



ST. AGNES
SCHOOL

Wednesday e-Folder

October 31, 2018

All Hallows' Eve

The term Halloween is derived from the term All Hallows' Eve. This day serves as the vigil of The Solemnity of All Saints and is a major feast day on the Catholic Church's liturgical calendar. Thus, All Hallows' Eve is connected with All Saints Day (November 1st) and All Souls Day (November 2nd). This triduum of days taken together are often seen as days of honor for the dead.

While the activities surrounding Halloween are often seen as secular, Catholics will often use "All Hallows' Eve" as an occasion in which to prepare to honor all the saints in heaven as well as all the holy souls detained in purgatory on their way to heaven. So while tonight our students may celebrate the sweet taste of candy, tomorrow we will celebrate the sweet joy of the communion of saints!

Quote of the Week

"On the feast of All Saints and before the Day of the Dead, it is important to think about hope that is anchored in God."

Pope Francis



Halloween Giving "pumpkin" card patch

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Things You Need to KNOW:

All Saints Day Mass

As a scheduled Holy Day, our school community will be attending the All Saints Day mass on Thursday, November 1 at 9:00am. Given that we are attending this mass, we will not be attending our usual Friday mass on November 2.

Drop-Off Adjustment This Week

Due to this adjusted mass schedule, please note that on Thursday, November 1, we will not have Community Meeting. As such, you are asked to drop your child off by the walkway to the entrance of the school building (the procedure for our typical Friday drop-off).

Early Dismissal Day—Friday, November 2

As a reminder, we have scheduled a 12:05pm dismissal on Friday, November 2. Please note that this early dismissal day has been set aside for a professional development workshop meeting.

Spirit Week - November 10-16

We had so much fun last year, we have decided to make Spirit Week and official St. Agnes tradition. From Crazy Hat day to the 8th grade versus Faculty Volleyball Game, our week is packed with SAS Spirit! Click [HERE](#) for a complete list of events.

St. Agnes Reunion Sunday & Open House Event

On Sunday, November 11th, from 10:00am - 1:00pm, we are hosting our 2nd Annual Reunion Sunday and Open House event. On this blessed day, we will invite all St. Agnes alumni, as well as prospective families to attend this special event. The day will begin by celebrating liturgy at the 9:00am Mass. Alumni, guests and prospective families are then invited over to our school for breakfast treats and refreshments. The Open House event will continue until 1:00pm. If you know of any St. Agnes Alumni or prospective family that might be interested in learning more about our school, please contact Katie Wilder at kwilder@stagnesschool.net.

Veterans Day

Following our 9:00am mass on Friday, November 9, we will honor retired, active, inactive, discharged members of the Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Marines & Navy with a special prayer service. Please consider inviting any family, friend or neighbor (regardless of their faith background) to attend this event. Attending veterans are asked to notify the school office if they plan to join us for this ceremony.

Youth Group Night

THIS FRIDAY, November 2nd is the St. Agnes Parish second middle school youth group night! The group will gather from 6-8pm in the Activity Center! Your child is invited to join us for pizza and games as we explore what it means to pray to God and to the saints, and why the two are different, but related. All 5th-8th graders are invited (regardless if your family attends St. Agnes or St. William of York churches).

Things You Are Asked to DO:

H.S.A. Spaghetti Dinner

Our annual Spaghetti Dinner is scheduled for this Saturday, November 3! We will have great food, great company, fun games and raffle baskets! We need your help to make this event a success. Please click [HERE](#) to purchase your tickets. Here is how you can help:

- Volunteer: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090f4aa4a928a4fd0-spaghetti1>
- Cake Wheel: Families are asked to donate cakes for the Cake Wheel. You can earn 1 volunteer hour per baked good (up to 3 hours). Cakes should be dropped off on Friday, November 2.

Recognition of Military Veterans

We have once again scheduled our “Pennies for Peace Protectors Project”. At approximately 3:20pm on Friday, November 9, we will caravan by car to the Baltimore National Cemetery on Frederick Road which serves as the final resting place to over 46,000 veterans. One of the traditions of the military is to place a penny on the headstone of those who have valiantly served our country. Your family is invited to join us as we walk through the cemetery property and place a penny on the grave marker and offer a prayer for their soul. Please RSVP [HERE](#) if your family intends to join us for this special event.

Turkey Drop

Each year, the St. Agnes community rallies together in support of the ministries that the Little Sisters of the Poor provide to the marginalized within Catonsville. To this point, the annual Turkey Drop event has been scheduled for the morning of Friday, November 16. Please consider purchasing either a turkey or ham that will be used to assemble a Thanksgiving meal for the needy in our area. Sr. Lawrence Mary and her “van of virtues in action” will be at our morning drop-off on 11/16. So drop off your children and a Turkey (or ham) that morning as you share the Light of Christ with others.

Mark Your Calendar

November 1:	All Saints Day Mass
November 1:	Severe Weather Drill
November 1:	5th Grade Service Experience at C.E.A. Center
November 2:	12:05 pm Early Dismissal
November 3:	Spaghetti Dinner
November 7:	6th Grade Service Experience for Westside Shelter
November 8:	Fire Drill
November 9:	6th Grade Retreat
November 9:	Veterans Day Mass & Prayer Service
November 9:	Pennies for the Protectors of Peace Project
November 10-16:	Spirit Week
November 11:	Open House

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