

ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Tuesday, October 30, 2018

Today's Prayer and Reflection:

Encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing. — 1 Thessalonians 5:11

Loving others includes encouraging one another. In Romans 12:7-8, Paul lists encouragement among the gifts of grace. When people accomplish a common objective together, all are encouraged. Fellow believers encourage one another to “grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ” (2 Peter 3:18).

The Thessalonian Christians faced struggles and an uncertain future. Paul wrote to encourage them, reminding them of their faith and love and hope in Christ, all of which prepared them to be ready for the Lord's return. And with these assurances they could keep encouraging one another and building each other up.

The gift of encouragement is important in our lives. Encouragement is a gift in the home, the workplace, the church—wherever we find ourselves. We can come alongside others and be there for one another. We can listen, comfort, console, affirm. It's a way of living out the command to love one another.

Take time to recall the people who've been encouragers in your life. They're the ones who were there when you thought you'd never laugh again. They were the ones who listened to you; whereas others just talked. Then ask yourself, “When was the last time I encouraged someone?” It's not difficult, and the people you encourage are so blessed by it.

Lord Jesus, help me to recognize the struggler or the lonely—anyone who needs your encouragement of love and hope today. In your name, Amen.

Today's Announcements:

- ★ Happy Birthday to Craig Farmer and Gully Yates!
- ★ The brothers and sisters in Christ who have been dealing with the aftermath of Hurricane Michael have certainly been in our thoughts and prayers. We have received word from Superintendent Mike Juhas of their Diocese, and we understand that St. John Catholic School was heavily damaged and is in the process of relocating. Their Diocese is collecting monetary donations to help with opening a temporary school among other urgent needs. We are asking for donations to send to St. John and the surrounding damaged parishes from our St. Patrick family of faith. If you would like to contribute, please send your donations this week to your first period teacher. Checks may be made payable to SPCHS as we will combine and send our funds together. Donations in any amount are received with prayerful gratitude.
- ★ Members of the cross country team will need to meet directly after school for a 30 minute run today.
- ★ All NEHS members should check their emails. The officer ballot as well as information about the next meeting and dues were sent to you via email. New member dues are due by tomorrow to Ms. Buckley.

- ★ There will be a meeting for anyone interested in playing softball at 7:45 tomorrow in room 105.
- ★ St. Alphonsus Knights of Columbus is seeking volunteers to serve Thanksgiving meals to senior citizens November 18 from 10:30 to 2:00. See Mrs. Collier in the front office to sign up.
- ★ This week the SAVE club is sponsoring Red Ribbon Week at St. Patrick. Red Ribbon Week is the nation's oldest and largest drug prevention awareness campaign and has millions of participants each year. SAVE club will be visible throughout the week encouraging everyone to make safe decisions in their lives.

Tomorrow, we are all encouraged to "sock it to drugs!" and to wear our craziest socks to school.