



ST. AGNES
SCHOOL

Wednesday e-Folder

October 2, 2019

Our Catholic Tradition—Blessing of Pets

This time of year, people in various places may notice something odd. A procession of animals, everything from dogs, cats, hamsters, birds, lizards and even horses (among other creatures), are included in a special ceremony called the “Blessing of Pets”. This custom is conducted in remembrance of Saint Francis of Assisi’s and his love for all living things. Francis, whose feast day is this Friday, October 4, wrote a *Canticle of the Creatures, an ode to God’s living things*. “All praise to you, Oh Lord, for all these brother and sister creatures.”

In keeping with this Franciscan custom, a priest will often welcome each animal with a special prayer which is followed by sprinkling the pet with holy water. While this blessed event typically occurs outdoors, it can also be held in church as its own service.

Every creature is important. The love we give to a pet, and receive from a pet, can draw us more deeply into the larger circle of life, into the wonder of our common relationship to our Creator.

Quote of the Week

*“Patience, prayer
and
silence...these are
what give strength
to the soul.”*

Saint Maria Faustina

<https://www.franciscanmedia.org/blessing-of-animals/>

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Things You Need to KNOW:

Blessing of Pets—10/4

This Friday, October 4 marks the feast day for Saint Francis of Assisi. In keeping with our Catholic tradition, students are invited to bring in small pets to receive a special blessing from Fr. Isaac. We will gather outside in the area between the Activity Center and the basketball court. All pets that come for the blessing ceremony must either be on a leash, in a cage or in a bowl. Smaller sized pets who reside in a bowl or cage are invited to visit our classrooms. However, any student who would like to bring their caged pet must first ask their homeroom teacher.

Family members are welcome to join us for this special event. However, please note that all families who plan to attend our “Blessing of the Animals” prayer service is asked to park their vehicle in the Shoppers Lot. We hope to see all of our four legged and finned friends on Friday!

Feast of the Holy Rosary—10/7

This Monday, October 7 marks the Feast of the Holy Rosary. On this blessed day, our 8th grade and 1st grade prayer partner group will lead us in a special prayer service. This wonderful occasion will find our prayer partners leading our community in the prayers of the Rosary as we celebrate the Glorious Mysteries of our faith. The Rosary that is used is a life sized (nearly the size of the basketball court), handcrafted wooden Rosary.

As is customary at St. Agnes, we invite you and your family to join us for our prayer service events. For your reference, the event will begin at approximately 8:05am and will be held in the Activity Center.

Middle School “Cub Club”—10/9

Our “Cub Club” for the month of October is scheduled for next Wednesday, October 9. This monthly afterschool activity runs from 3:15pm to 4:00pm.

As a reminder, all “Cub Club” participants must be picked up at 4:00pm. Those who aren’t will be sent to Aftercare and will be charged a drop-in fee.

Leadership Saint of the Week

Saint Maria Faustina serves as our featured *Leadership Saint of the Week*. As the patron saint of Mercy, Maria’s feast day is Saturday, October 5. Although Maria Kowalska had limited education, her deep love for Jesus brought her personal revelations that she then wrote about in her diary. These devotional writings were based on the Christological apparitions of Jesus and were developed into the Chaplet of the Divine Mercy. This series of prayers are often said daily at 3:00pm.

Leadership Word of the Day

Deference (9/26): esteem toward a person (often an elder); a gesture of humble respect

Dependability (9/30): the quality of being trustworthy and reliable

Determination (10/1): a fixed attention to achieve a desired goal; resolving a question through reasoning

Diligence (10/2): steady and persevering work or effort

Midday Maryland—10/3

St. Agnes School will be featured on WMAR’s Midday Maryland on October 3. Tune in at 12:00pm and check out the best Catholic school in Baltimore!

“Monster Mash Bash” Middle School Social—10/25

Our first middle school social event of the year is scheduled for Friday, October 25 from 7:00pm to 9:00pm. Students in grades 6, 7 and 8 are invited to attend our always festive Halloween dance event and expected to arrive in costume. Although there is no cost for this event, please RSVP by clicking [HERE](#).

Things You Are Asked to DO:

Coffee & Conversation with the Principal

If you have not RSVP'd for our annual *Coffee & Conversation* events, parents and grandparents are asked to do so [HERE](#). For any parent with multiple children enrolled at St. Agnes, please know that each meeting is similar in nature. As such, it is only necessary to attend one *Coffee & Conversation* event.

- 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

Parent-Teacher Conference Day—10/18

There are no classes for Friday, October 18 as we have we have set aside an opportunity to meet with your child's teachers. Our parent-teacher conference begins at 8:00am and concludes at 4:00pm with each meeting being arranged as 20 minutes in time. If you need additional time or were unable to arrange a time slot that matches your availability, please contact your child's teacher to arrange another date in which to meet. Please click [HERE](#) to schedule your meeting.

Race for Education—10/17

With 15 days to go, we have raised just shy of HALF of our \$30,000 goal. This is the only fundraiser we ask **ALL families to participate in**. Fundraising helps defer the costs of many programs and initiatives that tuition does not cover. If you did not turn in your packet with envelopes to mail, you still have time to ask friends, family, neighbors, and or co-workers. We need ALL HANDS ON DECK! If you do not choose to ask others to help your family meet your goal of \$200 you may write a check for the \$200 and send it in to the office, as many other families have done. Thank you for your continued support of St. Agnes School!

See it. Snap it. Share it. Contest.

With Our Fall Open House is next Sunday, October 13 from 10am - 12pm. We have posted Open House signs in the yards of many of our families in the area. To help us get the word out.... we are having a contest. If you see a sign in a yard, take a picture of it and share it on social media using the hashtag **#SASModelsTheWay**. Remember to make your post public so we can see that you shared it. One random winner will be picked to receive a \$25 Amazon Gift Card! SHARE AWAY!

St. Agnes Admissions Open House—October 13

Just a reminder that our Admissions Open House event is scheduled for next Sunday, October 13. Please invite anyone with school aged children (your friends, neighbors, co-workers, those within your church congregation and extended family members) who would benefit from a St. Agnes education. This special event will begin at 10:00am and will conclude at 12:00pm.

Thank you in advance for your help in recruiting the next generation of BEARS!

Spaghetti Supper—November 2

Tickets are now on sale for the most fun dinner you will have this year! Our 15th Annual Spaghetti Dinner is Saturday, November 2nd. Tickets are \$7 per person ages 5 and up. Children 4 and under eat free! Purchase them now on our events page: www.stagnesschool.net/events. Volunteers are needed to help set up, serve, run games and clean up. Click [HERE](#) to sign up as a volunteer

Mark Your Calendar

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
October 15	7th Grade Service Experience at Frederick Villa
October 16	Parent Reunification Drill at MDSA
October 17	Race for Education
October 18	Parent-Teacher Conferences

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