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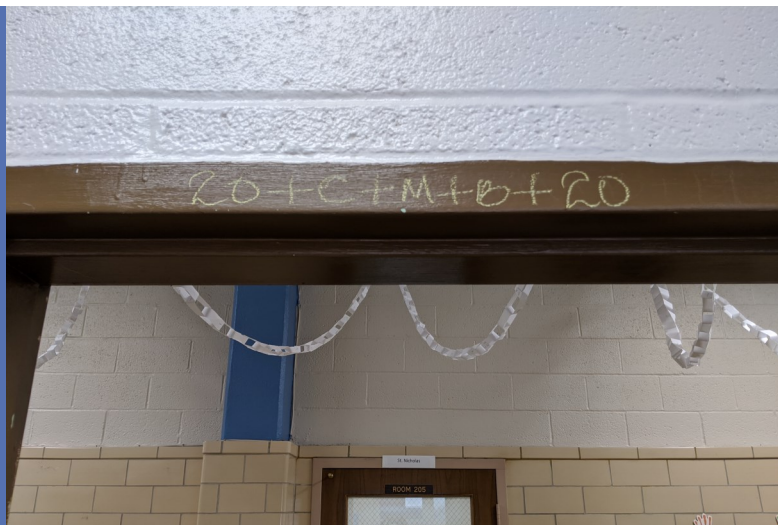
## The Feast of the Epiphany

On Monday, our faith community celebrated the blessed feast of the Epiphany. This day honors the journey of the Three Wise Men - Casper, Melchior and Balthazar - as they followed the great star which led them to the manager of our Lord. This special feast also celebrates the revelation that Jesus was the Son of God. And on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of Christmas, the Magi had come to Bethlehem in search of the King of kings. This journey led them to Jesus as they presented Him with the precious gift of gold to honor the newborn King, incense to the true God in human form, and myrrh to anoint His body. And on this feast day, Fr. Isaac visited our school building to offer prayers and a special blessing to each classroom. As he traveled about St. Agnes, three letters were positioned between the numbers of the new calendar year, 20 + C + M + B + 20, and were carefully inscribed on the beam above each doorway. During the chalking ceremony, the tradition recalled the names of the Magi - Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar. The custom is offered by inscribing the first letters of their three names — C, M, B —upon the door frame. This religious practice often considers that the letters C M B may also stand for the Latin phrase "Christus Mansionem Benedicat," meaning "May Christ bless this dwelling." This inscription along the door frame of each classroom left behind a sacred sign and symbol of God's love for us.

### Quote of the Week

*"As Christ has His work, we too have ours. As he rejoiced to do His work, we must rejoice in ours also."*

**Saint John Neumann**



The Symbol for the Epiphany Blessing of the Classrooms

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# Things You Need to KNOW:

## Dismissal Procedure

Just a reminder, that once you arrive to campus for the afternoon dismissal, our procedure requires families to pull into the “stadium parking” arrangement from right to left until at which time a row is filled up to the end of the center island. Once a row is filled, please pull into the next row, and so forth. Following this established procedure will minimize any backup by the metal gate and out into Old Frederick Lane. Thank you for your attention to this traffic flow and safety procedure.

## Trimester 2 Interim Reports—1/17

As we quickly approach the mid-point of Trimester 2, please note that on Friday, January 17, we will send home a copy of the Interim Reports.

As a reminder of our school policy, any family who is not current with their tuition, extended care fees or other required payment is not eligible to receive a copy of their child’s Interim Report until which time the account becomes current.

## Dr. Martin Luther King Holiday—1/20

Please note that school will be closed on Monday, January 20 in honor of Dr. King’s “Day of Service”.

## Early Dismissal Day—1/24

In order to accommodate our Trimester 2 Parent Teacher Conference meetings, please make note that we will follow an early dismissal schedule (12:10pm) on Friday, January 24. However, extended care services will be available on this day. As reminder, you must contact Mary Sites if you want to register for this day.

## Leadership Saint of the Week

Saint John Neumann (1811–1860) serves as our Saint of the Week. This faith-filled Redemptorist priest rose quickly to positions of leadership for the Catholic Church. He was first a leader for his religious order as the Vice-Provincial Superior for the Redemptorists, then as the pastor for St. Alphonsus Parish in Woodstock, Maryland, then onto serving as the Bishop of Philadelphia. In his years as Bishop, he is credited with the founding of the Catholic school system for the Archdiocese of Philadelphia and 89 churches (many with parish schools), as well as a number of Catholic hospitals and orphanages. And he did all this in only seven years before his untimely death at the age of 49. John Neumann is recognized as the patron saint for sick children and immigrants.

