



ST. AGNES  
SCHOOL

Wednesday e-Folder

September 11, 2019

## A Day of Tragedy Evolves into a Day of Service

As we have arrived at the 18th anniversary of September 11, this year marks the first time school aged students were not yet born when this fateful series of attacks struck our nation. As time passes, we must not fail to remember those who perished and the families that they left behind.

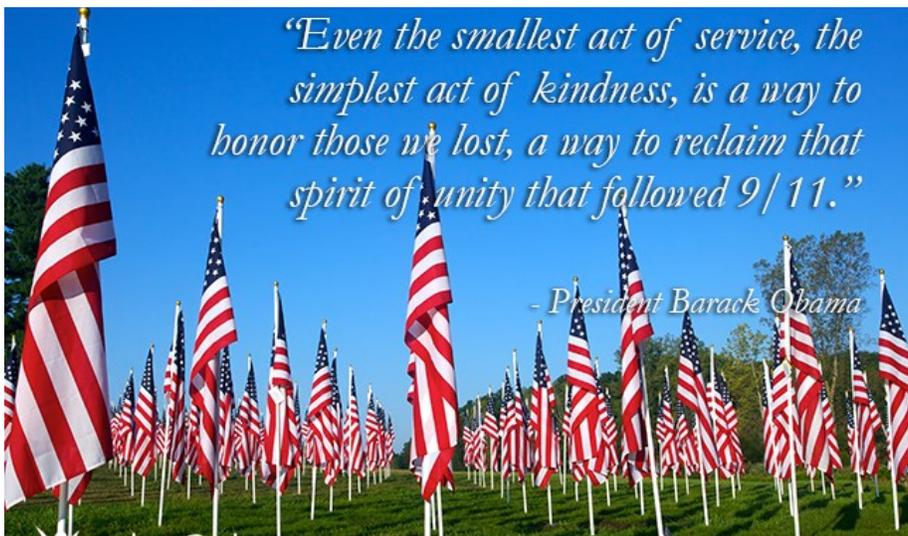
Prayer and service. As a Catholic community, we draw strength on the power of prayer. Our prayers must not only be for those we lost, but also for peace in our country and around the world. In addition, we use this day as a federally recognized "National Day of Service and Remembrance". So today, we dedicate time to help others in the spirit of service, unity and peace. The following examples of service were suggested to our students:

*Be kind to someone in your school that needs a friend; Bake cookies for your neighbor; Plant flowers in a neighbor's yard (with their permission); Help wash the dishes; Leave your mom a love note; Play games with your siblings; Play with a lonely student on the playground; Help clean up the house, without being asked; Make your teacher a thank-you card; Give your dad a hug; Pick up litter (with gloves and a garbage bag); Share a favorite toy with your friends; Hold the door open for someone behind you; Help a friend with their homework; Write letters to soldiers; Wash your parent's car; Write a thank-you note for the mailman; Wave and smile at people on the street; Pray for those in need.*

### Quote of the Week

*"We must speak to them with our hands before we speak to them with our lips."*

**Saint Peter Claver**



[blog.volunteerspot.com/volunteer\\_guru/2015/09/911-day-of-service](http://blog.volunteerspot.com/volunteer_guru/2015/09/911-day-of-service)

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# Things You Need to KNOW:

## Safety Patrol Induction Ceremony—September 20

Immediately following 9:00am Mass on Friday, September 20, the members of our Safety Patrol team will be inducted as student leaders for St. Agnes. As is customary with such events, we would be honored to have your family or other guests attend this special ceremony.

## Leadership Saint of the Week

Saint Peter of Claver serves as our featured *Leadership Saint of the Week*. As the patron saint for interracial justice, Peter's feast day is Monday, September 9. This zealous missionary responded to God's call to share the Good News with those who were being bought, sold and captured as part of the slave trade. His commitment to the cause of the confined saw him baptize over 300,000 slaves during a 40 year ministry as a Jesuit priest.

## Leadership Word of the Day

**Adaptability (9-9-19)**—being able to adjust to new conditions; changing one's course of action or approach based on the needs of the situation

**Benevolence (9-10-19)**—well meaning and good intentions; kindness offered without personal gain.

**Courage (9-11-19)**—strength in the face of pain or grief; to act in accordance with one's beliefs (courage in one's convictions).

## N.U.T. Day

Each month, we provide our students an opportunity to participate in an out of uniform day. As these days are listed on our school calendar, please make note that the first **N.U.T. Day (Non-Uniform Today)** event is scheduled for Wednesday, September 25. To participate, student are required to bring in \$1. Throughout the year, these N.U.T. Day funds are used either in support of a charitable cause or for teacher appreciation events. Although sometimes there is a theme associated with a particular N.U.T. Day, this month's event is a student choice. Please note that it is expected that the students will follow the guidelines that are listed on page 38 of the Parent-Student Handbook.

## Middle School "Cub Club"

As part of the social experience we provide to our middle school, all 6th, 7th and 8th grade students are invited to take part in our co-curricular activity "Cub Club". One Wednesday a month from 3:10pm-4:00pm, our middle school students have an opportunity to gather afterschool in one of the available club activities. Each trimester, the students may either choose to take part in a different club or remain in their previous club. This year's Cub Club activities are as follows: Craft Club, It's Academic, Board Game Club, Debate Club, STEM Club, Newspaper and others to be named soon! Thank you in advance for encouraging your middle school student's participation in "Cub Club"!

# Things You Are Asked to DO:

## Back to School Night

Our annual "Back to School Night" will be held this evening, September 11. This event begins at 6:00pm with a special prayer service event in the St. Agnes Church. And 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.

Please note that families who attend this event will earn one hour towards your required 20 volunteer hours.

## Race for Education

We have set a goal of \$30,000. And to accomplish this, we need EVERY family to minimally fill their quota of \$200 in pledged donations. Every dollar counts so make those contacts with extended family members, friends, co-workers, members of your church and others. As our annual budget relies on the money earned from this fundraising event, we are grateful for your efforts to meet and surpass the goal for each family.

## St. Agnes Forms

### **Handbook Acknowledgment Form:**

Last week, 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:**

Last week, 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 was due back last week. If you have not sent in this form, please do so ASAP.

## Volunteering

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

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

## Coffee & Conversation with the Principal

Each October, we open wide the doors of dialogue as we serve host to Coffee & Conversation. This event serves as an opportunity to gather together in our multi-purpose room, and to share your questions, concerns and commendations about the first 5-6 weeks of the school year. This being said, parents and grandparents are asked to RSVP [HERE](#) for each of the following events:

- October 8 at 8:20am: Pre-K, Kindergarten, First Grades
- October 15 at 8:20am: Second, Third, Fourth and Fifth Grades
- October 22 at 8:20am: Sixth, Seventh and Eighth Grades

## Mark Your Calendar

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| 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 8    | Coffee & Conversation with the Principal: PK-1          |
| 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                     |
| October 15   | Coffee & Conversation with the Principal: 2-5           |



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