

Wednesday e-Folder

March 13, 2019

Weekly Lenten Reflection

"All this...comes from the Lord Almighty, wonderful in counsel and magnificent in wisdom." (Isaiah 28:29)

"ATTEN-SHUN!" "Listen up!" "Now hear this!" "You are not paying attention." Do those words sound familiar? Sometimes God has a hard time getting the attention of his people. When God gave Moses the Ten Commandments for his people to obey, he sent thunder and lightning, thick darkness and the sound of a trumpet. A thick cloud hovered over Mt. Sinai, and smoke was everywhere. God was saying, "This is important-listen up!" Not too long before Jesus' suffering and death, he let Peter, James and John see his magnificent, glorified body. "His face shone like the sun, and His clothes became as white as the light" (Matthew 17:2). As we continue to encounter both the chill of winter and the early signs of Spring, this week we are invited to take notice of any ice crystals that might gather and form outside, as well as the beautiful flower buds that are revealing themselves. When you witness the miraculous ending of one season to the next, we feel like your attention to the magnificent and natural beauty of the Lord allows us to see, feel and praise his glory.

Please, Lord, keep my heart, my mind and my eyes open so I can see your miracles more clearly....AMEN.

Quote of the Week

"Christ beside me, Christ before me, Christ behind me, Christ within me, Christ beneath me, Christ above me."

Saint Patrick



Governor Hogan with 6th and 7th Grade Student Council Representatives

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Things You Need to KNOW:

Non-Uniform Today (N.U.T. Day) Event—March 14

In keeping with the festivity which surrounds the feast day of Saint Patrick, our students are invited to wear **GREEN** tomorrow, Thursday, March 14. Proceeds from the \$1 N.U.T. Day participation fee will be donated in support of the **C**atholic **R**elief **S**ervices "Helping Hands Project" that is being hosted by the St. Agnes Parish. Any additional contributions outside the \$1 fee will be used in support of the **CRS** project.

A Wee Bit of the Irish Culture and Song—March 14

In honor of the blessing of this weekend's Saint Patrick Celebration, we are delighted to share that the Irish Chorale Group has been able to fit us in their schedule during their busiest week of the year. As such, they will be performing tomorrow at 12:45pm in the St. Agnes Activity Center. For your reference, part of their performance will include sharing a wee bit of the Irish culture and heritage.

Please know that parents are welcome to join us for this special event.

Trimester 2 Progress Report Cards—March 15

This Friday, March 15, students will receive a copy of their Trimester 2 Progress Report Cards. Please note that parent access to Power School will also be reopened this Friday.

Given that there is no scheduled conference day scheduled after Trimester 2, please know that should you desire to meet with any teacher regarding your child's progress, simply contact them directly by email.

Stations of the Cross Prayer Service—March 15

Please consider joining students in grades 3-8 as we walk the "Road to Calvary" with Jesus each Friday during Lent. The Stations of the Cross prayer service is held in the church and will begin at 2:30pm (this is a slight time change than was posted last week). The 8th grade will lead the Stations this week.

Middle School Play—April 12 and April 13

Mark your calendars for our annual Middle School Play, "Rock Around Block" which has two performances scheduled: Friday, April 12 and Saturday, April 13. Ticket information will soon be forthcoming.

We are also pleased to announce that a new stage curtain was installed today. **BEAR Blue** of course!

BOOST Program

The 2019-2020 Broadening Options and Opportunities for Students Today (BOOST) Program is now open and is accepting applications. Please note that all families who applied to the program for 2018-19 school year should expect an email from BOOST with the information to access the application system. If you are not currently receiving a BOOST Scholarship, but would like to apply, the instructions are available on the Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) website. Please click **HERE** for application information.

Please note that the deadline to submit a completed application is midnight on April 17, 2019.

Spelling Bee

Each year, St. Agnes participates in the <u>Archdiocese of Baltimore Spelling Bee</u>. This wonderful event invites each of the Catholic Schools to submit a student from either the 4th, 5th or 6th grade to serve as the school representative at the May 8 AoB Spelling Bee. To this point, we have just completed the grade level competition and I am proud to report that the following students will represent their class at the St. Agnes Spelling Bee that will be held on Thursday, April 18 at 10:00am:

Grade 4—Finn Doyle, Emily Wilder, Isabella Woodard

Grade 5—Lilly Adkins, Noella Kelly, Trissy Saunar

Grade 6—Chimdindu Igwe, Virginia Joyce, Ryan Paradella

Things You Are Asked to DO:

"Food for Fellowship Fridays"—March 15

As a reminder, each Friday during Lent, our students are asked to bring in non-perishable food items for the Catonsville Emergency Assistance Center. This Friday, March 15 serves as our first collection date. Please consider picking up additional food items each week and bring your donations in by Friday.

"Helping Hands Project"—March 16

This is your last chance to offer your support to our parish Lenten service project in support of the ministry of Catholic Relief Services. The "Helping Hands Project" is scheduled for this Saturday, March 16 beginning at 9:00am in the Activity Center. This special event invites parishioners and school families to take part in packing meals for the community of Burkina Faso, Africa. Please click HERE to register your family's participation in this wonderful service opportunity.

H.S.A. Notes

BOX TOPS

Quick question...Do you visit grocery stores and other multi-product stores? If so, you likely have merchandise in your home that has BOX TOPs to share with our school! Each regular BOX TOP clipping is worth 10 cents and those can add up quickly when we all turn them in! Please click HERE to review the products and the brand names that are included in this program.

St. Agnes 5K Run & Walk—April 6

23 days until the St. Agnes 5k Run/Walk comes to campus. On Saturday, April 6, 2019 at 8:30am, gather your family to walk, run, donate or volunteer! And as part of the incentive for the day, we are having a 5K CLASS CONTEST! The Class with the most 5k registrations by next Friday, March 22 will win a NUT Day! As well, classes with more than 15 registrations by next Friday, March 22 will win a Pizza Party! Be sure to invite your entire family (grandparents, uncles, aunts, cousins), along with your friends and neighbors. Make certain to have them join your class team when registering. Please click https://example.com/here/ to register now!!

Restaurant Night—March 20

Our next scheduled Restaurant Night is next Wednesday, March 20 at *Peace A Pizza*! Stop in to grab a slice of your favorite pizza pie all while supporting your favorite school. Please click **HERE** for a copy of the flyer.

Scholastic Book Fair—March 22 to March 27

The St. Agnes Book Fair is coming soon! Volunteers are still needed on days from March 22-27. Daytime and weekend opportunities are available. Please click HERE to volunteer.

St. Agnes Summer Steam

Even though the early bird rates have passed, it is not too late to register for the 2019 St. Agnes Summer Steam program. Don't delay—register today for a summer of fun, festivity and friends for your children. Please click **HERE** to register and pass along the information to a friend!

Volunteer Needed

Do you have access to pick-up truck and are looking for some volunteer hours? If so, we have a number of bulky items that need to be taken to the junkyard. If you are interested, please contact Rob Costante.

Mark Your Calendar

March 14: N.U.T. Day—St. Patrick's Day Theme

March 14: Fire Drill

March 15: Report Cards Sent Home

March 22-27: Scholastic Book Fair

March 29: Stations of the Cross

April 3-10: Iowa Standardized Testing

April 6: 5K Run/Walk

April 10: Middle School "Cub Club"

April 11: Fire Drill

April 12-13: Middle School Play

April 14: Easter Egg Hunt

April 15: Parish Tuition Assistance Applications Due

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