



ST. AGNES  
SCHOOL

Wednesday e-Folder

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## February Theme — *Care for the Poor & Vulnerable*

As we conclude our month's theme of the Care for the Poor and the Vulnerable, we look toward this Saturday and the celebration of the feast day for Saint Katharine Drexel as a life spent caring and serving those in need.

Born in 1858 into a prominent Philadelphia family, Katharine became imbued with love for God and neighbor. She took an avid interest in the material and spiritual well-being of black and native Americans. She began by donating money but soon concluded that more was needed – the lacking ingredient was people. Katharine founded the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament for Black and Native American peoples, whose members would work for the betterment of those they were called to serve.

As a testimony to the mission of her work, St. Katharine Drexel is celebrated as the patron saint for racial justice and philanthropy.

Because of her lifelong dedication to her faith and her selfless service to the oppressed, Pope John Paul II canonized her on October 1, 2000 to become only the second recognized American-born saint.

<https://thepeacefulplace.wordpress.com/2015/03/03/gods-will-quote-by-st-katharine-drexel-feast-day-3-march/>

### Quote of the Week:

*"Kindness is the  
natural fruit of  
goodness of the  
heart."*

**St. Katharine  
Drexel**



<https://www.stkdcc.org/>

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# Things You Need to KNOW:

## School Safety

As your child's Catholic school, there is no greater responsibility we hold each day than the care and protection of our children. To this point, in times such as these, it is important that we remind our school families of the devoted effort and continued attention we provide to the safety of our students. Moreover, we dedicate ourselves towards preparation, planning, practice and our partnership with community agencies. Each month, we rehearse our response to critical incidents with drills that range from fire, bomb threat, severe weather, earthquake, internal intruder lockdown, evacuation and parent reunification.

As the governing body of our Catholic school system, the Archdiocese of Baltimore responds to the topic of community safety with similar seriousness as does our local school. In light of recent tragedies, the AoB has asked that all schools make the following letter available to each of our families. Please click [HERE](#) for a copy of this letter.

## St. Agnes Science Night!

The first ever "Science Night" comes to St. Agnes this Friday, March 2nd from 6:30pm to 8:00pm in the Activity Center. The UMBC Chemistry Department is generously serving as table presenters for what is certain to be a fun-filled and awe-inspiring event which will excite our students about the wonderful world that exists in Science. Also, all attending students are asked to please bring an empty and clean disposable plastic water bottle (with the lid) to the event. Don't be surprised if your child comes home with a container full of "lava"! Please click [HERE](#) for an informational flyer.

## Chromebook Parent Meeting (4th-8th Grade)

In preparation for the next stage of our Technology initiative, we will be hosting a 4th-8th grade parent meeting for next Wednesday, March 7th at 6:00pm. The goal of this meeting is to discuss the responsibilities and Acceptable Use Agreement that will accompany our new Chromebook technology. Thank you in advance for your attendance at this important meeting.

## Easter Egg Hunt

St. Agnes School and St. Agnes Parish are hosting a community Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 24th for children 10 and under. Sign-in starts at 9am with the hunt starting promptly at 9:30. Click [HERE](#) for an informational flyer. Online registration is encouraged; please register [HERE](#).

## Middle School St. Patrick's Day Dance Social

What better way to celebrate St. Patrick's feast day than to provide our students an opportunity to enjoy a social event just for them. With this being said, we have arranged a festive celebration in honor of the most **GREEN** day of the year! All 6th, 7th and 8th grade students are invited to share in on the fun as they dance and socialize from 7:00pm to 9:00pm. If your child plans on attending, please click [HERE](#) to register.

## Weekly Stations of the Cross Prayer Service (4th—8th Grades)

Each Friday during Lent, students in grades 4th—8th will walk the journey of Christ with our weekly Stations of the Cross prayer service. The 6th grade will lead this first scheduled prayer service. Please note that the younger grade students will be take part in a classroom version of the weekly Stations walk. Please know that parents and other guests are invited to join us in the church for this weekly prayer service event.

