

Quote for the Week

"If you are what you should be, you will set the whole world ablaze!"

-Saint Catherine of Sienna

Updates and Reminders

Spring Testing

Scantron Testing will begin next week. Students in Grades 3, 5, 7 will take Science and Social Studies in addition to Reading, Language, and Math. Students should get lots of rest and a well balanced breakfast for preparation. Second thru Eighth grade teachers have been directed to only review with students during test week. No new material, homework, or extra assignments should be given to students during test week.

A message for 7th Grade Parents and Students about Pre-HSPT

7th Grade students will take the Pre-HSPT on Tuesday, May 4th. In person students will take their test with their homeroom teacher. Virtual students will need to report to the gym by 9am. Virtual students will get their temperature checked at the door as well as be asked a series of questions before entering into the testing area. Students may bring a bottle of water and a light snack. Students do not need to wear their uniforms to the testing center. No other items are necessary for the test. Testing should conclude by 12pm. If there are any modifications in time, you will be notified when checking in. If you have any further questions please contact the main office.

Children's Mental Health Awareness Week

As you are aware, the pandemic has brought an increase feelings of isolation and that mental health issues have increased during this past year. Please consider focusing on our student's mental health the first week in May. See attached flyer for how to receive free resources, student's activities, and information by joining The Children's Mental Health Awareness Campaign. Click here for flyer

BOOST Scholarship Extended Deadline:

BOOST Scholarship Extended Deadline: The Maryland State Department of Education BOOST scholarship program application deadline has been extended to Monday, May 17. Families are encouraged to apply at https://www.marylandboost.org/. Please be sure that you select St. Agnes School when applying. For additional information, please contact

- boost.msde@maryland.gov.

Interim Reports

Interim Reports will go out on May 10th. Second through Eighth grade teachers should also be able to provide parents with their children's Spring Scantron testing results.

Science Fair Winners

Please congratulate the following students for their achievements at this year's Science Fair.

6th Grade Winners:

1st Place – Tommy D.

2nd Place – Isabella W.

3rd Place - Autumn J-B

Honorable Mention: Ethan S. and Julia J.

7th Grade Winners:

1st Place – Will H.

2nd Place – Trystynn S.

3rd Place – Mason G.

Honorable Mention: Tristan J. And Jonas S.

8th Grade Winners:

1st Place – Amelia C.

2nd Place – Ryan P.

3. Kennedy S.

Honorable Mention: Katie D. and Ana P.

A big thank you to Mrs. White for coordinating the event, and every student who participated.

Science Explorers Summer Camp at St Agnes!

St. Agnes School is partnering with Science Explorers for for a Science Summer Camp. Week 1: "Loose in the Lab" will take place from June 28 – July 2. "Week 2: Final Frontiers: Sea and Space" will take place from July 19 – 23. Full day tuition is \$399 for the week and \$299 for half day. See flyer for more details and register here.

Basketball Camp at St. Agnes!

Join Mr. White for a co-ed basketball camp for grades 5 through 8. The camp will run from June 14 - 18. See flyer for more details and register <u>here</u>. Tuition for the camp is \$150 for the week.

O'Dwyer Summer Camps 2021

Click <u>here</u> for more information for O'Dwyer Summer Camps for Grades 1 -5.

Virtual Rosary for Healing

Click <u>here</u> for the Luminous Mysteries of the Rosary for Healing, presented by the Archdiocese of Baltimore.

"React!" Save The Date!

Save The Date! "React!" Features ten of St. Agnes's most talented middle schoolers. All seating will be distanced, masks are required for all audience members. All ticket prices will go towards the production / royalty / budget costs for the next year's show. Donations are always welcomed if you are unable to attend. Performances will be held in the Old School Cafeteria. Unable to attend? A link to livestream the show will be available.





May 7th 7pm curtain time May 8th 7pm curtain time May 9th 3pm curtain time

National Student Poetry Contest

The America Library of Poetry is hosting its 25th Annual National Student Poetry Contest for grades 3-8. The entry deadline to be eligible to win a \$500 Grand Prize is April 30th.

Altar Servers Needed

If your student is interested in becoming an Altar Server at St. Agnes Church, please call the parish office at (410) 744 2900



Summer Learning Opportunities

Below is a brief overview of some summer programs being offered across AOB and independent K-8 schools. More information will be distributed in the coming weeks regarding the GEER and AOB programs.

2020 Title I Baltimore Summer Program (Sponsored by Catapult) – Only open to Title I students in Baltimore
City, registration was distributed to principals with
eligible students during Holy Week. If you have Title I
students who reside in Baltimore City and have yet to
receive information regarding this summer program,
please reach out to your Catapult representative.

