

# ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

## DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS Wednesday, January 31, 2018

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### Today's Prayer and Reflection:

*A prophet is not without honor except in his native place.  
(Mark 6:4)*

In today's Gospel, Mark tells us how the people of Jesus' hometown struggled to accept him because they thought they knew him. Sadly, their inability to honor him, one of their fellow townspeople, limited the miracles that he could do among them.

Their experience can teach us two lessons about honoring one another, or treating one another with respect. First, it can be challenging to honor the people closest to us. Second, if dishonor can limit what the Lord is able to do, imagine how important honoring someone must be in opening the door for the Lord to work.

What does it mean to "honor" someone (Mark 6:4)? It can mean seeing them with God's eyes, looking at their potential instead of their shortcomings, and their gifts instead of their flaws. It can mean recognizing that they are a gift to us and that they have dignity. Maybe a sibling thinks very differently from us, or a co-worker has some frustrating habits. What could happen if we chose to treat

them well, to honor their gifts and talents instead of focusing on the ways we disagree with them?

When we say something encouraging instead of criticizing, when we try to build up instead of tearing down, God uses our words and our attitudes to remind people how deeply loved they are. He can use our words and actions to show that person that they are fearfully and wonderfully made. When we take the time to listen attentively instead of lecturing or nagging, it can soften both their hearts and ours. Most of all, when we try our best to love and accept others patiently, especially the ones who rub us the wrong way, we are creating an environment where the Lord can draw them closer to his heart.

Think about the people closest to you. Who bothers you the most or concerns you the most? Try to honor that person today. Offer them an encouraging word or an unexpected compliment. Think of one positive aspect of their personality, and thank God for it. Make it a point to do this every day for a week, and watch what happens—both in their life and in your own heart.

*"Jesus, help me to honor the people around me."*

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### Today's Announcements:

- ★ Everyone may wear jeans with any St. Patrick shirt and St. Patrick outerwear today.
- ★ Seniors may wear college t-shirts this Friday and will take a class picture for the yearbook.
- ★ Juniors, do not forget to bring your ring to Mrs. Collier by the end of today for tomorrow's ring mass.

- ★ The Quiz Bowl Teams did a great job at our first match of the season. Both teams won 2 of 3 rounds with one team advancing to the Lightning Round to win against St. Stanislaus.
- ★ If you are attending the University of Mississippi, please sign the sheet in your English teacher's classroom. Your teacher will give the list to Ms. Wilkinson.
- ★ Lunch today will be during fifth period, and we will only have two lunches.

First Lunch - Alexander, Burger, Camps, Cloud, Creel, Hewes, Mays/Irish, Moon, Norton, Odenwald.

Second Lunch - Benoit, Bloomfield, Buckley, DeSalvo, Eleuterius, Gaunce, Ladner, Lawson, Previto, Sutherlin, Tavel, Trahan, Villarrubia, Williams, Worrel.

- ★ Students, you must check in with Mrs. Collier before seeing anyone in the front office. You are not to use the door on the north side.
- ★ The Aisling staff would like to thank everyone who submitted for this month's issue and is very excited to announce that the magazine will be available to view online today. You may access it through the St. Patrick website by clicking on the Student Life tab. The theme for the next issue is Love- Who or what instills love in you? What are you passionate about? Love is all around us- now go out there and paint, photograph and write about it!
- ★ All boys and girls who signed up for this year's golf team need to speak with Mr. Hewes at some point today. He is in room 105. Both teams will officially start practice very soon.
- ★ We'd like to congratulate seventh grader, Ainsley Kate Thriffley, who valiantly represented St. Patrick in the District Spelling Bee last night. In a field of nearly forty seventh and eighth graders from across the Coast, Ainsley Kate brought home a top five finish. Way to go Ainsley Kate!
- ★ Auditions for *Curtains, high school edition* will begin next Monday from 3-4:15 and continue on Tues 3-5. Callbacks will be Thursday if needed. A sign-up sheet is posted on Mrs. Trahan's door, room 204. This show has a large ensemble and a number of young men are needed for supporting roles. Some have lines, others don't. Please encourage your classmates to participate. See Mrs. Trahan for details.
- ★ We would like to congratulate the girls varsity basketball team on their victory last night against Richton. We won 51-25. Players of the game were Emilee Nolte, Jessica Harrison, Mary Beth Tubb and Makenzie Stenum. Congratulations, girls!