

## The Principal's Pen

*By: Mr. Rob Costante*

What an amazing start to the school year! As 200 BEARS arrived to campus on September 4th, it was clear that the 2018-2019 was going to be quite the year. This blessed year at St. Agnes School will be marked by our mindfulness of the daily presence of the Holy Spirit, our commitment to doing our best work in our Academic classes and dedicating ourselves to our Christian calling of Service to the needy.

In keeping with the 2018-2019 Archdiocese of Baltimore theme of "The Year of Service, we are instructed by Jesus in Mark, Chapter 10 verse 43 that "whoever wishes to be great among you will be your servant". And as followers of the Gospel message, you are taught to be servant leaders who are great in sharing the Light of Christ with all whom you meet. You learn this by packing boxes of food for the

hungry at the Catonsville Emergency Assistance, making lunches for the men at the Westside Men's Shelter, spending time with the senior residents at the Frederick Villa Nursing Care Center, and serving meals to the homeless who receive nourishment at My Brother's Keeper.

As we always do, we perform all things for the greater glory of God. And in doing so,

your efforts this year will provide a legacy of leadership for future generations of St. Agnes students to follow. Thank you all for being ambassadors to all that is great about being part of BEAR NATION!

We Are...ST. AGNES!!



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## Introducing the Media Masters

*By: T.J. Graham, 8th Grade*

In the early months of 2017, Mr. Bands lead the Newspaper Club. It was a club where everyone 4th grade and up could help out with the St Agnes School newspaper. There were a lot of students involved in this club. People were working on comics,

articles about the school, and many other topics. As the months went by, the club had made their first newspaper, and the club went to a close. Now, in 2018, Mrs. Wilder along with Mrs. Clemmy formed the new Media Masters.

This club allows students to help with not only the St Agnes School Newspaper, but also with the St Agnes Yearbook and St Agnes School video. This club is great for people with creativity and people who love to share ideas.

# SPIRIT

## Blessing of the Pets Prayer Service

By: Seamus Smith, 8th Grade

The blessing of the Pets was honors the ministry of St. Francis of Assisi and our care for God's Creation. We celebrate this day on October 4th which is also his feast day. St. Agnes offered our own blessing of the pets. Students were encouraged to bring in their pets or photos of their pets at Community

Meeting. After everyone walked around and met each other, all the students lined up and Deacon Jack offered the blessing. All the pets gathered around with their owners as we all quietly waited during prayer. It was a great way to start the day.



## At St. Agnes, Every Room is a Saint

By: Finn Smith, 7th Grade

This year our principal Mr. Costante has asked every teacher to choose a saint for their room. Each teacher chose a saint that has a special meaning to them. Every month I will highlight a few of the teachers and the Saints they chose and why they chose them:

**Mrs. Shea** - St. Catherine of Siena. *Why is this Saint special to you?* She has always been special to me because she is my Confirmation saint. She is also the patron saint of nurses and my mom is a nurse. *What do you think your students could learn from your saint?* I think there is a lot my students can learn about her. She was a deeply spiritual person but also very involved in current events and politics during her life. She

worked toward achieving peace between countries that were at war with the pope. In addition to other things, she is also the patron saint of the United States.



**Mrs. Marts** - St. Nicholas. *Why is this Saint special to you?* St. Nicholas is the Patron saint of small children and that is what is dear to my heart, educating and

taking care of small children. *What do you think your students could learn from your saint?* I hope my students will learn that St Nicholas loved and cared for EVERY child the same way God loves and cares for every child. I also hope my children will learn how loved and special this man was all over the world.



# ACADEMICS

## Teacher Feature - Mrs. White

*By: Henry Romeo, 8th Grade*

Each month in The BEARtime Sun we will interview a teacher to learn some cool facts about them. I like learning about the teachers and I hope you will too.



### **Q1. Why did you choose to be a teacher?**

I got involved in education when I was in college getting my science degree. My advisor asked a few of us if we would help him do science field trips at our school's new science museum. I agreed to help and found out that I really enjoyed it.

### **Q2. Why did you choose Science as your subject?**

I have always been fascinated with the natural world and all of God's creation. I wanted to

learn more about it.

### **Q3. What is your favorite part of St. Agnes?**

The students! I love watching students learn and grow to enjoy science. I also really like being able to talk about all of God's creation and the Bible.

### **Q4. Have you ever had a science project go wrong? What happened?**

Yes - One of my classes was heating up liquids in beakers on hot plates. One of the beakers had a crack that was so small nobody could see it. Once the liquid inside (thankfully that one was only salt water) got hotter, the crack grew and the beaker broke. We had a big mess to clean up.