<u>Summer Adventures (Sponsored by GEER)</u> – This program is only available to rising 3rd-8th grade students at GEER schools. Information regarding that program will be distributed on Monday, April 19th with registration opening the following Monday (April 26th).

<u>AOB Summer Learning Program</u> – Similar to last summer, the AOB will run the online Summer Learning Program. This will be for rising 3rd-8th graders at AOB, independent, and non-Catholic school students. The framework will be the same as last year and fliers will be distributed on Monday, April 19th with registration opening the following Monday (April 26th). Unlike last year, there will be a cost of \$15 per student for the six week program.

Mark Your Calendar

April 30 - Poems due for Poetry Contest

May 3 - May 7: Standardized Testing Window

May 4 – 7th Grade Pre-HSPT

May 7 - May Crowning

May 21 – Individual Picture Day

June 4 - Graduation

June 10 - Closing Mass

AoB Virtual @ Cathedral

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HSA Corner

SAS Uniform Exchange

You can view <u>online</u> the most current inventory of available uniforms: https://bit.ly/SASuniforms. Please donate uniforms not needed by dropping off at the Parish Office. To request an item, send an email to: uniform@bolandgroup.com

Virtual SAS 5K Run & Walk 2021

Registration is NOW OPEN for the St. Agnes 5K Fun Run & Walk 2021! Registered here!

The Virtual 5K Fun Run and Walk from May 8th to 15th is just around the corner! Did you know that registered participants (Adults \$25 and Students \$15) are automatically entered to win our 5K raffle? Raffle items this year include:

- (2) Planet Fitness Black Memberships with swag (Value over \$250 each membership)
- (3) \$50 gift certificates to Van Dyke and Bacon Shoes (School Shoes Store)
- Several Gift Cards to Local Vendors like Giant, IHOP, Safeway, Dunkin, and more!

All funds support the work of St. Agnes School's HSA!

Questions? Email us at StAgnes5kBaltimore@gmail.com

Thanks to Our Virtual SAS 5K Run & Walk Sponsors









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Charles A. Klein & Sons, Inc. Woodlawn Motor Coach

St. Agnes Knights of Columbus #4449

SAMC St. Agnes Mens Club



Dear St. Agnes Families,

This school year has presented many challenges and school photos are no exception. To make this process as safe as possible we are asking parents to print out the PDF file of the order form, if you do not have access to a printer, but would like to purchase photos please send in an envelope with the information below, all information must be on the outside of the envelope. Having this information on the outside of the envelope will expedite the photo process. Don't forget to include your mailing address since all photos will be mailed directly home and all prices include taxes & shipping.

- 1. Student's name
- 2. Homeroom teacher
- 3. Grade
- 4. Day time phone number
- 5. Background Choice
- 6. Mailing address
- 7. Package you're purchasing
- 8. Amount of money enclosed in envelope or "online payment confirmation code".
- 9. All order forms must be visible to the photographer, please do not enclose them in a payment envelope. If you have any questions please call our studio or email us.

Sincerely,

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St. Agnes School~ Prepay Individual Pictures Friday, May 21, 2021

FOR ACCOUNTING PURPOSES, EACH STUDENT MUST HAVE SEPARATE ORDER FORM WITH HIS/HER OWN PAYMENT.

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IN-PERSON SUMMER CAMPS 2021 ST. AGNES CATHOLIC SCHOOL

603 ST. AGNES LANE CATONSVILLE, MD 21229

JUNE 28-JULY 2: LOOSE IN THE LAB AGES 7-11

9AM-12PM - \$229, 9AM-4PM - \$399

Science Explorers has compiled our favorite camp experiments into this week-long science adventure! Make a groovy lava lamp test tube, mix up chemical reactions, erupt a volcano, make chalkboard and fluffy slime, build a solar oven to make treats, launch pompoms with your own catapult, create your own motorized invention, make a foaming "matter monster", and go on a fossil dig. Then, stay for the afternoon as we mix up "sunny slime" that reacts to UV light, get loud as we make clucking cups and musical chimes, build spin art machines, blast off film canister rockets, make sun prints, create acid and base art, experiment with the unique properties of water, and make fizzy bath poppers and fizzing CO2

JULY 19-23: FINAL FRONTIERS: SEA & SPACE AGES 7-11

9AM-12PM - \$229, 9AM-4PM - \$399

Explore the mysterious realms of sea and space as you enter the exciting worlds of marine biology and astronomy! Observe the anatomy of a real fish and learn the ancient technique of gyotaku or "fish rubbing", and discover the ocean's living fossils. Then blast off as you make an out-of-this-world solar system model, prepare for lift-off as you build and launch your own stomp rocket while learning about Newton's Laws of Motion, complete a mission to the Moon, and design and build a space capsule that will safely bring your "eggstronaut" in for a landing.

