

# ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

## DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thursday, August 9, 2018

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### Today's Prayer and Reflection:

*I will forgive their evildoing and remember their sin no more. (Jeremiah 31:34)*

Picture the scene. The city of Jerusalem has been devastated by the armies of King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon. Jerusalem's king has been captured and taken back to Babylon. The Temple is burnt to the ground, and many of the people have been taken along with their king into captivity and exile.

For years the prophet Jeremiah had been warning the people of Jerusalem that a disaster like this would happen if they didn't turn from their sins. But the people would not listen, so they ended up reaping the bitter fruits of their actions. Jeremiah's words or, rather, God's words through Jeremiah, were vindicated—words of judgment, punishment, and wrath.

But now the worst has happened, and Jeremiah's tone has shifted dramatically. No longer are there threats of destruction, warnings of judgment, or pleas for repentance. Now there are visions of restoration, promises of forgiveness, and poems of consolation. All the sins he had

denounced? It was as if they had never existed. God would remember them no more. All the evil they had done? It was washed away and replaced with the promise of a new covenant written on each person's heart. Where once the wrath of God blazed, now there was only his tenderness and love.

What the Israelites experienced on a massive scale, we can experience every day on a more personal scale. Day after day, the Holy Spirit sends us messages, guiding us along the path of holiness and warning us against other dangerous paths. He knows he can only do so much, that it's up to us to choose which way we will go. He also knows we will not always follow his guidance, and we risk ending up like the people of Jerusalem. And so he is prepared to offer us his mercy no matter how far we may have fallen.

God forgives everything, big and little. If he could forgive Jerusalem for its many sins and crimes—if he could continue to treat them as his own special people—surely he can forgive you. Surely he can forgive everyone around you too. Everyone.

*"Jesus, I am in awe of your mercy!"*

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### Today's Announcements:

- ★ Happy Birthday to Gavin Harwell, Landon Stringer, and Mrs. Saucier!
- ★ For those of you who are driving to school, we will begin checking for parking decals starting on Monday. Please make sure you have a new parking decal and parking permit paper submitted to Mrs. Edwards in the front office. Your decal just needs to be visible - it does not necessarily have to be on the back window.
- ★ There will be a meeting next Monday after school in Room 202 for anyone interested in joining Robotics. Robotics at St. Patrick has many levels and we will introduce those levels to you at this meeting. So, if you are interested in any part of robotics... mentoring LEGO, building a robot, computer programming or drawings,

photography, videotaping... and many more, please come to this meeting. The meeting will be in room 202 next Monday right after school.

- ★ Students that are dropped off in the morning, this is a reminder you should be getting dropped off on the south side of the building by the cafeteria not at the front office.
- ★ This Friday is the fall sports athletic media day, starting at 1:30, students will be called out fifteen minutes ahead of their scheduled time.
- ★ The first interest meeting for Mu Alpha Theta (Math Honor Society) will be held this Tuesday after school in room #100. You must be in 10th - 12th grade, taking Algebra 2 or higher, have a mathematical GPA of 3.0 or higher, currently be enrolled in an upper-level math class. This criteria will be researched by Mrs. Tavel once the first meeting has been conducted. The meeting should last about 15 minutes. If you have any questions, please see Mrs. Tavel in room #100.