### **Q5. If you weren't a teacher what would your profession be?**

I would be doing something working with animals. I have worked for a veterinarian and

worked doing wildlife rehabilitation, both of those jobs I really enjoyed.

### **Q6. What is your favorite science experiment?**

I have a lot of fun activities for some of the units I will get to teach this year, I love having students do an activity where they don't even realize that they are learning something new (and having fun while doing it!)

One of my favorites has always been using a microscope to look at things.

### **Q7. What are you most excited for this year?**

I am most excited to teach so many different subjects to all of the grades! Usually, in a middle school, you only get to teach one or two grades - I get to teach more than that, so I will get to teach a little bit of everything. And I'm REALLY excited for the school musical too!!!

## 7th Grade Science Project

*By: Elijah Rowe, 7th Grade*

The cell project is an annual 7th grade science project. This year we were asked to get objects from around the house and make a 3D cell. We could choose to do a plant cell or an animal cell and were asked to

label all the organelles and their functions. We had lots of creative examples of cells, such as jello, cake, and styrofoam. It was a fun and interactive project.



# SERVICE

## Teacher Service Activities

*By: Katie Wilder*

At St. Agnes, we strive to lead by example and place Service Above Self. The Faculty and Staff have participated in two service events already this school year. During our back-to-school week of preparation activities, we worked together to prepare 240 bagged lunches for the residents of the Westside Men's Shelter, the same activity our 6th Grade class does every month. Additionally, on our first

Professional Day of the year, we traveled to First Fruits Farm in Freeland, Maryland. We spent the morning as a group harvesting tomatoes, corn and apples. First Fruits Farm is a ministry non-profit farm run by volunteers to help harvest food for the hungry in Baltimore, Maryland, and Pennsylvania. Both events allowed our team to work together, have fun and give our time and talent in service of others.



## 5th Grade Service Project

*By: David Wilder, 7th Grade*



The 5th Grade class serves at the Catonsville Emergency Assistance Program. The Catonsville Emergency Assistance Program provides local families who are in danger of losing their homes with emergency food and resources. The 5th grade helps them do

just that. They go four at a time to help prepare food for the people. The C.E.A.P. is a great organization that does great things for our community.

## 6th Grade Service Project

*By: Dylan Payne, 6th Grade*

For the 6th grade service project this year, we make lunches for the men at the Westside Men's Shelter. Every month we decorate paper bags and then we make lunches in the cafeteria. We made 120 cheese and butter sandwiches. We all

had lots of fun while doing it and it taught us the importance of helping others. Every month, four of us will go to deliver the meals to the Westside Men's Shelter. All the people at the Men's Shelter were very happy.





# OPINION

## Why St. Agnes Middle School is the BEST!

By: Dylan Payne, 6th Grade

1. All the teachers are nice.
2. We work hard.
3. There is a plethora of afterschool activities.
4. We learn languages other than English.
5. We do service projects.
6. We help the little kids.
7. We all are family.

And we get Pizza on Fridays!



# ARTIST OF THE MONTH

## Leonardo da Vinci

*By: Jamison Washington, 8th Grade*

One of our regular features in the BEARTimore Sun will be an artist of the month. This month, I sat down with Ms. Heather King and asked her about this month's artist: Leonardo da Vinci.

### **Q1. What made you choose the artist Leonardo da Vinci?**

I try to select artists that I know my students will enjoy. I chose Leonardo da Vinci because he was not only famous for his paintings such as Mona Lisa, but he was also an inventor. When he sketched his inventions he wrote the details backwards so it was hard for people to decipher. I like to start out showing students that art is not just painting and drawing. There are connections to art in everything we do!

### **Q2. What is your favorite picture of Leonardo da Vinci?**

That's a tough one. My absolute favorite would have to be The Last Supper. It is a beautiful depiction of our Catholic faith. I also like Mona Lisa. I use Leonardo da Vinci's famous painting in class all the time "Remember to be Mona Lisa Quiet! Eyes on me, mouth closed and hands still!"

### **Q3. What class did a project inspired by Leonardo da Vinci and what did they make?**

The fifth grade did an art project inspired by Leonardo da Vinci. They learned about different inventions he designed and then they came up with their own original invention. Once they had their idea, they used contour lines to sketch their inventions. Then, they had to write the description backwards, just like Leonardo da Vinci. When they were finished, they used a mirror to check their writing.

### **Q4. What inventions did Leonardo da Vinci make?**

He had many inventions. Some of them include the anemometer, flying machine, helicopter, parachute, armored car, and my favorite, the scuba diving suit, just to name a few.





