

# ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

## DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Friday, December 9, 2016

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### Today's Prayer and Reflection:

*I, the Lord, your God, teach you what is for your good. (Isaiah 48:17)*

Imagine getting instruction from Bill Gates on computers, Serena Williams on tennis, or Gordon Ramsay on cooking. It would be spectacular, wouldn't it? Well, you have something even better: almighty God, the One who is greater than all of the experts, has promised to teach you, not only about your hobbies, but about the best way to live. You have the One who is all-knowing and the source of all truth as your very own tutor!

If God is your teacher, then Scripture is the first and best textbook he uses. This book is a compendium of his wisdom, knowledge, and laws. It is a literary expression of faith lived out. And it is a testament of a restored relationship with him through the cross. In every aspect of faith and morals, it is never wrong. What's more, because it's inspired by the Holy Spirit, Scripture is a living word that God uses to speak directly and personally to our hearts.

So read it. Stop when you feel your heart stirring with hope or longing. Stop when a question forms in your mind, and ask the Holy Spirit to help you find the answer. Let the teachings of the Church guide you when you are confused. Pay attention to thoughts that form as you read; they may be coming from the Lord. When something seems too good to be true, reread it—hundreds of times, if necessary, until you are convinced of God's goodness. Believe that God can spark understanding and direction for your life through a single verse.

Advent is the perfect time for going deeper, further, and maybe even further afield, with the Lord. It can be a time to learn, to experience the fruit that develops when you spend time meditating on the words of your Teacher. It can be a time to experience a little more of the life Jesus was born to give you.

God is ready and waiting to teach you. He is ready to clear away the guilt and fear that hinder you. So come to him, and receive his expert instruction!

*"Father, help me to know your ways, and teach me your paths. Lead me in your truth, and teach me today."*

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### Today's Announcements:

- Students, next Wednesday through Friday will be our midterm semester exams. The exam bell schedule is in your handbook and on our website. Friday, December 16, will be a 12:30 dismissal time. To avoid interruptions of students testing, check outs are not permitted during exam periods. Students who are absent and miss an exam must have been granted prior approval in order to make up the exam missed. For more information or to request prior approval, please contact Mr. Buckley.

- Tomorrow, our St. Patrick student candidates will receive their special admission into the Knights of Columbus. The event will take place at St. Ann's Parish at 2:00 p.m. Three of our students and their fathers make up a part of this special group. We congratulate these young men.
- All juniors and seniors are invited to attend the Diocesan Search Retreats. They will be held at the Dedeaux Hilton on January 15-17 and February 10-12. See Sam Hewes, Sarah Pleasant, or Sophia Cooper for forms if you have any questions.
- There will be a meeting on Monday, December 12, afterschool in room 202 for all students who will be attending the robotics Disney trip. It will last about fifteen minutes. There is no robotics meeting on Monday.
- All service hour sheets are due today to your religious studies teachers.
- The blood drive has been scheduled for Sunday, January 8, here at St. Patrick. Students from the National Science Honor Society are scheduling donors during lunch until Wednesday of next week. Sixteen year old students will need an extra parental permission form when they schedule. Please consider donating blood and encouraging family members to go online to schedule for our blood drive. Each pint of blood can save three lives.
- All seventh grade students are invited to our Christmas Movie and Pizza Night tomorrow evening from 5:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. Admission is FREE, and we will serve pizza in the cafeteria followed by a showing of The Santa Clause with popcorn in our theater. See Ms. Dapremont in the front office if you will be here for our Christmas movie and pizza night.
- Sophomores and juniors, if you are interested in Governor's School, see Ms. Wilkinson as soon as possible.
- Congratulations to the boys junior varsity soccer team for their win last night 1 to 0. Congratulations to J.R. Riojas for the penalty kick win and Connor Atwell for his great keeper saves. The junior varsity girls won their game also 2 to 0. Congratulations to Mary Agnes Mestayer and Emily Overstreet for the goals scored. Congratulations to our varsity soccer teams!
- We would like to congratulate the eighth grade girls basketball team on their victory last night against OLA. We won 27 to 20. Players of the game were Quinlan Pisciotta, Emily Nolte, and Jasmine Starwarski. Congratulations girls!
- Congratulations to the seventh grade boys basketball team as they defeated St. Stanislaus yesterday. The eighth grade boys fought hard and continue to improve. Make plans to attend our next home games on Monday, as we will battle Vancleave.
- Mrs. Trahan needs to see the drama participants who have been helping break down the set. Please go by her room before seventh period today.