

# ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

## DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS Wednesday, September 19, 2018

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### Today's Prayer and Reflection:

*Love never fails. (1 Corinthians 13:8)*

Paul's beautiful hymn of charity, as this passage is often called, paints the picture of a mature love filled with spiritual vitality. It's not the textbook definition of love that we find in a dictionary, but a soaring hymn that expresses what Christian love looks like as it is lived out day by day. This love is patient and kind rather than irritable; it serves the needs of others and does not insist on its own way; it is not quick-tempered; and it doesn't brood over injuries (1 Corinthians 13:4, 5).

Paul wrote this vigorous call to love to the Corinthians, a community that had been touched by the Lord in a powerful way, but that was also plagued by division, competition, and immorality. And so he urged them to let the love of Christ that they had experienced so powerfully at their conversion overcome their faults and heal their divisions. By appealing to love, Paul wanted to help the Corinthians recognize their own deepest desires. He knew that this was the one sure way to help them overcome their sins and grow in holiness.

As he wrote about growing from childish ways into mature

faith, Paul surely had his own life in mind as well as the Corinthians' lives. Paul had started out as a zealous young Pharisee who persecuted Christians. It took some time, even after his conversion, for him to calm down. But over time, he grew in his love for Jesus and became a more effective force for reconciliation and unity.

So make it a goal to grow in love. If you find yourself getting impatient, ask the Lord for the grace to be patient. If you find yourself getting consumed by anger, try to put on gentleness. If you find yourself getting puffed up by pride, ask the Spirit to give you a greater share in the gift of humility.

As we yield to God's love in these ways, we can grow in our love for the Lord and for one another. Our love will mature, and we will naturally seek ways to live not only for ourselves, but also for everyone around us.

You can walk in Christian charity—if you keep walking with Jesus.

*"Jesus, light the fire of your love in my heart, so that I can love you and love others with your own love aflame in me."*

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### Today's Announcements:

- ★ We wish our seventh grade students all the best on their spiritual retreat today!
- ★ Please complete your AdvancED surveys by Friday if not already done so.
- ★ Students enrolled in AP or dual enrollment classes are reminded that your fees are due by Friday.
- ★ Senior baby pictures are due Friday, September 21, you can email those to Ms. Farragut, and the senior college t-shirt picture will be September 21 during lunch. Senior quotes are due Friday, September 28 to Marie

Seicshnaydre. If quotes are not approved, students have three days to submit a new quote, or a bible verse will be chosen for them!

- ★ Juniors and Seniors, please remember to remind your parents that financial aid night is tonight at 6 p.m.
- ★ The representative from Balfour will be on campus today during lunch to take orders for letterman jackets and sweaters. Students in grades 10 - 12 who have participated in at least 25% of their sports varsity quarters/periods are eligible to receive their letterman jackets/sweaters this fall. We will have another fitting this Spring for our Winter and Spring season athletes.
- ★ Ocean Springs Knights of Columbus is seeking students to help with serving breakfast the first and third Sunday of each month. This would be a great opportunity for service hours; for more information see Mrs. Collier at the front office.
- ★ Applications for the 2018-2019 Science Olympiad Teams are available in Ms. Moon's room. They are due by Friday, September 28, at 3:00 p.m.
- ★ Students are encouraged to submit their poetry, short stories, photos, and artwork to the Aisling. The theme for the upcoming edition is "Adventure."
- ★ Students for Life will have its first meeting Thursday morning at 7:45 in room 215. Students for Life is for grades 9-12 and dues are \$5. At this meeting, Ms. Cloud will accept nominations for officers and give information about March for Life. Only students in Students for Life members can attend the March, so please attend the meeting if you are interested in more information about this pilgrimage.
- ★ There will be an Interact Club meeting today at 3:00 in the auditorium for all members and officers. Members \$5 dues must be paid by grades 9-12 by the time of the meeting.
- ★ Sophomores, if anyone is going to take the PSAT, remember you must pay Ms. Wilkinson by Monday, September 24.
- ★ Sophomores and Juniors, if anyone is going to take the PSAT workshop with Dr. Acosta, you need to register with Ms. Wilkinson by Monday, September 24.
- ★ Sacred Heart Elementary School is looking for students to assist with tutoring some of our elementary students. You would be asked to work on sight word lists, reading skills, homework, and study skills. Tutorial is scheduled Mondays through Thursdays from 3:45 to 4:45. If you are available and interested, please see Mrs. Collier for more details. This would be an excellent service opportunity.
- ★ We are still waiting on several people to vote for the NJHS officers. If you are already a member of NJHS and have not voted please go to your email and vote for the NJHS officer positions as soon as possible.