



ST. AGNES  
SCHOOL

Wednesday e-Folder

January 22, 2020

## The Patroness of our School and Parish

Yesterday, our school and parish community celebrated the feast of St. Agnes of Rome (291-304). Agnes, which means pure, was raised in a noble Christian family. As legend tells us, Agnes was very beautiful. She wanted to remain a virgin and did not want to marry or give her body to another person. Her hand in marriage was highly sought after, and she had many high ranking men chasing after her. Whenever a man wished to marry Agnes, she would always say, "Jesus Christ is my only Spouse."

According to this legend, the young men she turned away became so insulted by her purity to God, that they began to submit her name to authorities as a Christian follower. In one incident, the Governor's son, became very angry when she refused him. In great anger, the son accused Agnes of being a Christian and brought her to his father, the Governor. Failing to convince her to renounce God, Agnes was sentenced to death.

Even though Agnes was only 13 years old, she courageously faced death and became a martyr for her belief in God. Agnes was heroic and took her virginity with her to God's kingdom. Because a lamb's wool is white and pure, the Church uses the symbol of a lamb for Agnes. She is the patron saint of chastity and engaged couples.

### Quote of the Week

*"The farmer will never  
be reproached  
for not having a good  
harvest,  
but only for not  
carefully  
tilling and sowing his  
own ground."*

**Saint Francis  
de Sales**



H.S.A. Restaurant Night at Chuck E. Cheese's

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# Things You Need to KNOW:

## Early Dismissal Days—1/24 and 1/31

- 1/24—Students are dismissed at 12:05pm in order to accommodate Parent-Teacher conference day. After care services WILL be available.
- 1/31—Students will be dismissed at 12:05pm as our H.S.A. will honor our faculty and staff with a Teacher Appreciation luncheon event. After care services WILL NOT be available.

## Catholic Schools Week—1/26 to 1/31

- Sun. 1/26: *Opening of Catholic Schools Week Mass at 9:00am* (All students are asked to show their St. Agnes pride and wear their school uniform to whichever church your family attends)
- Mon. 1/27: *Classroom Visits from 8:30am to 11:00pm* (Click [HERE](#) to attend)  
*H.S.A Meeting at 6:00pm* (Cafeteria)
- Tues. 1/28: *Blue & White N.U.T. Day* (No cost to the students)  
*H.S.A. Provided Hot Dog lunch for the students* (No cost to the students)  
*Faculty vs. 8th Grade basketball game at 2:00pm* (Activity Center)
- Wed. 1/29: *Faculty vs. Middle School Trivia Contest at 8:10am* (Activity Center)  
*Talent Show at 7:00pm* (Activity Center)
- Thurs. 1/30: *Food Drive for Catonsville Emergency Assistance Center Due Date*  
*Field Day Olympics for Maiden Choice School led by the 4th grade* (Activity Center)
- Fri. 1/31 *Admissions Open House for Prospective Families at 9:45am* (Welcome in the Library)  
*Teacher Appreciation Day Luncheon at 12:30pm* (Activity Center Meeting Room)

## Leadership Saint of the Week

St. Francis de Sales was born on August 21, 1567, at the Château de Sales in the kingdom of Savoy near Geneva, Switzerland. He came from a noble family and even as a child he desired to serve God completely. However, his father wanted him to pursue a career in law and politics and enter into an advantageous marriage. But Francis wanted to be a priest. Against his father's wishes he was ordained in 1593 by the Bishop of Geneva. At the time of the Protestant Reformation, Francis set out to restore Catholicism in the region around Lake Geneva known as Chablais. Tirelessly and patiently preaching the ancient faith, writing leaflets that clearly explained the Catholic view, he gradually re-established a strong Catholicism in that area. In 1602, he was appointed Bishop of Geneva.

Francis de Sales was convinced that God sees humanity as a great and varied garden, each person beautiful in his or her uniqueness. The various callings of life – soldier, prince, widow, married woman – are like the various flowers of the field; God loves them all. Francis approached people with genuine respect and gently guided them to recognize the unique path they would take in life. He made the journey to God joyful and possible for everyone to make.

## Leadership Words of the Day

- 1/16 **Virtue**: Conformity of one's life and conduct to moral excellence and high ethical principles
- 1/21 **Wisdom**: knowledge of what is true or right coupled with just judgment as to action; discernment, or insight; scholarly knowledge learning
- 1/22 **Advocate**: a person who speaks or writes in support or defense of a person, cause, etc.; to recommend or defend publicly

# Things You Are Asked to DO:

## H.S.A. Notes

### **Catholic Schools Week Volunteers Needed:**

Celebrate Catholic School Week by showering our St. Agnes teachers and staff with hospitality. Sign-up to bring an item for the Faculty Room. A simple act of kindness to recognize contributions of St. Agnes staff. Sign up [HERE](#).

Support the Student Appreciation luncheon by donating items to make our Hot Dog Luncheon a wonderful event. Let's take a moment to highlight the amazing student at St. Agnes! Sign up [HERE](#).

Each contribution to either of these events is worth one (1) volunteer hour.

## Catholic Schools Week Food Drive—Due 1/30

Our Student Council is leading our annual CSW food drive for the Catonsville, Emergency Assistance Center. From January 26—January 31, please consider bringing in any of the following items:

*Individual Packages of Nuts • Packets or Cans of Tuna and Salmon • Pancake Mixes • Muffin Mixes • Peanut Butter • Potato Sides • Rice Sides • Cake Mixes • Brownie Mixes • Jelly • Canned Chicken, Tomato and Vegetable Soups • Canned Meats (Spam, corned beef, ham, salmon) • Pancake Syrup • Canned Fruit • Canned Vegetables including Carrots, Mixed Vegetables, Spinach, Beets, Lima Beans • Canned Meals (Stews, Chili) • Canned Tomato Products • Cereal • Oatmeal*

## St. Agnes 5K Run

St Agnes 2020 5K EARLY BIRD SPECIAL- Registration Open. Early Bird Special Discount \$10 for Adults and \$5 for Kids. Hurry and register [HERE](#) before 1/31/2020 to take advantage of this discount.

- **FREE Practice Run/Walk:** Kick off your month running with St. Agnes Bears. Practice Run/Walk on 2/1, 3/7 and 4/4 at 10:00AM in the St Agnes School parking lot. Hope to see you there.

## Aftercare Employee Needed

We are seeking an additional staff member for our aftercare program. If you know of someone who might be a good match for this position and is available from 3:00—6:00pm, please contact Mary Sites at [msites@stagnesschool.net](mailto:msites@stagnesschool.net).

## Mark Your Calendar

January 24	12:05pm Early Dismissal
January 24	Parent-Teacher Conference Days
January 26	Opening Mass for Catholic Schools Week
January 27	Classroom Visit for Parents
January 27	HSA Meeting
January 28	Hotdog Lunch for Students
January 28	8th grade vs. Faculty Basketball Game
January 29	Middle School vs. Faculty Trivia Contest
January 29	Talent Show
January 30	4th Grade "Field Day" with Maiden Choice
January 31	12:05pm Early Dismissal



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