



ST. AGNES
SCHOOL

Wednesday e-Folder

February 26, 2020

Ash Wednesday and the Lenten

Today marks the beginning of our Lenten journey. During the next six weeks, we use this blessed season as an opportunity to re-nourish ourselves through prayer, fasting and almsgiving.

Below are a couple of frequently asked questions about Lent:

Q. *Why do we say that there are forty days of Lent? When you count all the days from Ash Wednesday through Holy Saturday, there are 46.*

A. It might be more accurate to say that there is the "forty day fast within Lent." Historically, Lent has varied from a week to three weeks to the present configuration of 46 days. The forty day fast, however, has been more stable. The Sundays of Lent are certainly part of the Time of Lent, but they are not prescribed days of fast and abstinence.

Q. *So does that mean that when we give something up for Lent, such as candy or sweets, we can have it on Sundays?*

A. Apart from the prescribed days of fast and abstinence on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, and the days of abstinence every Friday of Lent, Catholics have traditionally chosen additional penitential practices for the whole Time of Lent. These practices are disciplinary in nature and often more effective if they are continuous, i.e., kept on Sundays as well. That being said, such practices are not regulated by the Church, but by individual conscience.

Quote of the Week

"Our perfection does not consist of doing extraordinary things, but to do the ordinary well."

Saint Gabriel of Our Lady of Sorrows



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The presence of ashes on our foreheads serves as a reminder of our sins

Things You Need to KNOW:

Black History Month Presentation—2/28

This Friday, February 28 at 8:10am in the Activity Center, our students will enjoy a special presentation on the *African American Music Experience* through the voice and words of Jason Sharp. Mr. Sharp, a member of the famed musical group, The Stylistics, will share how the African American experience influenced soul and rhythm and blues music from that came out of “Motown” and Philadelphia during the 60’s, 70’s and 80’s. Mr. Sharp will also be sharing the gift of music as he performs the sound of Philadelphia soul with a couple of hit songs from this time period.

Please know that parents and family members are invited to join us for this special event.

No Mass on 2/28

As a reminder, there will be **NO MASS** this Friday. As such, we will gather for our daily Community Meeting in the Activity Center as a means in which to begin our day.

Trimester 2 Important Dates—3/6 and 3/13

Please note that Trimester 2 marking period will end on Friday, March 6. The report cards will then be sent home on Friday, March 13. And as a reminder, anyone who is not current with their tuition or fees is not eligible to receive their child’s grade report.

Early Dismissal Day—3/13

St. Agnes School will follow an early dismissal schedule on Friday, March 13. Dismissal will be at 12:05pm and Extended Care will be provided for all of those who sign up with Mary Sites.

Leadership Saint of the Week

St. Gabriel of Our Lady of Sorrows was born as Francis Possenti in Assisi, Italy in 1838. As the eleventh of thirteen children, young Francis was similar to many children of his day. He lived a rather ordinary life but distinguished himself by the good nature. He was known for his serious devotion to prayer and contemplation. And even at a young age, felt the calling to lead a religious life. After much prayer and discernment, Francis joined the Passionists. Francis felt a calling for this religious life as the Passionists as he would devote his life to the study of the Passion of Christ and the Sorrow of Mary. The Passionists lived a life of solitude, poverty and prayer. Sadly though, the young novice died of tuberculosis before reaching the age of 24, and one year before he would be ordained a priest. His feast day is celebrated on February 27 and he serves as the Patron Saint of Catholic youth, students, and young men studying for the priesthood

Leadership Words of the Day

2/20 **Propel**: to drive or push forward in movement; to urge onward

2/25 **Resiliency**: the capacity to recover quickly from difficulties; the capability to recover from shock with minimal change

St. Agnes Parish Men’s Club Golf Tournament—5/7(Previously Posted)

The St. Agnes Men’s Club has long been advocates and supporters of our school community. From providing support to the CYO basketball program, to providing financial support to our Middle School Play, to serving as part of the “Dog Dads” for our annual Student Appreciation Hot Dog Lunch, to providing and serving beverages at our mid-year H.S.A. meeting. With their generous support in mind, you are invited to participate in their annual golf tournament event that will be held on May 7 at the Oakmont Green Golf Club. Registration fee is due by April 24 and costs \$75.00 per person (includes Green Fees, Cart, Driving Range, Draft Beer, Hamburgers, Hotdogs, Salads, Chips & Pretzels). For More Information, contact Mike Stromberg at 410-971-6198 or by email at mike21163@gmail.com. Please click [HERE](#) for the flyer invite.

Things You Are Asked to DO:

“Leap into Mercy”—2/29 (Previously Posted)

As a reminder, this weekend we encourage children and families to participate in one of the *Corporal Works of Mercy* and to bring their experience back to their classmates on Monday, March 2. The Corporal Works of Mercy are found in the teachings of Jesus and give us a model for how we should treat all others, as if they were Christ in disguise. This activity is designed to connect family and school life to the message of mercy we all strive to shine forth in the world. Please click [HERE](#) for information about this event. Let's Leap into Mercy!

FACTS Financial Aid—Due 2/28 (Previously Posted)

This Friday, February 28 is the deadline to apply for financial aid through the Archdiocese of Baltimore. You must apply through FACTS in order to be eligible for Financial Aid through the Archdiocese. Please click [HERE](#) to apply.

Time for Re-Enrollment—Due 2/28 (Previously Posted)

This Friday, February 28 is the deadline for re-enrollment for the 2020-2021 school year. For contracts signed anytime between March 1 - April 30, a \$100 late will be applied. After April 30, a \$200 late fee will be applied. So don't delay—re-register today!

Please note that all families must complete three items to be re-enrolled: a **Signed Contract**, a **Paid Deposit** and a **FACTS Payment Plan** set-up. These three items 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 re-enroll today! Spots will be offered to new families starting on 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.

Middle School Social Event—3/14

Our next middle school social is planned for Saturday, March 14 from 7:00pm—9:00pm in the school cafeteria. Students in grades 6, 7 and 8 are invited to wear their most green attire for our St. Patrick's "Gaelic Get-Down". Please RSVP by Clicking [HERE](#).

Volunteer Chaperones and Dance Donations Needed

For those who have difficulty volunteering during the day, we have the perfect opportunity for you. On Saturday, March 14, we need chaperones for our upcoming Middle School dance social. And as well, we need snacks, drinks and decoration items donated for this event. With this being said, the link to volunteer and/or donate will be sent out in a separate email this week.

Please note that you DO NOT have to have a student in the upper grades to serve as a chaperone. You only need to be Virtus trained and cleared!

St. Agnes 5K Run/Walk—5/2 (Previously Posted)

Register [HERE](#) to take part in the 5K Run/Walk event that is scheduled for 5/2.

And don't forget, our upcoming practice run/walk sessions are scheduled for 3/7 and 4/4 at 10:00AM in the school parking lot.

As this event serves as the largest fundraiser of the second half of our school year, we need your help to make it 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.

Mark Your Calendar

February 28	<i>School Admin</i> Enrollment Deadline
February 28	<i>FACTS</i> Financial Aid Deadline
February 29	"Leap into Mercy" Corporal Works of Mercy Day
March 5	5th Grade Service Experience at CEA
March 5	Reverse Evacuation /Lockdown Drill
March 6	End of Trimester 2
March 8	Daylight Savings Time
March 9	8th Grade Service Experience at MBK
March 11	6th Grade Service Experience for WMS
March 13	Report Cards Will be Sent Home
March 13	Early Dismissal—12:05pm



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