

ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Wednesday, August 16, 2017

Today's Prayer and Reflection:

Imagine being a small child on a small boat in the middle of the sea. A storm sets in and you cannot see land in any direction. You are tossed and turned in the waves as they cover the bow with each crash and you wonder how you will survive. Now imagine that your dad is also on the boat with you. He tells you to sit and hold on and that all will be well. He is confident and in charge and shows no fear. The confidence that your father exudes calms you and you trust that he will keep you safe. This is an image of our lives. When we face a crisis we must realize that we are but a child in the midst of the stormy sea in need of our Merciful Lord. It would be foolish for a child to try to take charge of the boat. It would also be foolish for us to try to direct our own lives. We need the steady confidence of Jesus to put our hearts at rest. The Lord must be your Helmsman whenever the waves begin to rise. Do not doubt His ability to handle everything in life.

What do you do when the storms of life set in? Do you panic? Do you try to take control and handle things on your own? Or do you turn your eyes to the strength and confidence of our Lord and let Him take control of the situation? Turning to Jesus is not simply a matter of sitting back and doing nothing. Rather, turning to Him in abandon is an act of the greatest trust. That trust, when all seems chaotic and overwhelming, opens the door to His peace and keeps you safe and still no matter what comes your way. Reflect upon the way you handle difficulties in life and make the conscious choice to turn to the Divine Helmsman to direct your life through the storm.

Lord, I turn to You in confidence and choose to put my full trust in You. I know that You can handle all things and that Your love and care will keep me safe. Increase my confidence in You, dear Lord, and help my heart to always remain at peace. Jesus, I trust in You.

Today's Announcements:

- Happy Birthday to Meredith Collins, Mary Eleuterius, Madison Normand, Robert Starks, and Connor Sutton.
- Tonight is Meet the Teacher Night. Be sure to invite your parents. We will all meet in the gym at 6:00 p.m. We look forward to seeing everyone here tonight.
- Anyone in seventh through twelfth grades who are interested in applying for the 2017-2018 Science Olympiad Teams may pick up an application from Ms. Moon beginning Friday, August 18.

- The first drama guild meeting will be next Tuesday, August 22, from 3:05 p.m. until 3:30 p.m. in the auditorium. Drama Guild is open to all students grades seven through twelve. No experience is necessary! Come to the meeting and find out how you can be involved.
- Our varsity football team is looking for three football manager volunteers and one videographer; see Coach Bloomfield if you are interested.
- St. Patrick car tags are still on sale. Have your parents purchase one before August 18 and you will be able to wear jeans and your spirit t-shirt every Friday for the first semester.
- Student drivers, make sure you have a parking decal when parking on campus. They may be picked up at the front desk. Everyone who parks on campus must have a decal - we will begin checking these today and leaving a note on vehicles that do not have one.
- The Back to School Dance for students in ninth through twelfth grades is this Saturday from 7:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. in the cafeteria. The theme for the dance is Luau and anyone attending who would like to bring an outside guest must fill out a form and return it by Thursday, August 17. Forms will not be accepted after Thursday. You may pick up one in the front office or download from the Student Life page of the website. Mahalo!
- Next Monday, we will be allowing time for students, faculty, and staff to view the Great American Solar Eclipse during the school day. This event is being called “The Great American Solar Eclipse” because it is the first time since 1918 a solar eclipse will be visible on a path across the entire continental United States. We have purchased certified eclipse-safe viewing glasses for students, faculty, and staff. Today during sixth period, you will receive a solar eclipse viewing permission slip. We must have this signed and returned in order for you to be able to participate. Please return the permission form by Friday to your first period teacher.
- Have you ever wondered what lawmakers in Mississippi's State Legislature do all day? If so, you should consider joining Youth Legislature. This four day conference in Jackson features debating bills that you have written with peers from all over the state and working to tackling some of Mississippi's most challenging issues. There will be a preliminary meeting to introduce the conference after school on Thursday, August 24, at 3:05 in room 103. Any senior leaders should meet with Mr. DeSalvo by this Friday to discuss this year's conference.
- Key Club is open to all ninth through twelfth grade students. Our sign up meeting is Monday, August 21, at 3:05 p.m. in room 110. The first service project is the Bridge Walk on Saturday, August 26, on the Ocean Springs side of the bridge at 7:00 a.m. We will walk with the Interact Club. Please bring a couple of dollars or canned food item for St. Vincent de Paul.