

# ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

## DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Monday, March 27, 2017

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### Today's Prayer and Reflection:

*I am about to create new heavens and a new earth. (Isaiah 65:17)*

We may be tempted to view this promise of restoration as something God has planned for the far distant future, maybe in some Hollywood version of heaven where we will be sitting on clouds and playing harps.

Think again. God is asking us to rejoice in what he is doing *right now*. The fulfillment of his promise of restoration began the moment after Adam and Eve fell into sin, and it continues to unfold today. From the call of Abraham to the exodus under Moses and the kingship of David and Solomon, God was paving the way. Then came Jesus, the Son of God, whose death and resurrection ushered in a new age of redemption and freedom. Through him, we can experience the new creation we read about today. But how does that happen?

To answer this question, we need to understand who is making such a grand promise—God himself. “I am creating,” the Lord says. We are the ones being restored, not the ones doing the restoring. This means that we need to let God do the work. If we fall back on our natural tendency to try to fix everything ourselves, we’ll find these words from Scripture to be not only challenging, but maybe even disheartening. After all, who among us can restore ourselves to God’s image? Of course we need to cooperate with God, but as humble servants who know when to step aside and let the Master take over.

The more space you give God to work, the more refreshed, invigorated, and restored you will feel. So as you enter into the second half of Lent, let the Lord nourish you. Sit quietly, pondering his word. In prayer, recall all he has done for you already, and praise him for all he still wants to do. Cherish the gift of the Eucharist. Or maybe share God’s blessings with someone in your home. Whatever you do, make it a point to balance out the things you do for God with how much you let him restore you.

*“Father, make me new today. I want to become a vessel of your love and grace to the people around me.”*

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### Today's Announcements:

- The next registration deadline is this Friday - be sure to turn in registration packets and course selection sheets as soon as possible. We will begin working on schedules very soon.
- Prom Tickets - See Mrs. Cody today to purchase or if you have any questions. Tomorrow will be the LAST day to purchase a prom ticket. Outside guest forms are due to Mr. Buckley's office by Wednesday, March 29.
- The Lady Irish golf team took fifth place overall in the St. Martin Invitational last week. The team scores were led by Paige Gibson, followed by Andrea Huguenin, Isabel Alexander, and Marina Cole. A special recognition goes

out Marina Cole for most improved by cutting nineteen strokes off her previous tournament score. Congratulations, and the Lady Irish will be back in action next week.

- There is a mandatory JYA meeting tomorrow after school in room 103. All students attending JYA must attend this meeting.
- Boys Golf, there will be practice today at Grand Bear from 3:45 to 5:30 p.m. If it's raining or too wet to go out, stop by Mr. Hewes' room after school for a brief team meeting.
- In Saturday's track meet, top Irish results were the following:
  - Kendall Pitre, second in pole vault.
  - Olivia Leatherman, third in pole vault..
  - Isabel Leatherman, second in the 3200m run.
  - Jordan Pete, second in the 1600m run.
  - Marie Seicshnaydre, fifth in the long jump.
  - Cade Meyers, fourth in the 3200m run.
  - Team of Isabel Leatherman, Gabby Patino, Anna Clare Colson, and Amerlie Million took second in the 4 x 800m relay.
  - The girls finished fifth in team points out of thirteen teams.
- Juniors, if anyone is interested in the APEX Leadership Program, which is held at Ole Miss this summer, see Ms. Wilkinson today.
- Sophomores and Juniors, if anyone would still like to apply for Governor's School, see Ms. Wilkinson. The deadline has been extended.
- Ms. Ladner would like all Quiz Bowl members to report to the library immediately after school to setup rooms for the Final Four Competition Match this evening. The St. Patrick family wishes for our team to beat the "5 seconds."
- Congratulations to the Student Council for hosting a very successful state conference! Around 600 advisors and students were in attendance to learn about leadership and network with one another. JR Riojas received Outstanding President and the senior scholarship, Shannon Kirkpatrick received Outstanding Council Member, Richard Springer was recognized for his role as State Treasurer, and the council received Best Project as well as a plaque commemorating their hard work in hosting the conference. Congratulations again to our student leaders!
- Science Olympiad shirts are in; please come by room 215 to pick yours up.
- The sign up sheets for the Children's Shelter Easter Egg Hunt is in Mrs. Lawson's and Ms. Moon's room on Tuesday, March 28. Please come by and sign up as space is limited. Also, Interact Club members, please begin dropping off plastic eggs and candy for the egg hunt. We will stuff the eggs Wednesday, April 5, for the Children's Shelter event on Saturday, April 8.
- All robotics members need to stay a few minutes after school to help unload supplies.
- The FCA chapter will have a meeting Wednesday at 7:50 a.m. in the auditorium.

