



ST. AGNES  
SCHOOL

Wednesday e-Folder

October 9, 2019

## The Gift of the Holy Rosary

On Monday, our school community celebrated the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary. This feast day was established by Saint Pius V in 1573 and serves as a reminder that the purpose of the Rosary is to help us meditate on the great mysteries of our salvation. The main focus is on Jesus—his birth, life, death, and resurrection. The *Our Father* prayers remind us that Jesus' Father is the initiator of salvation. The *Hail Mary* prayers remind us to join with Mary in contemplating these mysteries. They also make us aware that Mary was and is intimately joined with her Son in all the mysteries of his earthly and heavenly existence. The *Glory Be* prayers remind us that the purpose of all life is the glory of the Trinity. The simple and constant repetition of the words in these prayers helps create an atmosphere in which to contemplate the mysteries of God. We sense that Jesus and Mary are with us in the joys and sorrows of life. We grow in hope that God will bring us to share in the glory of Jesus and Mary forever.

This year's theme, "The Year to Lead", invites us **MODEL the Way** of leadership. During our prayer service this week, our 8th and 1st grade prayer partners introduced our virtue trait for the month of October: Merciful. Each time we pray a decade of the rosary as a school, we conclude by asking Jesus to help all those who are most in need of his mercy. To put this into practice, each student will be creating a card for a resident of Mary's House, a pregnancy support home for expectant mothers. Please keep the families of Mary's House in your prayers.

### Quote of the Week

*"Prayer is the raising of the mind to God. We must always remember this. The actual words matter less."*

**Saint John XXIII**



Feast of the Holy Rosary Prayer Service

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# Things You Need to KNOW:

## Interim Reports—10/15

On Tuesday, October 15, students in grades 1-8 will be sent home with a copy of their Interim Progress Report.

## Financial Obligations

As part of our school policy, any family who is not current with their financial obligations (tuition and/or fees) at any point in the year, is not eligible to receive a copy of their child's Interim Progress Report or Trimester Report Card, until at which time the family becomes current. For any parent with a payment that exceeds 30 days past due, that family will also lose access to the parent portal in Power School.

## School Closed—10/18

To provide time for our families to meet with our teachers, school is closed for classes next Friday to accommodate our first trimester Parent-Teacher Conference day.

## Midday Maryland

If you weren't able to watch the St. Agnes' segment last week on WMAR's Midday Maryland , please click [HERE](#) to watch the video.

## N.U.T. Day—10/23

On Wednesday, October 23, the students are invited to participate in a non-uniform day and arrive to school wearing the color **ORANGE** as part of their N.U.T. Day attire. Students may either participate by bringing in one box (or more) of spaghetti noodles or \$1. As a reminder, all students must have paid their participation fee from the September N.U.T. Day to be eligible for this **ORANGE** themed non-uniform day. The color is in unity with National Bullying Prevention Day and is being sponsored by our PBIS team.

## High School Fair—10/24

On Thursday, October 24 at 6:00pm, students in 6, 7 and 8 grade are invited to attend the Archdiocese of Baltimore, High School Fair that is being held at St. Mark School here in Catonsville. No homework will be assigned to the middle school so as to support our student's attendance at this informative event.

## "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](#).

## Leadership Saint of the Week

Saint (Pope) John XXIII serves as our featured *Leadership Saint of the Week*. As the patron saint of papal delegates, John's feast day is Friday, October 11. Having come from humble beginnings, Angelo Giuseppe Roncalli (Pope John XXIII) was born into a farming family. Shortly after he was elected Pope, John XXIII announced the formation of the Second Vatican Council as a means of spiritual renewal for the Church. In reflection of the groundbreaking doctrines that emerged from Vatican II, Pope John XXIII said that "the Gospel did not change, only that we begun to understand it better." Saint John XXIII was a true visionary and a humble man of action.

## Leadership Word of the Day

**Discernment (10/3):** the ability to wisely judge as one decides between truth and falsehood.

**Discretion (10/8):** the quality of having good judgment and the ability to make good decisions.

**Empathy (10/9):** the ability to relate to another person's pain, as if one has experienced the pain them self.

# Things You Are Asked to DO:

## See it. Snap it. Share it. Contest.

With Our Fall Open House scheduled for this 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!

## 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 15 at 8:20am: Second, Third, Fourth and Fifth Grades
- October 22 at 8:20am: Sixth, Seventh and Eighth Grades

## Race for Education—10/17

With 8 days to go, we have raised just over HALF of our \$30,000 goal. As this is the only fundraiser, it is expected that **ALL families participate in this event**. 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!

## Parent-Teacher Conference Day—10/18

We have set aside Friday, October 18 as 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.

## 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](http://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

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| 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 | Fire Drill                                      |
| October 17 | Race for Education                              |
| October 18 | School Closed—Parent-Teacher Conferences        |
| October 22 | Coffee & Conversation with the Principal: 6-8   |
| October 23 | N.U.T. Day (Orange Themed)                      |
| October 24 | Regional High School Fair at St. Mark (6-8)     |



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