



ST. AGNES
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Wednesday e-Folder

January 23, 2019

St. Francis de Sales Feast Day

Tomorrow, January 24 serves as the feast day for one of the lesser known, yet giants of the communion of saints. Although Saint Francis de Sales may not receive the notoriety of the more famous Francis (of Assisi), his impact on our faith is no less profound.

Francis's family thought he was destined to become a senator, after he was studied law and received his doctorate, he returned home and, in due time, told his parents he wished to enter the priesthood. Although his father strongly opposed Francis in this, and only after much patient persuasiveness on the part of the gentle Francis did his father finally consent. As the Bishop of Geneva, he used his gift of preaching and writing to explain true Catholic doctrine as he had remarkable success in converting people of his time to the faith.

His gentle character was a great asset in winning souls. He practiced his own axiom, "A spoonful of honey attracts more flies than a barrelful of vinegar."

As a result of his two well-known books, the Introduction to the Devout Life and A Treatise on the Love of God, along with the many pamphlets and his vast correspondence, he is known as the patron saint of writers and journalists.

<https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-francis-de-sales/>

Quote of the Week

"To advance well we must apply ourselves to make good way in the road nearest to us, and do the first day's journey."

St. Francis de Sales

Saint Francis de Sales



Have patience with all things - but first with yourself. Never confuse your mistakes with your value as a human being. You are perfectly valuable, creative, worthwhile person simply because you exist. And no amount of triumphs or tribulations can ever change that.

AZ QUOTES

Wisdom from the gentlemen saint

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Things You Need to KNOW:

Early Dismissal Day—January 25

As a reminder, we will follow a 12:05 dismissal schedule this Friday to prepare for the scheduled parent-teacher conferences.

Catholic Schools Week Opening Mass—January 27

This special week begins with our weekend **Mass** celebration where all students are asked to wear their school uniform to whichever church you attend (Catholic or other faith backgrounds). Our students showing off their **BEAR NATION** pride at your place of worship may inspire a family with a school aged child to inquire about your decision to enroll at St. Agnes.

Parent Appreciation Day—January 28

Our “**Pastries with Parents**” event begins at 7:40am in the Activity Center. Please plan for a relaxed start to your day as you enjoy a sweet treat with your child and remain for our morning Community Meeting. All guests are asked to park in the Shoppers lot and to walk up the steps to our campus.

Student Appreciation Day—January 29

On this day our BEARS are invited to enjoy a free N.U.T. Day & No Homework Pass in celebration of Student Appreciation Day. You are welcome to join us at 2:00pm for our **8th grade vs. Faculty Basketball Game**.

“We Are...ST. AGNES!” Day—January 30

Please consider joining us in the Activity Center for three festive events—the **Student vs. Faculty Trivia Contest** during Community Meeting; the **St. Agnes vs. St. Mark’s Faculty Volleyball Game** at 4:00pm; the **Student Talent Show** at 7:00pm.

“Solidarity Service” Day—January 31

On this special day, we will provide outreach in support of two of the community agencies in which we regularly serve each month. To begin, the students will take part in the “**Peace Parade**” to Frederick Villa Nursing Care Center. As a reminder, all students are expected to attend this service event.

This day is also the last day for students to bring in their food items for the Catonsville Emergency Assistance Center.

Teacher Appreciation Day—February 1

As a small gesture of appreciation for all that our faculty and staff offer in support of our school, our H.S.A. is sponsoring a luncheon for our teachers. This luncheon will follow our 12:05pm dismissal.

Admissions Open House—February 1

Prospective families are encouraged to attend our **Admissions Open House** which will begin at 9:45am, immediately following mass. The presentation portion of the event will be held in the school library. Our guests will then be invited to take a tour of our building with members of our ambassador teams.

New Member of TEAM AGNES!

We are please to welcome Bob Stead as the school bookkeeper. Bob will provide well-experienced support to the fiscal management of our school. He will also oversee the FACTS tuition management system. As such, any questions about your FACTS account should first be directed to Bob. You may reach him via the school line or by email: rstead@stagnesschool.net. Welcome to TEAM AGNES Bob!

Things You Are Asked to DO:

“Peace Parade” Permission Forms—Due January 25

As a reminder, the *Peace Parade* permission forms are due this Friday, January 25. Students must submit a form signed by their parents to participate in the visit to Frederick Villa which is scheduled for Thursday, January 31. As a reminder, the students will be walking down to the nursing care center to present peace pinwheels and sing songs of peace to the residents. Please click [HERE](#) for a copy of the permission form.

Parent-Teacher Conference Day—January 25

As a reminder, the Trimester 2 Parent-Teacher Conferences are scheduled for this Friday, January 25. Please click [HERE](#) to schedule a meeting with your child’s teacher.

H.S.A. Notes

H.S.A. Open Meeting: As a reminder, this important meeting is scheduled for February 4 at 6:00pm in the School Hall Cafeteria. H.S.A. updates will be provided, along with providing information on the approved tuition rates for the 2019-2020 school year. Please note that a presentation on the Strategic Plan for St. Agnes will also be provided by our School Board.

Catonsville Emergency Assistance Center Collection—Due January 31

As a reminder, our food collection for the community ministry at Catonsville Emergency Assistance Center has begun and will continue through Thursday, January 31. Each student is encouraged to bring in 5 non-perishable food items. Please click [HERE](#) to see a list of requested items.

Service Project Volunteers Needed

Please consider serving as a volunteer for the following service experience:

- February 1—5th Grade Service Project for the clients served by the Catonsville Emergency Assistance Center (chaperone will drive the students to the service site).
- March 1—5th Grade Service Project for the clients served by the Catonsville Emergency Assistance Center (chaperone will drive the students to the service site).
- March 12—7th Grade Service Project for the residents at Frederick Villa (chaperone will walk with the students to the Nursing Care Center).

Please click [HERE](#) to sign up as a volunteer chaperone/participant. And as a reminder, all drivers MUST complete the 3.2 Package Training with MVR on VIRTUS. Please contact Clemmy Smith for more information.

Middle School Social—February 9

As a reminder, our Saint Valentine’s Dance is scheduled for Saturday, February 9 from 7:00pm—9:00pm in the school hall cafeteria. Please click [HERE](#) to register your child’s attendance at what is certain to be an evening filled with laughter, dancing and smiles.

Lost & Found

If your child is missing an article of clothing or other item, please stop by the Lost & Found bin. Please note that all items which remain after February 1 will be donated to the needy.

Mark Your Calendar

- January 25:** Early Dismissal Day—12:05pm
- January 25:** Parent Teacher Conferences—1:00pm to 6:00pm
- January 27—February 1:** Catholic Schools Week
- February 1:** 5th Grade Service Experience at CEA
- February 4:** 5th Grade A.C.R.E. Test Administration
- February 4:** H.S.A. Open Meeting
- February 4-7:** IOWA Interims
- February 6:** 6th Grade Service Experience for Westside Shelter
- February 6:** Financial Aid Night
- February 7:** Earthquake Drill
- February 12:** 7th Grade Service Experience at Frederick Villa



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