



ST. AGNES  
SCHOOL

Wednesday e-Folder

October 11, 2017

## October's Theme: *The Dignity of the Human Person*

### Feast Day of our Faith

Today marks the feast day for St. John XVIII. As the Pontiff during one of the most instrumental events in the life of our Church, the Second Vatican Council (1962) was established as a means of spiritual renewal and as an occasion for Christians separated from the Church to join in search for reunion. During his opening remarks, Pope John XVIII advised the council members to use the work of the Council as an opportunity to meet the pastoral needs of the church. Moreover, by describing the church as the people of God, the council fathers provided the theological justification for changing the defensive and inflexible stance that had characterized much of Catholic thought and practice since the early 1500's.

The following reflection was shared by Pope John XVIII:

*God desires us to follow the examples of the saints by absorbing the vital sap of their virtues and turning it into our own life-blood, adapting it to our own individual capacities and particular circumstances.*

#### Quote of the week:

*"Faith is like a bright ray of sun light. It enables us to see God in all things as well as all things in God."*

**Saint Francis de Sales**



8th grade service team serving lunch at My Brother's Keeper

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# Things You Need to KNOW:

## Fall & Winter Uniform — October 23, 2017

Due to the recent unseasonably warm weather, we will delay the start date for our Fall & Winter Uniform by one week. That said, please note that students are expected to be in their Fall & Winter Uniform on Monday, October 23rd.

## Coffee and Conversation - 6th through 8th

6th through 8th grade parents and grandparents are invited to attend an informal gathering with the Principal and other parents. The meeting is scheduled to begin around 8:15am on Tuesday, October 17th and will be held in the Activity Center conference room. Before our gathering, please feel free to join us at 8:05am for our daily Community Meeting. As a point of clarification, please note that the content offered by the Principal during each grade level “coffee” meeting will be similar. However, you are welcome to attend more than one “coffee” event if you chose so.

## Emergency Preparedness Drill

As a reminder, we have scheduled an emergency preparedness drill for next Wednesday, October 18th. On this day we will rehearse an internal lockdown response, building evacuation and parent reunification procedure at our off-campus safe staging area located on the campus of Mount de Sales Academy. All families will be notified of the event by our emergency alert system and will be directed to pick your child(ren) up on the campus of Mount de Sales. Please also note that rehearsing the reunification portion of our drill means that there will be **NO AFTERCARE PROVIDED ON THIS DAY**. Please expect an email this week regarding the details of this event.

## Online Calendar

The school calendar is now on our website. As a reminder, please regularly review our online calendar as a means in which to remain current with the events and activities of [BEAR Nation](#).

## N.U.T. Day (Non-Uniform Today)

Our next scheduled NUT Day is arranged for Thursday, October 26th and will benefit the upcoming HSA Spaghetti Supper. Any student who would like to participate in the NUT Day is to bring in either a box of regular spaghetti or \$1.

## “Monster Mash Bash” Halloween Social

A festive Halloween social event is planned for Friday, October 27th from 7:00pm to 9:00pm. All 6th, 7th and 8th grade students are invited to attend. Students are asked to arrive in costume for a night filled with music and fun activities. Please click [HERE](#) for a copy of the required Permission form.

## “Hallo-Giving” Parade Project

St. Agnes students will be invited to participate in a special Christian service event on Tuesday, October 31st. On this day, our entire school will parade across the street to the Frederick Villa Nursing Care Center as an opportunity to share the Light of Christ with the elderly residents of this local senior care facility. Please note that on this day, students will be asked to arrive to school in non-scary costumes (no witches, zombies, devils, etc. permitted). On a similar note, students are not allowed to wear masks that cover their face. Happy “Hallo-Giving”!

Please click [HERE](#) for a copy of the required Permission form.

# Things You Are Asked to DO:

## H.S.A Notes

### Volunteer Hours Update:

- Thank you to all of the parents who are already working towards their 20 hours! Please be sure to submit your hours by clicking on this link: <https://goo.gl/ZAZtYy>. You are responsible for keeping track of your own hours.

### Upcoming Events:

- ⇒ 10/27 Paint Night
- ⇒ 10/28 Trunk or Treat
- ⇒ 11/4 Spaghetti Dinner
- ⇒ 11/17 Movie Night

## Nurse's Notes

**Hearing and Vision Screening:** provided annually by the Baltimore County Health Department, has been delayed until April 26th and 27th. At that time, we will provide the screening to PreK4, 1st, 4th, and 8th grades, along with any students new to the Baltimore County school system or any Kindergarten students, not tested here in PreK4. For your reference, forms will be distributed prior to the dates. And please note that permission forms must be filled out and signed by parents, for any student to be screened. More details to follow later this spring.

**Oral Health Impact Program:** Parents will soon receive information on the "Oral Health Impact Program". As part of this program, a dentist and his assistant will be available at our school to exam the children's teeth. Prior to the dental examination, parents will be required to return a signed permission form. As soon as the forms are received, we will notify families of the scheduled examination date.

## Catholic High School Fair

On Wednesday, October 25th at Our Lady of Victory, middle school students are invited to attend the Catholic High School Fair. With high school just around the bend for our 8th grade students, members of the Class of 2018 are strongly encouraged to attend. Please click [HERE](#) for a copy of the flyer.

## Box Top Blitz

Just a reminder, our first batch of "Box Tops" will be turned in on October 30, 2017. Our goal for the 2017-2018 School year is \$1,000. This is an easy way to raise money for our school! Simply ask your family and friends to donate their "Box Tops". Beginning on Monday, October 2, students are asked turn in their "Box Tops" to their homeroom teacher.

Ways to turn in your Box Tops (check to make sure the Box Tops have not expired):

- Tape the "Box Top" to the collection sheet that will be sent home with your students on Thursday.
- Place Box Tops in a storage bag.
- Track St. Agnes' progress by creating an account at <http://www.boxtops4education.com/>. Our school ID is 145829. Once logged in, you can also get coupons for some of your favorite Box Tops products and find bonus Box Top opportunities! Also, feel free to print out additional collection sheets if you need more!

If you want to help out with the collection, please contact Michelle Gahagen at [boxtops4stagnes@gmail.com](mailto:boxtops4stagnes@gmail.com).

## Mark Your Calendar

- October 17:** "Coffee & Conversation" with the Principal: 6th to 8th
- October 18:** Lock-down, Evacuation and Parent Reunification Drill (student pick-up on the campus of Mount de Sales)
- October 19:** 7th Grade Retreat at St. William of York
- October 20:** Early Dismissal Day—12:30pm
- October 24:** Interim Reports Sent Home
- October 25:** Fire Drill
- October 26:** N.U.T. Day (Non-Uniform Today event)
- October 27:** 6th—8th Grades Halloween "Monster Mash Bash" Social; and H.S.A. Paint Night
- October 28:** H.S.A. Trunk or Treat
- October 31:** "Hallow-Giving" Parade Project; Early Dismissal; and Parent-Teacher Conferences

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