

ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Friday, August 31, 2018

Today's Prayer and Reflection:

Behold, the bridegroom! (Matthew 25:6)

This parable of the ten bridesmaids might seem gloomy to us, even frightening, with its locked door and grim "I do not know you" (Matthew 25:12). We might shy away from it for fear we might be found among the foolish. But even if his strong language makes you nervous, remember that Jesus wants us to be ready to greet him when he returns. So let's turn to Jesus, our bridegroom, and pray:

"Lord, you know how hard it can be for me to wait. I know I should be watching for your return, but it seems so far off. People that I love are suffering, and I am still waiting for an answer to my prayers. And there is so much that I don't understand about the world. I know that, one day, you will heal every wound and wipe away every tear. I know that there will be no more sickness, no more suffering. But while I wait for that day, I need to know your closeness. Will you wait with me, Lord? Fill me, Lord, with your hope and patience.

"Jesus, sometimes I fall asleep—but you already know that. I intend to come to you in prayer, but I get too busy. I want to read your word, but it's much easier to watch television or surf the Internet. I know you would gladly fill my lamp, but I'm so drowsy that I can't even tell when my oil supply is running low. But none of this surprises you. You always keep watch over me, even when I sleep. You have plenty of oil for me: plenty of grace and strength to help me stay awake. Fill me, Lord, with vigilance.

"Lord, when I think about your return, I start to feel nervous, not joyful. I wonder whether I am a wise or foolish disciple. Will I be ready? But you are the bridegroom, and you are completely committed to me. You came once to die and rise for me, and you will come again to bring me home. Just thinking about your love casts out my fear. I can just imagine the joy in your eyes as we both look forward to that reunion. Fill me, Lord, with your joy.

"Jesus, my bridegroom, fill my lamp today."

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Today's Announcements:

- ★ Happy Birthday to Emma Marsland and Grace McLoughlin today! Also, Christian McKee, Jacob Ngo, Bricen Rivers, and Chase Vivian will celebrate their birthdays this weekend.
- ★ Students that drive must have a decal visible. It must be on the front windshield, back windshield or hanging from the rear view mirror. If you do not have your decal visible you are subject to receiving a detention. If you drive more than one vehicle, you may get multiple decals—one for each car.
- ★ Juniors, Herff Jones will be back to take ring orders on Tuesday, September 11 during lunch.
- ★ High school students who plan to attend the Homecoming Dance and would like to request permission to bring an outside date must submit the form by Friday, September 7. Outside guests must be in ninth through twelfth grade and in good standing at their current school. Forms may be picked up at the front desk from Mrs. Collier or

downloaded from the "Student Life" page of the school website. Approval will not be granted for forms not submitted by Friday.

- ★ There will be a Mu Alpha Theta meeting after school today 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 today. There is a sign up sheet at Mrs. Trahan's classroom, room 204. Auditions will end at 4:00. If you want an ensemble part you do not have to audition. Only lead roles need to audition.
- ★ This is the last day for those students who are interested in running for an FCA Officer can pick up an application from Coach Dellenger
- ★ 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.
- ★ Any student who lives in Long Beach and is interested in the Long Beach Mayor's Youth Council, see the front desk for applications. The deadline is Friday, September 7.
- ★ Students who want to join the National English Honor Society should pick up an application from any English teacher. To be eligible, students must be in tenth grade and have a 3.0 average overall and in their core high school English classes. Applications will be due at the National English Honor Society meeting Tuesday, September 4, at 3pm in room 200. If you have questions, please see Mrs. Buckley.
- ★ The Fighting Irish Cross Country Team had a strong start to the season last night during the George County Invitational! The Varsity Girls Team placed first overall, and the Varsity Boys Team placed third overall with four runners finishing in the top 10. The first two junior high runners to cross the finish line were Isabella Patino for girls and Bryon Shepard for boys. Three Irish junior high boys finished in the top 10. Great job to all!
- ★ Congratulations to the Lady Irish volleyball team for defeating Lumberton in straight sets last night. Makenzie Stenum, 27 aces, and Hope Williams, 20 aces, led the way for the Irish with Hallie Ladner adding 11 kills. The Irish are back in action on Tuesday at home against OLA.
- ★ Students, If you received an application for NHS, remember it is due Tuesday, September 5, by 8:15 a.m.