

# ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

## DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS Wednesday, September 28, 2016

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### Today's Prayer and Reflection:

*I will follow you, Lord, but first . . . (Luke 9:61)*

Following the Lord is not often "convenient." If it were up to us, the time would never be quite right. There's always just one project to finish, one challenge to overcome, one relationship to patch up, one person to care for. "It won't take long, Lord. I'll be right back; I promise."

Jesus has a different perspective. He sees the one thing that is holding us back. He knows how much it matters to us. But did it ever occur to you that it matters to him as well? It saddens him when we turn aside and try to handle it on our own. He wants to be in the middle of that challenge, working with us to make things better. He knows that not only will something wonderful be accomplished, but our hearts will change in subtle ways, and we will grow closer to him.

The right time is always now. "Now is the day of salvation" (2 Corinthians 6:2). Jesus doesn't keep track of how many times you may have said, "Not yet." Wherever you are on the road, he wants to journey with you. He wants to invite you to take one step closer to becoming the disciple that he is calling you to be.

That step may seem small and insignificant to you, but every yes has infinite value to God. Every morning when you thank him for the opportunity of another day, the door opens a little more. Every time you ask him to show you his presence in someone who rubs you the wrong way, your heart softens a bit more. Every time you surrender your loved ones to the Father's loving care, the bonds of anxiety loosen just a bit more.

How is Jesus calling you today? Perhaps something like fear or bitterness is holding you back. Maybe he is commending you for your generosity and asking you to take it a little further. Or perhaps you've become so busy that you've forgotten to listen for his call. Whatever it is, know that you can lay it before him and find the grace you need to take that next right step.

*"Jesus, thank you for calling me to be your follower and your friend. Help me say yes to you again and again."*

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### Today's Announcements:

- Our junior high dance is this coming Saturday, October 1, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. for all seventh and eighth graders. The theme for the dance is "Olympics," and admission is \$5. The concession stand will also be open. Junior high dances are open to St. Patrick students only. This is not a formal dance - dress is casual.
- Seniors, Herff Jones will be taking graduation orders today during lunch. Please bring your deposit of \$60 at this time.

- Attention all students who will turn 18 years old by June 2017: Commander Christy Wheeler with the League of Women Voters will be on campus today to help you register to vote. She will be in the cafeteria during second lunch. Again, if you'll be 18 by June 2017, please get registered to vote!
- Interact Club t-shirts are on sale now through Friday. Shirts are \$10. See Ms. Moon or Ms. Lawson to order.
- There will be an Arts and Crafts club meeting in room 101 this afternoon at 3:05 p.m.
- Mu Alpha Theta math tutoring begins today afterschool in room 100.
- During our festival performance in the GCI marching band show, the band received excellent ratings in band and percussion, and superior ratings in color guard. During the evening competition phase, the band received caption awards in the small band classification for percussion, colorguard, musical performance, visual performance, and marching show general effect. The band did great and represented St Patrick very well.
- Coach Dellenger needs FCA sports reps for the following sports: baseball, band, girls and boys basketball, softball, boys cross country, and golf.
- Both of Mrs. Sutherlin's AP classes need to go straight to the auditorium at the beginning of third period today for the guest speaker.
- Did the Presidential debate leave you wondering how laws actually get passed? If so, Youth Legislature may be for you. Students in ninth through twelfth grade should come to room 103 at 3:05 today after school to learn more about Youth Legislature and how you can sign up.