## PowerSchool Parent Access

In the preparation for end of T2 PowerSchool parent access will close on Thursday 3/8 and re-open Wednesday 3/14.

# Things You Are Asked to DO:

## H.S.A. Notes

- **Used Uniform Items:** As we move through the school year, our used uniform closet remains as a helpful way to supplement your child's apparel needs. Please feel free to stop by and peruse through the available items. As a reminder, the suggested donation for each piece of clothing is \$1.
- **Restaurant Night:** Mark your calendar for the next Restaurant Night event that is scheduled for March 14th at Panda Express.

## Lenten Service Project

St. Agnes will be packing meals on Saturday, March 17th from 9:00am to 1:00pm to benefit **Catholic Relief Services' Helping Hands Program** which delivers meals to church-run centers in West Africa. You may donate online: <http://helpinghands.crs.org/events/st-agnes-st-william-2018/> and/or volunteer for the event by signing-up via our parish website: [www.saintsaw.org](http://www.saintsaw.org).

## "Feed the Hungry" Fridays

We are proud to report that last week, the St. Agnes community donated 140 pounds of canned goods and non-perishable items to the Catonsville Emergency Assistance agency. Well done BEAR NATION! This week we continue our Lenten commitment to care for those in need, we are aiming for 200 pounds!

So as you grocery shop this week, please consider picking up an extra few items for our local neighbors. Although all items are welcomed, the CEA offers the following as its most desired items: *Pancake Mixes, Pancake Syrup, Muffin Mixes, Pasta Sides, Peanut Butter, Potato Sides, Mashed Potatoes, Rice Sides, Cake Mixes, Brownie Mixes, Frosting, Peanut Butter, Canned Chicken Soup, Canned Meats (Spam, corned beef, ham, salmon), Granola Bars, Canned Fruit, Canned Corn, Canned Stew or Chili, Diced Tomatoes, Tomato Paste*. Items may be brought into the school office. Thank you for your support!

## Volunteer Opportunities

- **St. Patrick's Day Parade:** Families are asked to represent St. Agnes School at the **St. Patrick's Day Parade** on Sunday, March 11. Please RSVP to Katie Wilder at [kwilder@stagnesschool.net](mailto:kwilder@stagnesschool.net).
- **Easter Egg Hunt:** The St. Agnes Parish and School Community will host an **Easter Egg Hunt** on Saturday, March 24. Volunteers are needed to donate filled eggs (24 eggs = 1 Hour, up to 3 hours max per family). Filled eggs (containing candy or small trinkets) are due by Friday, March 9. Volunteers are also needed to hide the eggs and help during the event. Please sign-up [HERE](#).
- **Middle School Social:** We are need of parent volunteers who are willing to decorate and clean-up for the March 17th St. Patrick's Day dance social event. Please contact the school office if you are willing to assist.

## Pre-K 3 "Meet & Greet"

Following the Easter Egg Hunt, St. Agnes School is hosting a PreK-3 Meet and Greet event in which prospective families can come explore the classroom, meet our teachers, and meet new friends. This event will be held from 10-12 on Saturday, March 24. Feel free to pass this [FLYER](#) along to anyone who may be looking for PreK-3 in the fall. Participants are asked to register [HERE](#).

## Mark Your Calendar

<b>March 2:</b>	8th Grade Service Experience at MBK
<b>March 2:</b>	St. Agnes Science Night
<b>March 5:</b>	NO SCHOOL: Faculty Professional Development Day
<b>March 7:</b>	Chromebook Parent Meeting: 4th-8th Grades
<b>March 9:</b>	End of Trimester 2
<b>March 13:</b>	7th Grade Service Experience at Frederick Villa
<b>March 14:</b>	H.S.A. Restaurant Night at Panda Express
<b>March 15:</b>	"Luck O' The Irish" Green-Themed N.U.T. Day
<b>March 16:</b>	Trimester 2 Report Cards Sent Home
<b>March 17:</b>	"Helping Hands" Lenten Service Project
<b>March 17:</b>	Middle School St. Patrick's Day Dance Social

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