

# ST. PATRICK

## CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

### DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### Tuesday, December 5, 2017

#### Today's Prayer and Reflection:

*Be watchful! Be alert! (Mark 13:33)*

This past weekend, we celebrated the first Sunday of Advent, and you have just received an invitation: The Most High God requests the honor of your presence at the entry of his Son into the world. This unprecedented event will be followed by a joyous celebration in two locations: heaven and earth. The event will take place on December 25, and you are encouraged to spend the next four weeks preparing for the festivities.

Welcome to Advent—a season of hope and expectation! Over the course of the next month, you may be part of family gatherings. You might reenact time-honored traditions: buying gifts, decorating homes, and preparing special meals.

And to crown all these observances, Jesus himself will come and visit you. As today's Gospel tells us, we may not know when he is coming, but he promises he will come. Even now, he is looking for new ways to touch your heart. Right now, he is preparing special gifts of grace and blessing for you—Advent and Christmas presents that he

will give as you open your heart to him.

What kind of gifts will he give? Reminders of his Father's love. A sense of hope as you face life's challenges. New insights and wisdom that you can share with your loved ones. Freedom from guilt as you lay your sins and failings at his feet. And above all, peace and joy as he tells you that he has you in the palm of his hand.

So take up his invitation today! Do everything you can to be alert and ready to receive Jesus and his gifts. Try to spend a little more time in daily prayer and Scripture reading. Go to Confession so that you can get rid of anything that blocks you from receiving his love and his gifts.

Jesus wants to celebrate with you. And he's given you a whole month to get ready! Step by step, day by day, you can draw closer to the Lord—and feel him draw closer to you!

*"Jesus, I accept your invitation. By your Spirit and your grace, help me to get ready for your coming on Christmas Day."*

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#### Today's Announcements:

- Ballots for Mr. and Mrs. SPCHS have been sent to students in grades nine through twelve. Students, please vote this week.
- Tickets are now available for our Fall Production, "Murder's in the Heir." This is a dinner theater, so you need to purchase tickets in advance. See any cast or crew member or Mrs. Trahan in room 204.
- Seniors, midterm exemption notices will be sent to your school email account on December 13. To be eligible to be exempt, you must have an A, no more than 5 tardies total, no more than 5 unexcused absences, no more than 5

detentions, and no ISS or OSS. Also, you must have all cafeteria balances paid. See Mr. Buckley if you have any questions.

- The Interact Club Children's Shelter Christmas party has been moved to next Saturday, December 16.
- Students for life members who are attending March for Life will meet this Friday morning at 7:45am. Signed and notarized permission forms and final payments are due at or before this meeting. Please see Ms. Cloud if you have not received a permission form. All students who paid deposits were approved to attend the trip.
- Deacon Buddy at St Thomas Church in Long Beach is doing a supply drive for the Stone County Prison where he does prison ministry. Please bring in men's and women's crew/athletic socks and deodorant by Monday December 11. Please put items in the front office. Thank you.
- 7th and 8th graders who will be attending the performance of Murder's in the Heir will need to bring \$5 to their first period teachers on Thursday. Those who don't wish to attend will go to study hall.
- The Lady Irish soccer team won their opening district game with a score of 5 to 0. Savannah Croal scored a PK to open up the scoring for the Lady Irish. Beyla Bleichner scored two goals in the contest. Maddie Moak and Mary Cate Sliman each scored a goal.
- St Patrick Junior High girls soccer beat North Gulfport 4 goals to 1.
- NHS, Tomorrow's meeting will be for all new members only. We will meet in the auditorium at 7:50. It is important that everyone attends. All Members: Please remember to bring your items for the retired sisters and priests.
- The staff of *Aisling* would like to thank everyone who has already submitted their work for this month's issue and would like to encourage other students to please submit theirs. Our theme for this month is Nostalgia- which is a sentimental longing for the past. So please try to capture in art, writing or photography anything that reflects this feeling. Holiday traditions and decorations are good sources. Our deadline is this Thursday, December 7th. Please see Mr. Hewes or an Aisling staff member for any additional information.