



ST. AGNES  
SCHOOL

Wednesday e-Folder

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## 12 Reasons to Choose Catholic Schools

Catholic Schools Week showcase and celebrate the rich traditions and the incredible value of Catholic education. As our families consider the immeasurable benefit of spending a child's formative years at St. Agnes, the following 12 reasons offer a broad view of the critical value of a Catholic school education for their child:

*1. We offer an education that combines Catholic faith and teachings with academic excellence. 2. We partner with parents in the faith formation of children. 3. We set high standards for student achievement and help them succeed. 4. We provide a balanced academic curriculum that integrates faith, service and innovation learning skills. 5. We use technology effectively to enhance education. 6. We instill in students the value of service to the marginalized within our community. 7. We teach children respect of self and others. 8. We emphasize moral development and self-discipline. 9. We prepare students to be active citizens and future leaders. 10. We have a 99% high school graduation rate. 11. We cultivate a faculty and staff of people who are dedicated, caring, and effective. 12. We provide a safe and welcoming environment for all.*

Enrolling your child in St. Agnes is an investment which pays dividends for life by developing ethical leaders of heart, soul & mind.

### Quote of the Week

*“Work for the  
Lord. Heaven  
pays  
everything.”*

**Saint John Bosco**



The Stromberg Science Lab

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# Things You Need to KNOW:

## Early Dismissal—1/31

- 1/31—Students will be dismissed at 12:05pm as our H.S.A. will honor our faculty and staff with a Teacher Appreciation luncheon event. After care services WILL NOT be available.

## Catholic Schools Week Activities (Remaining)

- Thurs. 1/30: *Food Drive for Catonsville Emergency Assistance Center Due Date*  
*Field Day Olympics for Maiden Choice School led by the 4th grade* (Activity Center)
- Fri. 1/31 *Admissions Open House for Prospective Families at 9:45am* (Welcome in the Library)  
*Teacher Appreciation Day Luncheon at 12:30pm* (Activity Center Meeting Room)

## Leadership Saint of the Week

St. John Bosco Giovanni (Don) Bosco was born in 1815 in Becchi, Italy. John . Although he was fatherless most of his life, Don (as he became affectionately known) became a "father" to thousands of children when he responded to a calling to serve the poor children whom he met when he visited their parents in prison as part of his priestly work. These boys lived in the prisons, too, or on the streets. Father Bosco wanted something more for them. So he started a school where they could eat and sleep safely and helped them learn manufacturing skills such as how to make shoes, clothes and books. When these boys grew up, they could use these skills to get jobs. Later, John began a similar school for poor girls. Because so many boys and girls needed love and care, John needed other adults to help him. So John started the Salesians—a group of priests that helped boys—and the Daughters of Mary Help of Christians—a group of nuns that helped girls. Don Bosco died in 1888 at the age of 73 and was later canonized in 1934. His feast day is January 31 and he is recognized as the patron saint for school children, apprentices and magicians.

## Leadership Words of the Day

1/23 **Altruistic**: unselfishly concerned for or devoted to the welfare of others

1/27 **Collaborate**: to work with someone in order to produce or create something

## Middle School Science Fair

As part of our continued focus on STEM related learning activities, our 2nd Annual Middle School Science Fair will be on display this coming Monday from 2:30pm to 3:30pm in the cafeteria. Please stop by to check out the investigative experiments and amazing work that our middle school scientists conducted.

## Keep Christ in Christmas Winners

Each December, the Knights of Columbus sponsor the Keep Christ in Christmas art contest. We are thrilled to announce the winners for our school: K-2 Isabel Woodbine; 3-5 Emily Wilder and 6-8 Krystal Allison. Congratulations to the winners and all of our student participants!

## Time for Re-Enrollment

Contracts have been issued! You will receive an email from School Admin with a link to log-in, review and sign your 2020-21 Contract. At the end of the contract, you will be prompted to pay the \$250 Enrollment Deposit per family. Once each contract is signed and your deposit is received, you will also need to complete your FACTS payment plan for the 2020-21 School Year (payments starting in July). These **THREE** things—**Contract, Deposit and FACTS**—are due by February 28, 2020 in order to secure your child(ren's) spot for the 2020-21 school year. We do anticipate a waiting list for a few of our larger classes, so don't delay! Spots will be offered to new families starting on March 1, 2020. Additionally, there is a \$100 late fee assessed for contracts signed after March 1, 2020. Please note: If your family is behind in tuition and/or fees, your contract will not be issued until you become current with your financial obligation to the school. A separate email will be sent to you with instructions on next steps.