Then, stay for the afternoon as we come back down to earth. Transform polymers into a rainbow, investigate the properties of light when you build a kaleidoscope, explore the concept of density as you create a colorful tower, build a metal detector to identify conductors, demonstrate how air pressure can lift objects and make them fly, and conduct a powder analysis lab.

REGISTER AT: SCIENCEEXPLORERS.COM CALL 610-816-5047 OR USE THIS QR CODE!



Just Added:
July 19 – 23: JUNIOR EXPLORER CAMP
Ages 4 – 6
Monday – Friday Half Day
9am – 12pm - \$229

2020 TITLE I BALTIMORE SUMMER PROGRAM

FOR GRADES Pre-K-8

FEATURING STEM, LITERACY & MATH

Provided by Baltimore City Public Schools and Catapult Learning

Parents of Title I eligible students can enroll their child in this FREE summer program.

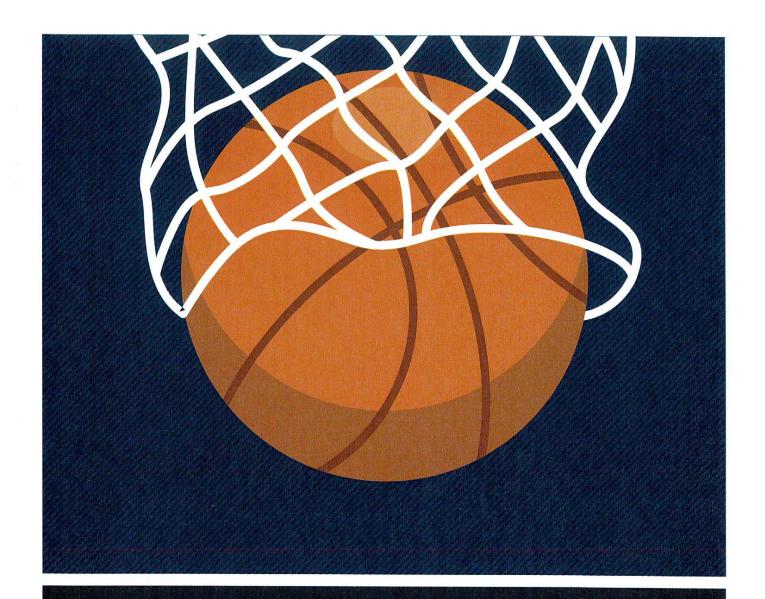
Please complete this form and return it to your child's school or enroll online at https://forms.office.com/r/4TkdtZyGjB

Programs are offered at the schools below. All locations run June 28th - July 29, 9am - 12pm, Monday - Thursday. Please consider if you'd like your child to attend in-person or virtual.

☐ In person (locations TBD)	☐ Virtual	☐ No preference

Enrollment is on a first come, first served basis for this FREE program. Space is limited. The deadline is May 1st or until capacity has been reached.

	All fields are required
Student Information	
Student First Name:	Student Last Name:
Birth Date:	
	if using P.O. Box for mail):
City:	State: Zip:
Current School Name:	Current Grade (SY 2019-20):
Parent/Guardian Information	
Parent/Guardian Name:Relationship to Student:	
Home Phone:	
	Email Address:
Emergency Contact:	Emergency Phone:
Signature	
Parent/Guardian Signature:	Date:



74 JUNE

BASKETBALL CAMP

St. Agnes School's co-ed basketball camp for grades 5 to 8 will run from June 14th to June 18th from 8am to 3pm. If interested please contact the main office. Limited spaces available.

18 JUNE





May 1, 2021

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Despite challenges presented during the coronavirus pandemic, the dedicated educators and administrators in the Archdiocese of Baltimore have provided a quality Catholic education to both inperson and remote learners. As we plan for the upcoming school year, we remain committed to our promise to deliver a quality education to all students. Teaching to both in-person and remote learners is no easy task. We understand the challenges this model presents and have surveyed our educators and parents of remote learners to identify the need for virtual instruction for some families. Those surveys, among others, have been an essential component of our planning for next year and have helped us to identify a need for virtual instruction for the 2021-22 school year.

