

ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Monday, August 27, 2018

Today's Prayer and Reflection:

Your faith flourishes ever more. (2 Thessalonians 1:3)

The Thessalonians were going through a rough patch. They were being persecuted (2 Thessalonians 1:4). A false prophecy or a letter forged under Paul's name said that the Second Coming was imminent, and it left the community unsettled (2:1-2). Some members weren't doing their fair share of work (3:6-11). Yet even though they faced all these problems, Paul opened his letter by commending them for their ever-increasing faith. Why?

Paul saw all the good that was happening among them. His word of encouragement probably helped them see it for themselves as well.

Sometimes in the face of obstacles, all we need is a kind word to keep us moving forward. When someone comments on how hard we are working, it energizes us and gives us hope. One simple word of encouragement can change the tone of an environment and bring peace to a situation on the verge of discord. Even a humble "Thank you for all you do" can brighten someone's day.

Encouragement can start right in our own families. It can be

so easy to focus on what we think needs correcting in family members. But how about pointing out all the things they are doing well instead? When we say to a teenager, "I saw how kind you were to your little brother today," it makes her feel good about herself and will lead her to be kind to her brother in the future. When we tell our spouse, "I really appreciate how hard you are working to provide for us," it makes him or her feel valued and appreciated.

Don't stop with your family. Maybe at Mass you could turn to a family with small children and tell them how happy you are that they are there—even if the kids were a handful that morning. Or you could tell a coworker struggling with a tough assignment that you have confidence in her and are sure she has the gifts and ability to complete it.

Just as Paul chose to recognize the growing faith of the Thessalonians, so we can choose to see the good in people and let them know about it. Don't ever underestimate the value of an encouraging word. You never know the good it can do!

"Jesus, help me not to miss opportunities to encourage my brothers and sisters."

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Today's Announcements:

- ★ Juniors, Herff Jones will be back to class ring orders Wednesday during lunch. Please bring your deposit then, if you need extra brochures or packets you can pick them up in the front office.
- ★ Seventh grade Student Council representative applications are available in the office. They are due to Mrs. Buckley in room 200 at the campaign rules meeting tomorrow at 3pm. Seventh graders will elect six representatives for Student Council. If you have any questions, please see Mrs. Buckley.

- ★ NHS Members, the first meeting will be Wednesday, August 29, at 7:45 in the auditorium. Please be on time.
- ★ There will be a Mu Alpha Theta meeting after school on Friday, August 31, in Ms. Tavel's classroom. We will discuss tutoring and club dues. The meeting will be brief. We look forward to seeing all members there.
- ★ Applications are now available at the front desk for anyone interested in becoming a St. Patrick Ambassador. Ambassadors will be professional representatives of St. Patrick and duties will include: speaking to families and parishes about school happenings, attending Diocesan events, providing campus tours, and more. You do not have to be a member of Student Council to apply. Applications are due Friday, September 14. Please see Mrs. Rosetti for more information.
- ★ Auditions for the fall drama production will be Wednesday and Friday this week. There is a sign up sheet at Mrs. Trahan's classroom, room 204. Auditions will end at 4:00 each day. If you want an ensemble part you do not have to audition. Only lead roles need to audition.
- ★ Many thanks and congratulations to the members of Team Tempest Robotics who finished in 3rd place at this weekend's Red Stick Rumble in Baton Rouge. Team Tempest went undefeated in the quarterfinals and finished in the semifinal round as the 3rd place team of 33 teams from around the country. Applications are still available to join robotics for 7 - 12th grade. See Mrs. Worrel if you are interested.
- ★ Those students who are interested in running for an FCA Officer can pick up an application from Coach Dellenger during this week only
- ★ Students, we ask that you do not ask another student for a date to homecoming on the campus of St. Patrick. While we appreciate the excitement at this time of year, some of the requests are disruptive and sometimes embarrassing in a public forum. We ask that you contact your prospective date off campus outside school hours.