

St. Agnes School

Wednesday e-Folder

September 20, 2017



The "Bubble Brigade" welcoming new students to St. Agnes School

Theme for the Year

We Are Called

Quote for the Week

"Not all of us can do great things. But we all can do small things with great love."

St. Teresa of Calcutta

Reflection & Prayer

Tomorrow marks the feast day for the Apostle, St. Matthew. As the author of the first Book in the New Testament, Matthew offers a message of promise for the faithful and hope for the lost. As the patron saint of accountants and bankers, may we offer our prayer of faith-filled hope to this blessed Apostle as we dedicate our lives to living a heavenly life on earth:

O Glorious St. Matthew, in your Gospel you portray Jesus as the longed-for Messiah who fulfilled the Prophets of the Old Covenant and as the new Lawgiver who founded a Church of the New Covenant. Obtain for us the grace to see Jesus living in his Church and to follow his teachings in our lives on earth so that we may live forever with him in heaven...Amen.

Mark Your Calendar

September 21: N.U.T. Day (Non-Uniform Today)

September 22: Fire Drill at 11:00am; Early Dismissal Day at 12:30pm

September 25: No School

October 3: "Coffee & Conversation" with the Principal for Pre-K 3 to 1st Grade Parents

October 4th: 6th Grade Retreat at St. William of York.

October 18: Lock-down, Evacuation and Parent Reunification Drill (Mount de Sales Academy campus)

October 19th: 7th Grade Retreat at St. William of York.

N.U.T. Day

This Thursday, September 21st, your child is invited (but not required) to participate in a N.U.T. Day (*Non-Uniform Today* dress-out day). Any student who chooses to participate is expected to contribute \$1 that will be used to provide hurricane relief to The Basilica School in Key West, Florida. Please know that your family is invited to contribute additional funds if you so choose.

If the \$1 participation fee proves to be difficult for your family, please contact the principal.

Long Weekend

Please note that we have scheduled an early dismissal day (12:30pm) on Friday, September 22nd and a school holiday on Monday, September 25th.

Nurse's Notes

Any student who is missing immunization documentation will be required to provide this paperwork to Mrs. Madigan by Tuesday, September 26th. Maryland State mandates that immunization documentation must be presented to the school within 20 days of the start of the school year. Failure to comply will exclude the child from school until the required paperwork is submitted.

STAND Training

All volunteers must complete the Application for Volunteer Service, the Volunteer Criminal History Screening Consent Form and the Shield the Vulnerable video training to be eligible to serve as an on-campus volunteer with our students. For

your reference, once approved, the clearance remains in effect for five years.

Please click here to access the training link:
<http://www.shieldthevulnerable.org/>

Driver/Chaperone Needed

We are seeking a STAND approved volunteer to drive and chaperone a group of four 8th grade students to serve lunch at *My Brother's Keeper* on Frederick Rd in Catonsville. The next scheduled project day is Friday, October 6th from 10:15am to 12:15pm. Please contact the school office if you are able to serve. And yes, these hours count towards your family's 20-hour volunteer commitment!

Student Council Officers

Students in the 7th and 8th grade are invited to apply to serve as leaders for the 2016-2017 Student Council. Applications are being accepted for President, Vice-President and Secretary. Students must complete the required form which includes both a parent signature and teacher recommendation signatures.

Coffee & Conversation

Parents and grandparents are invited to attend an informal gathering with the Principal and other parents. The meetings will be held in the Activity Center conference room and will begin around 8:15am. Before our gathering, please feel free to join us at 8:05am for our daily Community Meeting.

October 3: PK 3-1st grade parents

October 10: 2nd - 5th grade parents

October 17: 6th - 8th grade parents

Afternoon Pick-up

As a reminder, if you choose to park in the Shoppers Food lot, you are reminded that all students **must have an adult** walk up to the lot to pick them up. Students may not walk down to the lot by themselves.

Private Schools Family Survey

Each family should have received a copy of the Private Schools Family Survey. The confidential information you share on your returned survey form is used to determine funding eligible funding for a variety of governmentally sponsored programs. Please return your completed form to the school office by no later than Friday, September 29th. Thank you in advance for your timely return of this form.

H.S.A. Notes

Special thanks to all those who signed up to volunteer at Back to School Night! If you did not have a chance, don't worry! Just keep any eye out for volunteer opportunities, and jump right in!

Volunteer Hour Reminder: Parents who are the sole custodian of their children may request Single Parent status (requiring 10 volunteer hours) through the school office by the end of September. You must RE-APPLY every year.

All families are responsible for submitting their own volunteer hours by clicking [HERE](#).

Emergency Preparedness Drill

As a means in which to prepare and practice our Emergency Response Plan, we have scheduled an EP Drill for Wednesday, October 18th. On this day we will rehearse an internal lockdown response and building evacuation. Once we evacuate, we will travel by foot to our off-campus safe staging area which is located at Mount de Sales Academy. As a means in which to imitate all three phases of such an emergency, all families will be notified by our emergency alert system of the event and the need 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**. More information will be provided as we draw closer to the event.

World's Finest Chocolate

Our chocolate bar fundraiser continues through Tuesday, October 2nd. Think sweet, chocolate, treat and SELL-SELL- SELL!

The BEAR Den Blog

Don't forget to take a moment to check out **The BEAR DEN Blog** that can be found at: <https://www.stagnesschool.net/blog>