

ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Tuesday, October 23, 2018

Today's Prayer and Reflection:

... ready to open immediately when he comes and knocks.
(Luke 12:36)

Are you ready?

The question arises at every important transition. Are you ready for high school? Ready to go to college? To start a new job? To welcome a baby? To retire? Facing this question, we may list all the preparations we've made in the hope that we'll be able to handle the future that lies before us.

But there are always surprises, both pleasant and unpleasant. Nothing can prepare first-time parents for the all-encompassing effects of sleep deprivation or for the overwhelming love that floods them when they gaze at their newborn. The best advice you could ever receive about preparing for parenting is to expect the unexpected. You won't be disappointed that way, and you'll savor every unexpected blessing even more.

A similar thing happens to the servants in today's Gospel reading. They light their lamps and listen for their master's knock. They keep dinner warm, and they're ready to hang up his cloak and wash his feet when he shows up. They are

all set to serve their master as they have always done. In a sense, they're expecting the expected.

But then comes the surprise. When they hear that knock and hurry to open the door, the master commends them for being ready. Then he tells them to sit down at the table. "Tonight I'm going to wait on you!"

How will the Master surprise you today?

Yes, do all you can to be ready to carry out your responsibilities today. Do everything possible to make sure you are obeying God's commands and loving other people as he has loved you. But at the same time, be sure to hold your heart in readiness. God is full of surprises. He may give you an unexpected token of his love. He may fill you with the inspiration to do something you don't usually do, like share your faith. He may call your attention to one of his children who needs your comfort, your correction, or your prayer.

Don't limit what God can do for you, in you, and through you. Life with him is full of surprises!

"Jesus, I want to be ready to welcome you, however you choose to knock on my door today."

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Today's Announcements:

- ★ Happy Birthday to Laney Barton and Ms. Hebert today!
- ★ We are on pep rally schedule today. Students who participated in this year's Irish Raffle will have an ice cream party at 2:30 this afternoon.
- ★ Happy Mole Day! Today, October 23, recognizes the discovery by Amadeo Avogadro that there are 6.022×10^{23} atoms per mole of any element in science. So, 10/23 is a special day named by the American Chemical

Society as MOLE DAY! It started at 6:02 this morning and will run through 6:02 this evening. Have a Great Mole Day! We hope you "ironed" (Fe) your uniform and washed your dishes in the kitchen "zinc" (Zn)!

- ★ Senior yearbook ads and money are due by Friday, October 26, to Mrs. Farragut or Mrs. Collier. Order forms were emailed, and if you need a paper copy, please get one from the front office.
- ★ Tomorrow, October 24, there is a required meeting for all members of the SAVE club at 7:45 a.m. Please bring your \$5.00 dues. We will announce officers and discuss our plans for red ribbon week.
- ★ The members of Science Honor Society will be signing up people who would like to donate blood at our St. Patrick Fall Blood Drive. The blood drive will be here in our cafeteria from 10 - 3 on Sunday, November 4. Please help us meet our goal!
- ★ Tickets for *Much Ado About Middle School* (our fall drama production) go on sale today. Advance tickets are \$12.50 per person. Tickets purchased at the door will be \$15. See any cast or crew member or Mrs. Trahan to purchase your tickets.
- ★ FCA Chapter will meet tomorrow morning at 7:55 a.m. in room 108; attendance will be checked at all meetings.
- ★ Send a Halloween treat bag to a St. Patrick student or faculty member on Halloween day by purchasing a Boo Gram this week. Boo Grams may be purchased in the school office, from a junior class officer, or through our online store. All proceeds help the junior class plan and host this spring's school prom.
- ★ St. Alphonsus is looking for volunteers during the Peter Anderson Festival. The KC ladies need help with parking and serving hot dogs and hamburgers. If you would like to sign up, see Mrs. Collier in the front office.
- ★ Too many students have used all five free tardies for this semester. Make sure you pay attention to the bells and getting to class on time. Also, remember that unexcused check-ins count as tardies. We expect everyone to be in school from 8:15 to 3:00 everyday - and we give everyone five free tardies per semester for emergencies and unexpected situations.
- ★ Members of the cross country team will need to meet directly after school for a 20 minute run today.
- ★ If you haven't already, please cast your vote for class favorites! We have a few left that need to vote, and we want you to be included. Check your student email to vote!
- ★ NHS Members, there is a meeting tomorrow at 7:45 in the auditorium.