# Things You Are Asked to DO:

## Catholic Schools Week Food Drive—Due 1/30

Our Student Council is leading our annual Catholic Schools Week food drive for the Catonsville, Emergency Assistance Center. Please consider bringing in any of the following items by Thursday, 1/30

*Individual Packages of Nuts • Packets or Cans of Tuna and Salmon • Pancake Mixes • Muffin Mixes • Peanut Butter • Potato Sides • Rice Sides • Cake Mixes • Brownie Mixes • Jelly • Canned Chicken, Tomato and Vegetable Soups • Canned Meats (Spam, corned beef, ham, salmon) • Pancake Syrup • Canned Fruit • Canned Vegetables including Carrots, Mixed Vegetables, Spinach, Beets, Lima Beans • Canned Meals (Stews, Chili) • Canned Tomato Products • Cereal • Oatmeal*

## St. Agnes 5K Run

The St. Agnes 5K early bird special discount of \$10 for Adults and \$5 for Kids ends on Friday, 1/31.

Register [HERE](#) today to take advantage of this discount.

- **FREE Practice Run/Walk:** Kick off your month running with St. Agnes Bears. Practice Run/Walk on 2/1, 3/7 and 4/4 at 10:00AM in the St Agnes School parking lot. Hope to see you there.

## H.S.A. Notes

### Lunch Raffle Winners

Congratulations to the following parents who won the lunch raffle at Monday's HSA meeting:

February - Tarry Tinsley (Kindergarten Parent); March - Danielle Robinson (7th Grade Parent); April - Chris Johnson (7th Grade Parent).

### A Big Thank You!

A big thank you to the parents and the Men's Club for their support of the Student Appreciation luncheon! Because of you, it was a wonderful event for all of our kids.

### Book Fair

The Scholastic Book Fair is scheduled for March 17-22. We are in need of a chairperson to assist with the organizational leadership of this event. And as a reminder, serving as the chair automatically earns you your 20 volunteer hours! Interested parents are asked to contact Kristin Young at kristinmichelle82@yahoo.com.

### We Want You!

We are looking for the next group of parents who will help our school grow and prosper. With this being said, if you are interested in joining the H.S.A. leadership team in any capacity, please plan to attend the March 2 at 6:30pm for the H.S.A. Board meeting. If you are unable to attend, please contact Sherita Thomas at mrssheritathomas@gmail.com.

### 5K Sponsors Needed

The largest fundraiser of the second half of the school year is scheduled for May 2. And to make our 5K Walk/Run event a success, we are looking not only for runners and walkers, but also for business and corporate sponsors. If you know of a group who might be willing to serve as an event sponsor, please contact our 5K Chair, Kathy Acosta at kleenacosta@gmail.com.

## Baltimore Blast Archdiocese Family Night

On Friday, February 21, 2020, the Baltimore Blast will host an Archdiocese of Baltimore Family Night.

[THIS FLYER](#) includes the necessary details and ticket information. The deadline to order tickets is 2/17!

## FACTS Financial Aid—Due 2/28

If you are applying for Financial Aid through the Archdiocese of Baltimore, please be aware that the deadline for applications is Friday, February 28th. You must apply through FACTS in order to be eligible for Financial Aid through the Archdiocese. Please click [HERE](#) to start the process.

## Mark Your Calendar

January 30	4th Grade "Field Day" with Maiden Choice
January 31	12:05pm Early Dismissal
February 3	Middle School Science Fair
February 3	A.C.R.E. Test—5th Grade
February 6	Bomb Threat Drill
February 6	5th Grade service Experience at CEA
February 10-13	IOWA Interim Testing
February 12	6th Grade Service Experience for WMS
February 12	Middle School Cub Club
February 14	3rd Grade Valentine's Day Service Experience at the Oblates of Providence Motherhouse
February 14	Spirit Night

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