

# ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

## DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Monday, January 22, 2018

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### Today's Prayer and Reflection:

*David grew steadily more powerful, for the Lord of hosts was with him. (2 Samuel 5:10)*

Have you ever watched the Olympic sport of pole-vaulting? An athlete sprints down a runway with a long pole, wedges the pole into a holder, and uses his momentum and strength to catapult himself up in the air toward a very high bar. Letting go of the pole, he soars over the bar, falls to earth, and lands on a big cushion.

That moment of letting go of the pole can seem to ordinary observers like a death-defying act. But a lot goes into that "leap of faith." The athlete has worked hard to build on his natural gifts, develop the right technical skills, and follow the advice of his coach.

This is not a bad image for the way David grew into a successful military leader and king. His rise to power might look like a miraculous feat, but the truth is that David grew by habit and practice. He took his natural talent for strategizing, his natural charm, and his strong faith, and he worked with God to develop them.

Think about David's military successes and the years he

spent avoiding Saul's pursuit. He survived and grew stronger because he listened to the Lord and followed through with the Lord's instructions. Each small step of faith was supported by trust in God's power and grace.

Small, consistent steps will bring you forward too. Daily prayer, whether it's five or fifty-five minutes long, will teach you how to sense God's presence. Regular reading and meditating on Scripture will teach you how to hear his guidance. A nightly examination of your day will train you to recognize God's often hidden grace in your life. Small, modest attempts to share your faith will show you how hungry for God people really are.

It's a simple formula, but then most training regimens are simple as well. All successful athletes, respected musicians, and accomplished business-people will tell you that they owe their success to being faithful, day in, day out, to practicing and practicing and practicing. King David would say the same thing. So will every saint. Can it be any different for us?

*"Lord, as I prepare to launch myself into the day, I ask for your guidance. Help me build on the gifts you've given me and listen to your instructions."*

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### Today's Announcements:

- ★ There is an NHS meeting Wednesday at 7:45 in the auditorium.
- ★ Make-up tennis tryouts will be held this Friday from 3:45 until 5:00 at Bayou Bluff. Please plan to attend if you did not make the first tryout.

- ★ The Fighting Irish defeated Forrest County High School 62-56 Friday night in varsity basketball action. Tucker Santiago scored his 1,000th career point to lead the team to victory. Several players had key roles in the victory including Will Lavers, Robby Waltz, Holden Hewes, and Logan Young.

The Irish traveled to North Forrest in a key division game and had a huge victory, winning the game 57-40. Jay Parker, Windfield Swetman, Braden Fayard, Logan Young, and Tucker Santiago played key roles in the victory.

The Irish will host Perry Central Tuesday night in another key division game. Come out and support the Irish.

In JV action the Irish played extremely hard in 40-32 defeat to a very good North Forrest team. The JV boys were lead by Christian Mckee, Ray Frazier, Jordan Bell, Michael Moeller, Dylan Fontan, and Braxston Blackwell

- ★ Robotics meeting will be held in room 202 after school today. This meeting will cover the FRC robotics season and travel for the FTC championship tournament. Members must be there.
- ★ Our arts and literary, *Aisling*, will accept any of your photography, writing and artwork through tomorrow. Please submit online through the school's website or bring to Mr. Hewes in room 105.
- ★ Good luck to our boys and girls junior high basketball teams as they finish regular season play with games against Pearl River Central today. This is a home game, so if you haven't been all year, this is your last chance to come support the teams. Seventh grade boys begin at 4:00, followed by eighth grade girls at 5:00, and eighth grade boys at 6:00.
- ★ This is a reminder that all students should be dropped off in the car line on the southside of the building by the cafeteria in the mornings. Students should not enter the building in the front of the school
- ★ This Wednesday's Interact meeting after school will be for officers only. It will be in Ms Lawson's room. Officers will have their pictures taken for the yearbook at this time.