



ST. AGNES
SCHOOL

Wednesday e-Folder

November 20, 2019

The “New (Liturgical) Year” is Coming!

Within the Catholic Church, the mystery of Christ is unfolded within six seasons of each liturgical year. Accordingly, Advent begins next Sunday, December 1 as we usher in our “new year”.

- **Advent** - four weeks of preparation before the celebration of Jesus' birth.
- **Christmas** - recalling the Nativity of Jesus Christ and his manifestation to the peoples of the world.
- **Lent** - a six-week period of penance before Easter.
- **Sacred Paschal Triduum** - the holiest "Three Days" of the Church's year, where the Christian people recall the suffering, death, and resurrection of Jesus.
- **Easter** - 50 days of joyful celebration of the Lord's resurrection from the dead and his sending forth of the Holy Spirit.
- **Ordinary Time** - divided into two sections (one span of 4-8 weeks after Christmas Time and another lasting about six months after Easter Time), wherein the faithful consider the fullness of Jesus' teachings and works among his people.

Quote of the Week

“Arise soldiers of Christ, throw away the works of darkness and put on the armor of light.”

Saint Cecilia



The Victorious volleyball team after their match vs. the 8th Grade

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Things You Need to KNOW:

Cultural Connections Experience—11/25

This coming Monday, our students will learn of the cultural customs of Native Americans. BEAR NATION welcomes Lillian Sparks Robinson. As a member of the Rosebud Sioux Tribe, Lillian was appointed by President Obama to serve as the Commissioner for the Administration for Native Americans. Ms. Robinson will invite our students to explore the music, dress, food, language and traditions of our native population.

Early Dismissal Days—11/26 and 12/4

Please note that this coming Tuesday, November 26, we will follow a 12:05pm dismissal schedule. As this day also serves as Grandparents Day, please know that if your child will be brought home by the grandparent or “special friend”, please contact your child’s homeroom teacher with that information.

Also, as noted on our school calendar, we have a 12:05pm early dismissal day scheduled for Wednesday, December 4. That afternoon has been set aside for professional development meetings for the faculty .

Thanksgiving Break

We will have no school from Wednesday, November 27—Sunday, December 1 as we enjoy an extended break for the Thanksgiving holiday. Therefore, this e-Folder will serve as the final edition of November and our e-Folder will resume on Wednesday, December 4.

Power School Parent Access

As this Friday marks the end of Trimester 1, please note that parent access to Power School will be closed from Friday, November 22 to Friday, December 6.

Important Information about Report Cards

Please note that report cards will be sent home on Friday, December 6. And as a reminder, our school policy requires that families that have an outstanding tuition balance will not receive their child’s report card until at which time their account becomes current.

Middle School Play

Auditions for this year’s middle school musical production, “*Golly Gee Whiz*”, will be on December 6 and December 9 in the cafeteria. The time for each of these auditions will be 3:15pm to 4:30pm. However, students will only need to attend one of these two audition dates. At the audition, the students will need to sing a song or part of a song (solo) and read from the script (in groups). Song choices will be available on the date of auditions—either Happy Birthday or a song that is sing at our school masses. Please note that casting will occur after auditions as the cast list will be announced and scripts will be given prior to Christmas break. And for your reference, rehearsals will begin in January.

Leadership Saint of the Week

Saint Cecilia was born to a wealthy Roman family and is said to have lived in the second century. As a Christian martyr, she spent much of her life converting pagans of her time to follow the beliefs of Catholic teachings. Although illegal at the time, her dedication to Catholic conversion and burying the Christian dead let to her arrest and was eventually sentenced to death. Using the gift of song as an instrument to celebrate the glory of God, Cecilia serves as the patron saint for musicians. Her feast day is November 22.

Leadership Words of the Day

- **Meekness** (11/14): humbly and modestly patient
- **Merciful** (11/18): showing compassion and kindness toward another
- **Open-Minded** (11/19): willingness to listen to, consider and accept new opinions or ideas
- **Obedience** (11/20): dutiful agreement and faithful cooperation

Things You Are Asked to DO:

H.S.A. Notes

Nominating Committee Volunteers Needed: With the start of the 2020 calendar year, it has come time to prepare for the leadership change of the H.S.A. As our current President and Vice-President are concluding their two year term as the leaders of our parent group, we are seeking individuals who would be willing to serve on an ad-hoc group called the *Nominating Committee*. This group is appointed with the task of submitting the names of candidates for the H.S.A. Executive Board. Please note that members of the *Nominating Committee* are not eligible to hold an officer position. If you would be willing to serve as a member of this committee, please contact Rob Costante.

“Barbeque for our BEARS”: We are in need of a group of frankfurter families to run our annual Student Appreciation Day lunch on Tuesday, January 29 during Catholic Schools Week. The task requires a small team that will oversee the grilling and distribution of hot dogs for all of our young BEARS. Please contact Sherita Thomas at mrssheritathomas@gmail.com or Kristin Young at kristinmichelle82@yahoo.com if you are interested in serving as part of our grilling team.

Financial Aid Night

As a reminder, our Financial Aid Information Night is scheduled for this coming Monday, November 25 at 6:00pm in the school. Please click [HERE](#) to register your attendance.

Grandparents/Special Friends Day—11/26

Grandparents Day is scheduled for Tuesday, November 26. Please know that if your child doesn't have a living grandparent who can travel in for this event, our students are invited to ask a “special friend” (an older mentor in their life) to join us for the event. As a reminder, this day is specific to our invited guests. By focusing on our grandparents and special friends, we celebrate the blessing of the important role that they play in the lives of our students. Please register your child's guest [HERE](#).

Schedule for the day:

8:45am to 9:15am—Grandparents & Special Friends' visit the classroom of their young BEAR(s).

9:30am to 10:00am—Grandparents & Special Friends' prayer service in the Church

10:15am to 11:45—Band/Choir showcase followed by class performances in the activity center

12:05pm—Student dismissal (students may be signed out earlier with their child's homeroom teacher)

Middle School Social: *Get Air*—11/26

Our next middle school social event is planned for Tuesday, November 26 from 1:00pm to 3:00pm. All students in grades 6, 7 and 8 are invited to *Get Air Trampoline Park*. The cost to participate is \$10. All participants must complete the online waiver [HERE](#). Also, please sign a copy of the St. Agnes Field Trip form that is available [HERE](#). The \$10 fee will be payable to *Get Air* on the day of the event.

Shoeboxes for Seafarers

Please continue to drop off your empty shoeboxes for our annual *Shoeboxes for Seafarers* Christmas gift project. In addition to your shoeboxes, we also ask each class to donate a specific gift item that will be included within each wrapped box. With this being said, the students are asked to please bring in the following items by Monday, December 9:

Pre-K: toothbrushes and toothpaste; Kindergarten: soap bars and deodorant; First Grade: shaving cream and disposable razors; Second Grade: socks; Third Grade: gloves; Fourth Grade: playing cards and travel size games; Fifth Grade: reading material (paperback books); Sixth Grade: writing supplies of pens, pencils and notepads; Seventh Grade: non-perishable food/snacks; Eighth Grade: candy

Mark Your Calendar

November 21	Fire Drill
November 22	End of Trimester 1
November 25	Financial Aid Night
November 25	4th Grade Service Experience at Maiden School
November 26	Grandparents Day (12:05pm dismissal)
November 26	Middle School Social at Get Air in Catonsville
December 1	First Sunday of Advent
December 4	High School Placement Test for 8th Grade
December 4	Early Dismissal Day
December 5	5th Grade Service Experience at CEA
December 5 & 9	Middle School Musical Auditions



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