

# ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

## DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Monday, August 15, 2016

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### Today's Prayer and Reflection:

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Solemnity) - *In Christ shall all be brought to life. (1 Corinthians 15:22)*

In his famous sonnet "Death, Be Not Proud," John Donne wrote:

*Death, be not proud, though  
some have called thee  
Mighty and dreadful,  
for thou art not so;  
For those whom thou think'st  
thou dost overthrow  
Die not, poor Death,  
nor yet canst thou kill me.*

Donne's words could be Mary's too. Death couldn't defeat her either! As the Church teaches, she was taken body and soul into heaven at the end of her life. She was preserved from the normal effects of death, the effects brought about by sin.

Today, as we celebrate Mary's Assumption, we also celebrate the promise of what awaits us: we will one day be in heaven with Jesus. "In Christ," we "shall . . . be brought to life" (1 Corinthians 15:22).

While we're still on earth, we can prepare for that day by learning from Mary's life: she tried to stay close to Jesus. When the angel appeared to her, she said yes to God's invitation to become the mother of God. And from that moment on, she was completely committed to her Son—in raising him, in following his preaching, even in his death. This kind of commitment, as challenging as it can be, is our way to heaven as well.

Though we haven't been preserved from sin as Mary has been, God has nonetheless filled us with his grace and is always with us. He is always ready to help us follow him. He is always ready to forgive us and bring us back to him when we fall.

Ultimately, our destiny is the same as Mary's—eternal life; this is why we can all join John Donne in declaring, "Death, nor yet canst thou kill me." So keep running the race today. Picture your Mother cheering you on from heaven. She's watching with pride and joy as you press on toward the day when you, too, will be crowned with glory.

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### Today's Announcements:

- Team tempest robotics will have its initial sign up meeting on Monday, August 15, after school in Mrs. Worrel's room 202. At this meeting, all students in grades 7-12 who are interested in first tech challenge or first robotics competition are asked to attend. You will receive an application which will describe each area of robotics which you might be

interested in. The meeting will last approximately twenty minutes and will explain more information about this organization. There is something for everyone in robotics, so we hope to see you there!

- Student drivers, remember that when arriving on campus, you should come into the courtyard or cafeteria. Students should not be waiting in their vehicles before school.
- The Science Club and Science Honor Society will have a sign up meeting on Tuesday, August 23, in room 202. Students interested in running for office in grades 10-12 for Science Honor Society should sign up with Mrs. Worrel or Mrs. Lawson by Friday, August 19. Nominations will close that day and the elections will take place at the meeting on August 23.
- The first Drama Guild meeting of the year will be Thursday after school at 3:05 in the auditorium. All students grades 7-12 are welcome. Are you interested in acting, singing, dancing, working backstage? Do you want to learn to work lights or sound, or do you want to build and paint sets? Come to the meeting to find out what's happening in drama this year and let us know you are interested!
- Students, you will receive school portrait package order forms during first period this morning. You will need to return the packets on Thursday with your money to order pictures. Even if you are not going to order pictures, it will be helpful for you to return the empty packet with the barcode. There will be no picture proofs, but the photographer offers a 100% satisfaction guarantee on all orders.
- National Honor Society Seniors: If anyone is planning on running for office, sign up with Mrs. Sutherlin (room 210) and see Ms. WilKinson today.
- Interact Club Officer election results are posted on Ms. Lawson's door (room 201).