

# ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

## DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS Wednesday, October 26, 2016

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### Today's Prayer and Reflection:

*Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. Honor your father and mother. (Ephesians 6:1-2)*

Did you know that it's almost impossible to draw a "typical" set of tree roots? As similar as two trees may be by type or area, researchers have found that no two root systems are the same. Each one has modified itself to adapt to the soil, resources, and obstacles in its environment. Each one has found a way around the rocks or compacted soil in its location so that it can keep drawing the nourishment it needs.

Interestingly, a tree's root system never stops growing. It is constantly perfecting itself and adapting to its environment to keep the tree alive. The roots work almost all year long; some can soak up one hundred gallons of water a day and dispel that water into the air as moisture in just as much time.

Unfortunately, as effective as a root system can be, sometimes damaged roots can affect the health of the tree. Parts of the tree may die off if the roots are damaged, and the roots will struggle to grow around the damage as the tree finds a way to thrive.

As you think of St. Paul's call to honor our parents, consider taking some time to seek gratitude and healing for the roots of your family tree. God has given each of us a particular root system—our parents and grandparents—for a reason, and he asks us to honor them. He knows that this commandment is not always easy, but still he asks us to try. He knows how hard it can be for some of us to honor our parents, especially if they have caused us heartache and difficulty. That's why he has special grace for us to help us grow around the challenges and find healing, even if our parents are not with us anymore. We just need to ask for his help and continue to ask. It may not happen overnight (it usually doesn't), but it can happen.

How can you honor your parents today? How can you sink your roots more deeply into Jesus so that you will find the healing you need?

*"Lord, thank you for being with me. Please help me honor my parents just a little bit more today."*

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### Today's Announcements:

- We are very excited to host our Grandparents' Luncheon today and look forward to meeting so many of your grandparents this afternoon.
- Tomorrow, we will be on liturgy schedule and will celebrate mass at 9:40 tomorrow morning. Invite your parents to come celebrate mass with us tomorrow if they are available. Don't forget blazers and ties as part of tomorrow's dress code.

- St. Patrick is taking a group to March for Life on January 25 through 28. There are ten openings available on the bus. If you are interested in attending, please see Ms. Cloud - deposits are due by October 28.
- Junior high baseball tryouts will be held Tuesday, November 1. All seventh and eighth graders are eligible to tryout. Students trying out should bring cleats, a glove, and a bat if possible.
- Boo-grams are now on sale! Send a Halloween goodie bag of candy to your friends - the price is one for \$3 or two for \$5. To order, see Mrs. Whiteside, Mrs. Worrel, Mrs. Tavel, Mrs. Cody, Mrs. Williams, or a junior class officer.
- This Friday, the St. Patrick Key Club is collecting items for the Humane Society. You may bring pet food, paper towels, etc. to your first period teacher, and Key Club officers will collect them Friday morning.
- Pictures for our winter sports are today.
- Moore Community House Early House is seeking volunteers to come and work with young children and read in the classroom. See Ms. Dapremont for details.
- The drama set/tech meeting is in Mrs. Trahan's room this afternoon at 3:15 p.m.