

ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Monday, January 9, 2017

Today's Prayer and Reflection:

The heavens were opened for him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove. (Matthew 3:16)

A young man stands outside an apartment building ready to begin his new job in a city far from his family. His father is next to him. "I know you can do this," he says. "You're my son, and I'm proud of you. I'll be available any time you need me. Keep in touch, and don't forget who you are."

Did you know that Jesus had a similar experience? When he began his public life at his baptism, his Father opened the heavens and spoke words of encouragement to him: Jesus was his beloved Son, and he was both proud and well pleased to be his Father!

Today as you celebrate Jesus' baptism, know that God wants to open heaven for you just as he did for Jesus. He wants to speak encouragement to you when you take a new step in your life, just as he did for Jesus. Just as he sent the Spirit to his Son, so he gives the Spirit to you. Just as he proclaimed Jesus as his beloved Son, he tells you that you are his beloved as well. Just as he affirmed and encouraged Jesus at the start of his ministry, he has special blessings stored up for you when you approach a new chapter in your life.

These new beginnings can be as big live events or small daily habits... no matter what, God has words of encouragement for you. He wants you to be convinced that he is blessing you and has great things in store for you. He tells you that he is ready to help you in any way you need it.

So let the Father open heaven for you today!

"Thank you, Father, for reminding me how precious I am to you and how much you have in store for me!"

Today's Announcements:

- With us seeing cooler temperatures this time of year, we want to remind everyone of the winter outerwear dress code options. We added several winter-wear options last year so it would not be necessary to deviate from our uniform policy on cold days. Teachers, please make sure all of your first period students are in compliance with the uniform policy.
- There is a Key Club meeting after school in Mrs. Sutherlin's classroom today.
- To all those who signed up to participate in boys golf, there will be a brief, informational meeting in Mr. Hewes' classroom (room 105) this Wednesday after school to discuss upcoming tryouts. If you signed up to tryout, be sure to be at the meeting or speak with Coach Hewes beforehand.

- The junior high basketball games for today have been cancelled, and we are in the process of rescheduling. Tonight, the varsity teams will compete against Tylertown as originally scheduled for last Friday. Varsity girls play at 5:00 followed by the boys at 6:30. Come out and support the Fighting Irish!
- The library is having a “clean slate” week. Overdue books returned this week only will have all fines waived. Existing fines will be reduced to half price. See Ms. Ladner for more information.
- There is a general robotics meeting today room 202 after school. We will not go to the workshop, but we will begin strategies for the new challenge at the meeting.
- We ask that everyone continue to keep Mrs. Farragut, Ariana, and their entire family in your prayers. The Students for Life group will begin selling t-shirts today. The shirts are dark purple and say “Every Child Matters” with “Team Ariana” on the back. The cost is \$15, and all proceeds will go directly to the Farragut family. Order forms will be passed out today, and orders are due by Friday, January 27; shirts will be delivered soon after that. For questions, see Ms. Cloud.
- Thank you to all who worked the blood drive, gave blood, and recruited donors for our blood drive yesterday. We honored those who struggle with childhood cancer while we named our blood drive in honor of Ariana Farragut. We exceeded our goal reaching sixty-nine pints of blood. As you may know, each pint can be used to save three lives, so yesterday’s efforts helped save 207 lives!

As you enter the cafeteria today, you will notice the tree decorated with purple and yellow flowers. Each flower represents a person who donated blood... their name is on the flower. Also in the cafeteria is a poster of lifesavers which we will send to Mrs. Farragut which includes the name of each donor and a lifesaver representing each pint of blood donated.

Again, thank you for your support and efforts.

- Track signups for junior high and varsity track teams are going on all this week. See Coach Dellenger to sign up.