as to create the ashes that will be used in next year's Ash Wednesday observance.

The colors of the Mass on Palm Sunday are red and white which symbolize the redemption in blood that Christ has paid for the world.

<https://www.catholic.org/lent/palmsunday.php>

Scripture

of the Week

“They took branches of palm trees and went forth to meet him, and cried, Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!”

John 12:13



https://www.catholic.org/files/images/media/14915812831961_700.jpg

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Academic Distinction Ceremony

On Monday, March 26 during our morning Community Meeting, we will recognize those 6th, 7th and 8th grade students who have been placed on the Trimester 2 Honor Roll. The parents of those students who will be receiving a certificate of academic distinction were sent an email invite earlier this week. As always, parents and other guests are certainly welcome to join us for this special event.

Weekly Stations of the Cross Prayer Service (K—8th Grades)

This Friday students in grades Kindergarten—8th grade will walk the journey of Christ with our final Lenten Stations of the Cross prayer service. The 4th grade will lead this scheduled event. Please know that parents and other guests are invited to join us in the church for this special prayer service.

Holy Thursday Prayer Service

Before we depart for our Easter break on March 29th, we will hold a special Holy Thursday Prayer Service event. Therefore, please consider joining us next Thursday morning at 9:00am in the lower church of St. Agnes.

Standardized Testing

Our annual Iowa and CogAT testing assessments are scheduled to take place from Wednesday, April 11th through Wednesday, April 18th. Please click [HERE](#) for an informational letter regarding this testing week.

Chromebook Signed Forms (4th-8th Grade)

As a reminder, our Chromebook initiative requires a signed acknowledgement form accepting the student responsibilities and family obligation that accompanies the use of these educational tools. With this being said, if you have not signed your family's Acceptable Use Agreement form, please do so at your earliest convenience. Students are not permitted to use the new Chromebook devices until the form has been signed by both parent and child.

St. Agnes Science Night!

As a reminder, the St. Agnes Science Night has been rescheduled for Friday, April 20th beginning at 6:30pm. And please remember that all students are asked to bring an empty, clean and dry disposable water bottle with a lid so that they may create their own lava!

St. Agnes-St. William of York Tuition Assistance Grants

The Parish Tuition Assistance Grant Application is available on our website. Tuition Assistance Grants are available to students in grades Kindergarten through 8. To qualify, you must be a registered parishioner of either St. Agnes or St. William of York for at least one school year, worship with your children on a weekly basis in our church, and submit the attached forms and documentation to the St. Agnes Parish Office by 5:00pm on April 17, 2018 in a sealed envelope marked "Tuition Assistance Committee". Please click [HERE](#) for the 2018-19 Application.

Things You Are Asked to DO:

H.S.A. Note

Mark Your Calendar for the annual "Bear Nation Bolt" 5 K Walk/Run. This wonderful event is scheduled for April 28th. Specific information about registration and sponsorship opportunities will be forthcoming.

Easter Egg Hunt

We are still in need of volunteers for the St. Agnes Community Easter Egg Hunt this weekend. As of right now, we are still planning on holding it this Saturday, March 24. Please sign up [HERE](#). If you are donating eggs, please send them into the office on Friday morning!

"Feed the Hungry" Fridays

Last week's donation of 193 pounds brings our total Lenten collection to 563 pounds of food. As this Friday marks our final collection date. Therefore, with the hope of reaching 800 pounds, our collection goal this week is to donate at least 237 pounds of food for the Catonsville Emergency Assistance agency. Items may be brought into school by Friday.

Flapper

Our Middle School is pleased to present this year's spring play: Flapper! The Roaring Twenties was such a colorful decade that the unbeatable team of playwright Tim Kelly and musician Bill Francoeur couldn't resist it! Come celebrate the era with them and meet Polly Pepper, a young flapper who really knows how to live in the time of Stutz Bearcat automobiles, Ziegfield girls, raccoon coats, ukuleles, beauty contests, goldfish swallows, and gangsters. Tickets are now on sale for both Friday, April 13 and Saturday, April 14 at 7pm in the Parish Hall (Cafeteria). Click [HERE](#) to purchase tickets online.

Middle School Track Event

Attention all middle school track super stars! St. Agnes School (grades 6-8) has been invited to participate in the Youth Bowl at Archbishop Curley High School on Saturday May 5th from 7:00 am to 3:00 pm. If a student is interested in participating as a team member for this event, they must be able to attend practice after school on Mondays in April (4/9, 4/16, 4/23, 4/30) from 3:15-3:45 pm. All students participating in the Youth Bowl must have at least one parent available to volunteer on the day of the meet. There will be a \$7 fee entry fee per athlete which will be due on the first day of practice - April 9th. If you have any questions or concerns please contact Ms. Solloway, ksolloway@stagnesschool.net.

Please click [HERE](#) for a copy of the parental indication form.

STEAM Summer Program

Are you looking for a FUN summer program focused on Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics for your PK-3 to 8th grade student? With this in mind, we are pleased to announce our 2018 STEAM Summer Program is open for Registration! We are looking forward to a great summer program led by Program Director, Theresa Majerowicz. The summer program will run for 7 weeks and St. Agnes Students receive a discounted rate of \$170 per week. Non-St. Agnes students can attend for \$200 per week. Online Registration is open now. <https://www.stagnesschool.net/summer-program>.

Mark Your Calendar

- March 23:** Fire Drill
- March 29:** Holy Thursday Prayer Service
- March 29:** Rescheduled—6th Grade Service Experience for Westside Men's Shelter
- March 29:** 12:30pm Early Dismissal Day
- March 30-April 8:** Easter Break—School Closed
- April 10:** 7th Grade Service Experience at MBK
- April 11-18:** Standardized Testing Week
- April 13:** 8th Grade Service Experience at MBK
- April 13-14:** Middle School Production of *Flapper*
- April 28:** "Bear Nation Bolt" 5 K Walk/Run

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