# MEET THE TEAM

## 2018 Media Masters Club



*Back Row: Dylan Payne, TJ Graham, Jamison Washington, Henry Romeo*  
*Front Row: David Wilder, Elijah Rowe, Seamus Smith, Finn Smith*

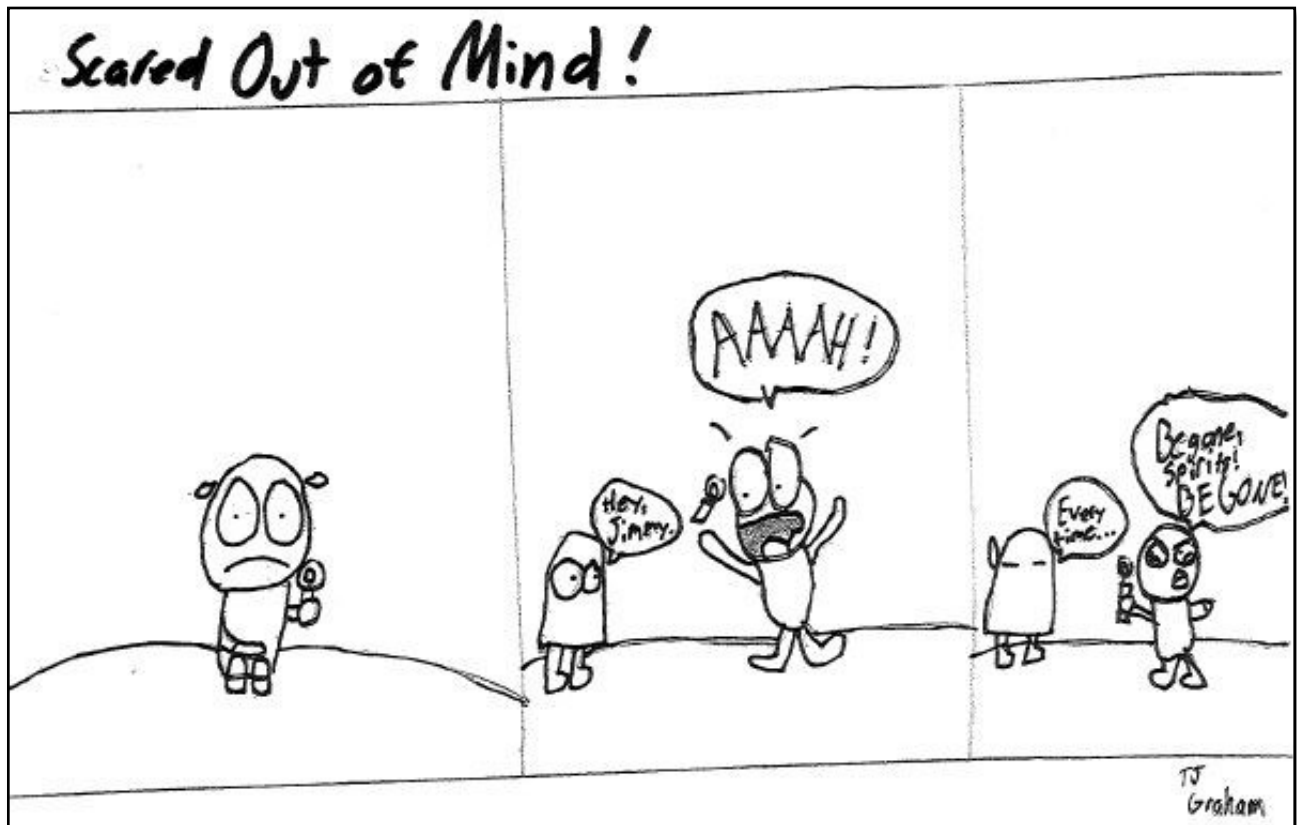
## Meet Mrs. Clemmy Smith

Mrs. Clemmy has been part of the St. Agnes family for five years. She is really excited about working with the Media Masters Club as journalism is a significant part of her background. Her father was a Journalist for a German Newsmagazine called "Der Spiegel" or "The Mirror" and her mother was a TV producer for over 30 years. Mrs. Clemmy loves to read anything, but her favorite is historical non-fiction.

## Meet Mrs. Katie Wilder

Mrs. Katie has been at St. Agnes since 1992. She graduated as a proud Alumna in 1994, and has been a SAS parent since David started in PreK-4 in 2010. She is thrilled for the opportunity to work with the Media Masters Club as she has a degree in Business Communications and has worked in Marketing and Communications for most of her career. She enjoys writing and loves taking pictures, especially of our St. Agnes Bears!

## Some OctoBEAR fun!



## Halloween Word Search

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GHOST

GHOUL

VAMPIRE

MUMMY

FRANKENSTEIN

HAUNTED

WITCH

SPOOKY

SCARY

SKELETON

BONES

WEREWOLF

CANDY

TRICK

TREAT

MONSTER