## Leadership Words of the Day

1/6 **Stewardship**: the careful and responsible management of something entrusted to one's care

1/7 **Thoroughness**: attentive to necessary details and carried through to completion

## Student Talent Show Auditions—1/13 & 1/14

As a reminder, St. Agnes Talent Show auditions are scheduled for January 13 and January 14 from 3:10-4:15 in Mr. Baker’s classroom. And for your planning purposes, the rehearsal will be held on Thursday, January 23 where the students will perform twice—once during the day, and then again at 7:00pm.

## Catholic Schools Week

Each year during the last week of January, Catholic Schools across the nation celebrate the unique blessing of our faith filled educational communities. And at St. Agnes, we use *Catholic Schools Week* as an opportunity to honor all those who make BEAR NATION such a special place to live, learn and love within the light of Christ. Please click [HERE](#) to review the festive and celebratory events that are planned during the week of January 26.

# Things You Are Asked to DO:

## Teacher of the Year

As a reminder, you are invited to share your perspective for the St. Agnes "Teacher of the Year" award. This individual will go on to represent our school and would be considered for the archdiocesan "Teacher of the Year" award. With this being said, we would appreciate your input as part of the process. Therefore, please consider submitting a name of a classroom teacher who exemplifies the qualities of an exceptional educator by the Catholic identity they promote within our school, their leadership and professionalism, and their outstanding efforts to further student achievement. Please click [HERE](#) to provide your input. All surveys must be submitted by Monday, January 13. Thank you .

## Collection for the Maryland SPCA

Our Third and Seventh grade prayer-partner team is sponsoring a school wide collection in support of the animals without homes who cared for by the SPCA. From today through January 24, please consider bringing in any of the following items:

*Dog and Cat Foods (bag of dry food and cans) - any size; Dog and Cat Treats; Dog and Cat Toys; Clean T-shirts, Blankets, Towels; Cleaning Supplies: Bleach, Hand Sanitizer, Scrub Brushes, Latex Gloves, Dish Detergent, Laundry Detergent, Paper Towels, Trash bags*

## H.S.A. Notes

### **Chuck E. Cheese Restaurant Fundraiser:**

Our next scheduled Restaurant Night is scheduled for next Wednesday, January 15 at Chuck E. Cheese. And for added excitement, Chuck E. Cheese himself will be visiting campus at dismissal time on Wednesday, January 15. Flyers will be sent home with the students in grades Pre-K to Grade 4.

### **H.S.A. Parent Meeting**

As a reminder, please join us for our winter H.S.A. meeting that will be held in the school cafeteria and will begin at 6:00pm. Included with this event will be an art showcase, a tour of our new Science Lab, as well as information regarding the 2020-2021 tuition rates. And don't forget, you earn one volunteer hour for attending this function!

## St. Agnes Men's Club Bingo Night—1/17

Next Friday, January 17, at 7:00pm in the Activity Center (Snow date January 24), our Activity Center will become home to the best letters in the alphabet B-I-N-G-O. That's right, the annual St. Agnes Men's Club Bingo Night is coming soon. Seating is very limited. To order tickets, please submit this [ORDER FORM](#) and payment to the School or Parish Office marked "SAMC Bingo". Don't delay—order your tickets today!

As this event serves as a major fundraiser for the St. Agnes Parish programs for our youth (including CYO Basketball), your support is greatly appreciated.

## Trimester 2 Parent-Teacher Conferences—1/24

To arrange a meeting with your child's teacher during our Trimester 2 conference day, please click [HERE](#) to schedule a 20 minute time slot from 1:00pm to 5:40pm on Friday, January 24. Should you be unable to schedule an appointment on this day but would like to arrange a meeting, please contact your child's teacher to schedule a conversation at a different time.

## The BEARtimore Sun Student Newspaper

The recent edition of the BEARtimore Sun is available online for your viewing pleasure. Please click [HERE](#) to read comings and goings of life at St. Agnes.

## Mark Your Calendar

January 9	5th Grade Service Experience at CEA
January 11	Robotics Competition at Calvert Hall College
January 13	8th Grade Service Experience at MBK
January 14	7th Grade Service Experience at Frederick Villa
January 13	Talent Show Auditions
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January 15	Middle School "Cub Club"
January 16	Fire Drill
January 20	No School—Dr. Martin Luther King Holiday
January 22	N.U.T. Day
January 23	Talent Show Rehearsal Day



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