

ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Wednesday, October 25, 2017

Today's Prayer and Reflection:

Present yourselves to God . . . as weapons for righteousness. (Romans 6:13)

With all the violence in the world today, you may not like the image of being a “weapon” for the Lord. But in this case, St. Paul is encouraging you to be a holy instrument whom the Lord can use to free people from darkness. And that’s a good thing!

So today, put your whole body to work for the Lord. Use your eyes to be on the lookout for anyone who needs encouragement. Use your tongue to speak words of kindness. Use your hands and arms to embrace someone who is feeling alone or overwhelmed. Use your feet to offer quick assistance to anyone in trouble. Offer your ears if someone needs to vent about a problem.

Most important, offer your mind to understand the best way you can help the people around you. Whether you realize it or not, a spiritual battle is going on around you—a battle for the souls of God’s children. While God is certainly big enough to fight his own battles, he offers

you the privilege, the honor, and the invitation to join him. He asks you to offer your whole self as a weapon of righteousness, fighting for people with God’s love and compassion in your right and left hands (2 Corinthians 6:7). Will you join today in helping to rescue those who have wandered off the path to life and now find themselves trapped in spiritual darkness?

Do not say, “I am only a student” or “I am only ___.” You are exactly where God needs you to be today. You are in a strategic position on the battlefield, and God will bring you to the people that he wants you to help rescue.

So be alert! Have your spiritual eyes, ears, hands, and heart wide open. Let the Lord use you as a weapon of righteousness to win the battle over darkness and evil in this world.

“Lord, I present myself to you. Use me however you will today to rescue those who are trapped by the enemy. Let my eyes be your eyes, my hands your hands, and my heart your heart of love for all your children.”

Today's Announcements:

- As we begin to experience cooler temperatures, students are reminded to follow the outerwear uniform policy. Only school uniform outerwear should be brought and worn at school.
- Halloween is fast approaching! Make sure you find a Junior Class Officer this week to purchase your BooGrams! They are \$3 for 1 or 2 for \$5! Or you can purchase them online in the spirit store! Don't forget your boos!
- Seniors in fall sports should turn in their biographies to Coach Burger today.
- Media day for our winter sports will be next Wednesday, November 1 at 2:00 pm. We will also be taking pictures for senior banners on this day. The cost for senior banners is \$75.

- Big buddies, students for life, and sailing will take yearbook photos after mass this Thursday.
- Quiz Bowl Team members practice begins today after school in the library.
- Friday will be a free dress day. The theme for this Friday is Halloween - you may dress in the theme or wear any St. Patrick shirt with jeans. Regarding free dress days, the handbook states, “*students may wear jeans, capri pants, shorts (knee-length), skirts (knee-length) with an appropriate shirt and any closed-toe shoes. No spaghetti straps or sweat pants. No torn clothing of any type.*” You may wear your Halloween costume if it falls within these guidelines - students are allowed to dress in their favorite Halloween costume. Nothing gruesome may be worn. Masks are allowed but need to be taken off in the building and classrooms.
- Congratulations - it is my pleasure to announce this year's Poetry Out Loud St. Patrick winners.
 - Honorable Mention - Claire Wingfield and Winfield Swetman
 - 3rd Place - Raven Gonsoulin
 - 2nd Place - Micah Webb
 - 1st Place - Jack Mckee
- The Mock Trial meeting for this afternoon has been rescheduled for Thursday afternoon beginning at 3:05pm in room 116.
- Happy 3rd day of Red Ribbon Week! Did you know that teens who consistently learn about the risks of drugs are up to 50% less likely to use drugs than those who don't? Don't forget to bring some money to school tomorrow to buy some cupcakes, cookies, and more at the Red Ribbon Week Bake Sale during lunch.