In response to this need, Catholic schools in the Archdiocese, in collaboration with the Department of Catholic Schools, will have a unified option for remote learning in the 2021-22 school year. This school, AoB Virtual @ Cathedral, will host remote learners from Catholic schools throughout our system. By creating AoB Virtual @ Cathedral, the Archdiocese will be able to accommodate families who are unable to send their children to school in-person due to medical conditions in the household. Families will be able to remain enrolled in a Catholic school and will return to that school in-person at the start of the 2022-23 academic year.

AoB Virtual @ Cathedral will require that your child be available for learning at home during the hours of the school day, five days a week. Classes will have teachers who focus solely on the needs of the remote students. Students will engage in the same curriculum as students learning in-person and will be assessed using the same criteria. We are excited to be able to offer this opportunity to our Catholic school families for next year, and we understand you may have questions before making your choice.

We invite you to please read the attached information and select one of the following options by *Friday, May 14th*.

Student Name:
School (Dropdown Menu):
Current Grade Level:
 □ Lintend for my child to attend school in-person at our home school. □ Lintend for my child to attend remote classes offered through AoB Virtual @ Cathedral. □ Lam undecided and would like to discuss my options.
If you are still undecided, please provide your name and a preferred phone number. Parent/Guardian Name:
Phone Number:



AOB Virtual @ Cathedral FAQ

Why is the Archdiocese starting AoB Virtual?

- Families will need access to remote learning for the 2021-22 academic year.
- Teachers have done an amazing job in the 20-21 school year, but in many cases they have been
 doing two jobs every day and we need to support their best practices. We want our teachers to
 be able to focus on one group in their daily instruction. In-person teachers will focus only on inperson students, and remote teachers will focus on our remote students.
- Students at home and in person will have a better academic experience with focused instruction

Who is eligible for AoB Virtual?

All students who are registered in a Catholic school for the 2021-22 school year are eligible to enroll in AoB Virtual. Due to class sizes, priority will be given to students whose medical situations necessitate virtual instruction due to COVID.

Will I be attending virtual school at my home school?

AoB Virtual will not be hosted by each school individually for the 2021-22 school year. Catholic schools will support one unified program for all remote learners, hosted by School of the Cathedral. AOB Virtual @ Cathedral will adhere to all Archdiocesan academic policies, such as instructional minutes and curricula.

What is the cost of AoB Virtual?

Families will continue to use the tuition collection system according to their home school and the contract that has been signed for the 2021-22 school year. The tuition for AoB Virtual is the same as you would have paid for your student at your home school.

When do we need to commit to our decision for AoB Virtual or in-person learning at our home school?

Families who are not attending Catholic school in-person next year will need to make the commitment to AoB Virtual by June 1, 2021.

Will our family be able to return to our home school when we are ready?

The student/family commitment to AoB Virtual is for the entire 2021-22 school year, so families will not be able to "switch back" to their home school until the 2022-23 school year.

What will the school day look like for AoB Virtual?

Classes will be synchronous according to a traditional school day schedule. There will be asynchronous experiences within the day; however, the overwhelming majority of the day will be synchronous. Students in the AoB Virtual program will have daily attendance expectations, just as in-person learners.

Will students still receive grades for courses?

AoB Virtual students will still receive progress reports and interims. Grades 3-8 will have access to PowerSchool for parent access.

Will students still take standardized tests?

AoB Virtual students will be assessed using the Scantron and ACRE testing on the same schedule as inperson learners. Seventh and eighth graders will also take the Pre-HSPT and HSPT in a remote learning environment.

How will remote families be provided the materials they need for the program?

Remote students will be provided their textbooks and necessary devices through the AoB Virtual program, and not via their home school.

Who will we communicate with for day to day questions and needs of our family and our students? A coordinator chosen by the host school will oversee day to day operations along with the principal of School of the Cathedral. Questions about daily academic progress, assignments, and school schedule may also be within the purview of your child's remote teacher.

How will we stay connected to our home school?

Although your day to day questions will be directed to AoB Virtual staff, you will still receive the general communications from your home school and be welcome to participate in your home school's after school sports and activities, and evening and weekend events.

Will a space be reserved for AoB Virtual students to return to their home school in the 22-23 school year?

Yes.

Will students with learning differences be allowed their accommodations?

Learning differences will be accommodated using the academic plan written by the home school and all documented needs. Supports for students with learning differences will be reviewed by the Director of AoB Virtual to determine strategies for meeting the needs of remote learners. All accommodations will be reviewed with families prior to implementation.

Will remote teachers have the same professional experience and credential as in-person teachers? The teachers recruited for remote teaching within AoB Virtual's academic program will have the necessary background and credential for their teaching assignment within the school.

Please direct further questions to Eric Watts (eric.watts@archbalt.org).