

ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS Wednesday, January 4, 2017

Today's Prayer and Reflection:

Mary, Mother of God. The Lord bless you and keep you! (Numbers 6:24).

For many of us, the beginning of a new year means making a list of resolutions. But did you know that God also has a New Year's resolution? His resolution is to bless you! His resolution is to transform your life as you embrace his vision for you.

We spend so much of our Christian lives thinking about what we are supposed to do for God. But what about all the things that God intends to do for us? And what better example of the generosity and kindness of God can we have for this disposition than the Virgin Mary? Before she was even conceived, Mary was marked out by God to be the mother of his Son. From the moment of her conception, the Lord blessed her and kept her, preserving her from the stain of original sin. She did nothing to earn such a blessing. It was bestowed upon her by a loving, generous God.

What about you? Are you spending today thinking only of the ways you are going to change your life? Don't limit yourself! Don't limit God! He sees you as precious and unique. He rejoices over you and wants the best for you in all things. He is determined to stand up for you and intervene in your life. Perhaps today, as a new year begins, you can take some time to recall all the ways God has blessed you in the past and then tell him that you want to receive his gifts this year as well.

No matter what you face this year, trust that God can give you his peace. Believe that his face is always shining on you. Then when challenges arise, just turn your face to him, and you will know his strength and his presence. God has an amazing year in store for you! So be like Mary, and stay close to him. Let nothing block his flow of blessings!

"Father, I praise you for your faithfulness and your love, for they are my strength. Help me take hold of your vision for my life."

Today's Announcements:

- Good morning and welcome back to the start of a new semester. We hope everyone enjoyed a blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year!
- Sophomores and juniors, this is a reminder that your application for Governor's School is due January 27. Please see Ms. Wilkinson if you have any questions.
- Seniors, please check the website for updated scholarship opportunities.
- Juniors, if you are interested in applying for a journalism scholarship and attending a journalism conference, see Ms. Wilkinson. Also, your parents received an email about this conference.

- Attention all junior high and high school boys interested in playing golf: There will be a sign up sheet on Mr. Hewes' door and Coach Burger's door until Friday. If you would like to try out for the upcoming season, you need to sign up and be prepared to attend a meeting in the next couple of weeks. See Mr. Hewes with any questions.
- Science Honor Society/Science Club will meet after school today in room 202. This is the final meeting prior to the blood drive this weekend. Anyone who still wants to donate blood should see Baylee Hodge, Anna Clare Colson or Morgan McCrea by Friday.
- Robotics FTC members will meet today and tomorrow in the robotics building from 3:30 to 4:30 each afternoon. We are modifying the robot for state competition.
- We would like to congratulate the girls varsity basketball team on their victory last night against Perry Central. We won 65 to 30. Players of the game were Mary Beth Tubb, Lillie Guida, Morgan McCrea, and Laurie Pisciotta. Congratulations, girls!
- Track sign ups for both junior high and varsity will start next Monday through Friday. See Coach Dellenger in room 108 to sign up.