



ST. AGNES
SCHOOL

Wednesday e-Folder

January 2, 2019

The Solemnity of the Epiphany

This weekend, we celebrate the Solemnity of the Epiphany—that day when Jesus Christ was revealed to the world as represented by the Magi. The epiphany to the Magi is seen as one of four “manifestations” of Jesus to the world: the Nativity, the Magi, the Baptism of Jesus and the Wedding Feast at Cana. In all of these manifestations, Jesus’ identity and mission are revealed to a wider audience.

As we celebrate this blessed day, we as parent catechists can help our children recognize how God is revealing himself in our own lives (“finding God in all things”). And although we can do nothing to make God reveal himself to us, our Christian calling is to say yes to God’s initiative; to open our eyes to the great epiphanies going on around us; to journey to those places in life where God’s presence is being manifested; and to allow ourselves to be filled up with the living waters of Jesus and allow ourselves to be transformed so that we live under the influence of Jesus and share that most excellent vintage with others!

<https://catechistsjourney.loyolapress.com/2017/01/epiphany-god-does-the-work/>

Scripture Passage of the Week

“So whoever is in Christ is a new creation: the old things have passed away; behold, new things have come.

2 Corinthians 5:17

New Year Resolutions ~ The Pope Francis List



1. Don't gossip.
2. Finish your meals.
3. Make time for others.
4. Choose the 'more humble' purchase.
5. Meet the poor 'in the flesh.'
6. Stop judging others.
7. Befriend those who disagree.
8. Make commitments, such as marriage.
9. Make it a habit to 'ask the Lord.'
10. Be happy. (The Joy of the Gospel).

<http://stanthonybeckemeyer.org/new-years-resolutions-and-your-catholic-faith/>

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Things You Need to KNOW:

Parent Survey

This afternoon, each family was sent a survey which was provided by the St. Agnes School Board. As the governing body of our educational community, the Board is committed to the continuous improvement of our school. One such area of necessary growth is that of student enrollment. With this being said, as we develop our marketing initiatives aimed toward increased enrollment, the School Board is interested in learning of those factors which had influenced your decision to enroll your child(ren) at St. Agnes.

Thank you in advance for completing the survey by Next Friday, January 11.

Catholic Schools Week

There is no educational system that has had a more profound influence on students and their families than that of Catholic Schools. Moreover, there is no Catholic school in the Archdiocese of Baltimore whose rich diversity has formed the hearts, souls and minds of young people for 154 years as uniquely excellent as that of St. Agnes School. Accordingly, we use the nationally observed Catholic Schools Week to honor the special blessing that is **BEAR NATION**. Please click [HERE](#) for a copy of the schedule for the week.

“Midday Maryland”

We are excited to announce that St. Agnes School will be showcased on WMAR’s “Midday Maryland” during the week of January 23. In preparation for this event, Channel 2 camera crews will be on our campus to video tape the students and staff on Monday, January 7. Therefore, they will be moving about the building taking video of various classes which will include recorded film of the students and faculty in action. We are excited to highlight many of the amazing things that are part of our school program.

Easter Break 2020

While it may seem somewhat odd to be considering Easter Break 2020 when we are still months away from Easter 2019, it is important to share that next year’s Easter Break will be slightly different from those of the recent past. To this point, while typically our long break is scheduled for the week following Easter, next year will be slightly different because the 2020 National Catholic Education Association (NCEA) Conference will be held in Baltimore. As a result of this national event and it’s involvement and attendance by all teachers within the Archdiocese of Baltimore, our break next school year will see the majority of our time being held during Easter week. With all this being said, in case you are extreme planners, here is the calendar schedule for spring of 2020:

- Friday, April 3: Last day of school before Easter Break
- Saturday, April 4—Wednesday, April 15: Easter Break for Students
- Tuesday, April 14—Wednesday, April 15: Professional Development Days for Teachers - NCEA Conf.
- Thursday, April 16: School Re-Opens

Middle School “Cub Club” - Grades 6, 7 and 8

Just a reminder that our next scheduled Middle School “Cub Club” is arranged for next Wednesday, January 9. Please note that the students remain in the club activity that they had attended in December and will continue in that club throughout Trimester 2 (which concludes at the end of February). As per “Cub Club” procedures, students will be invited to select a new activity in March when the third trimester begins.

Newly Installed Railing

During your next trip to St. Agnes, you will likely notice a new wrought iron railing that was recently installed into the marble steps of the main entrance of our school. We are delighted for this addition to our entranceway and the added physical support that it will provide to all who enter **BEAR NATION**.

Things You Are Asked to DO:

Student Talent Show

Today each of our **BEARS** received a sign up sheet/permission form to participate in the *Student Talent Show* during Catholic Schools Week. Please note that this sign-up form is due to Mr. Baker next Friday, January 11. For your reference, auditions are being held from 3:15pm to 4:00pm in the Music Room on Monday, January 14 and Tuesday, January 15.

Service Project Volunteers Needed

We rely on volunteers to make our service program run. With this being said, we are in **GREAT** need of volunteers for the following service experiences during the month of January:

- January 7—6th Grade Service Project for the residents at Westside Men's Shelter (chaperone needed to drive the students to the service site)
- January 15—7th Grade Service Project for the residents at Frederick Villa Nursing Home (chaperone needed to walk the students to the service site)
- January 25—8th Grade Service Project for the clients served at My Brother's Keeper 7th Grade Service Project for the residents at Frederick Villa Nursing Home (chaperone needed to drive the students to the service site)

Please click [HERE](#) to sign up as a volunteer chaperone/participant.

As a reminder, all volunteers must be Virtus trained. Drivers must be cleared. Please contact Clemmy Smith to learn more about the clearance process for driving our students to our school events.

Admissions Open House

Do you know of a school aged child who would benefit from our Catholic school education? If so, you are asked to invite them to our next admissions open house for prospective families. This wonderful event is being held on Friday, February 1 from 10:00am to 12:00pm. And as a reminder, our referral program makes it beneficial to recruit prospective families. More information about the St. Agnes Referral Program will be sent home in January.

Share the good news about St. Agnes! Tell a friend about the positive experiences you and your family have had as part of the St. Agnes community!

H.S.A. Notes—Your Help is Needed

H.S.A. Open Meeting: Reminder, this important meeting is scheduled for February 4 at 6:00pm.

H.S.A. Closet Organizing: On Saturday, January 19 from 9:00am -1:00pm, the H.S.A. is looking for a few parents to assist with "phase 2" of organizing our H.S.A. supply closet. Please click [HERE](#) to sign up. For additional details, please contact Kisha Stewart at nichole25@msn.com.

Event Coordinators Needed: We still have the following upcoming events that need coordinators.

- Scholastic Book Fair (March 20-27, 2019)
- 5k Race (April 6, 2019)
- Spring Festival (April 6, 2019)

For additional details, please contact Kristin Young at 443-415-7473 or kristinmichelle82@yahoo.com. Please note that all event coordinators receive all 20 volunteer hours for completing the planning and execution of the event.

Mark Your Calendar

January 3:	Bomb Threat Drill
January 3:	5th Grade Service Experience at CEA
January 9:	6th Grade Service Experience for Westside Shelter
January 10:	Fire Drill
January 15:	7th Grade Service Experience at Frederick Villa
January 18:	March for Life Event (Washington D.C.)
January 18:	Trimester 2 Interims Sent Home
January 19:	Wreaths Across America Removal (Balt. Natl. Cem)
January 21:	St. Agnes Feast Day
January 21:	Dr. Martin Luther King Holiday—SCHOOL CLOSED
January 25:	Parent Teacher Conferences (Early Dismissal Day)

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