

# ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

## DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Friday, October 19, 2018

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### Today's Prayer and Reflection:

*Meanwhile, when the crowd gathered by the thousands, so that they trampled on one another, Jesus began to speak first to his disciples, "Beware of the yeast of the Pharisees, that is, their hypocrisy. Nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. Therefore whatever you have said in the dark will be heard in the light, and what you have whispered behind closed doors will be proclaimed from the housetops.*

*"I tell you, my friends, do not fear those who kill the body, and after that can do nothing more. But I will warn you whom to fear: fear him who, after he has killed, has authority to cast into hell. Yes, I tell you, fear him!"*

*"Are not five sparrows sold for two pennies? Yet not one of them is forgotten in God's sight. But even the hairs of your head are all counted. Do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows." (Luke 12:1-7)*

Jesus tells his disciples, "Nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known." Reading this passage made me think of when, as a child, I would try to hide some misdeed from my mother. No matter how good of a job I thought I did hiding my bad action, she knew. My five or even eleven-year-old self would try to be totally smooth and nonchalant, but Mom already knew something was afoot as soon as she saw my

face. This maternal knowledge that sees past our exteriors and into our very hearts mirrors God's knowledge of us.

In fact, God knows us even more intimately than our mothers, because God knows our entire story. And even though God knows each of our sinful thoughts, words, and actions, God's offer of love and mercy is unwavering. When we finally meet our Creator face-to-face, all of our struggles and successes will be accounted for. Our divine parent will sweep up the neglected, the disabled, the poor and the heartbroken, and will tell them: "I have been with you all along, I have loved you the whole time." The deep pains of rejection that we have all felt in our own way and the injustices that the least of our brothers and sisters have experienced on Earth will all be recognized and revealed in the end when our Father looks at each of us with loving recognition.

Let us pray that we may be encouraged and consoled by the knowledge that our loving God is always close to us, keeping track of even the hairs on our heads.

*Lord, when we face mounting challenges and acknowledge our worries for family and friends, we can feel alone. We ask for your help. Somehow, someday you will see us through. Let us hear and trust in your promises with renewed trust. Amen.*

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### Today's Announcements:

- ★ Samantha Alvarez, Tyler Gerretse, Nicholas Krass, and Mrs. Rosetti will celebrate their birthdays this weekend! Happy Birthday!
  
- ★ We will be on pep rally bell schedule today.

- ★ 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.
- ★ Be sure to vote for class favorites if you have not already done so.
- ★ Ambassadors, we will have a meeting Monday, October 22, directly after school to discuss upcoming events. Please make every effort to attend.
- ★ Our Lady of Fatima is hosting its Fall Festival this Saturday, October 20, from 10 a.m. until 7 p.m. There are volunteer opportunities available throughout the day working several booths by collecting tickets and/or helping children with games. Please reply to your email from Mrs. Rosetti if you are interested in assisting.
- ★ Next Wednesday, 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.
- ★ Next week, Students for Life is sponsoring a Life Month Baby Shower in the cafeteria. Bring in diapers, wipes or baby shampoo Monday - Thursday morning and receive a cupcake for attending the shower. All baby items will be donated to Morning Star Pregnancy Center for young mothers in need.
- ★ The members of Science Honor Society will be signing up people who would like to donate blood at our St. Patrick November 4th Blood Drive. Sign-ups will begin today at lunch and there will be members sitting on the stage in the cafeteria to sign up blood donors. If you are 16 years old, you will need a consent form that will be available when you sign up. Students over 16 do not require a consent form and you can sign up parents or other family/friends if you know a time they would like to donate. The blood drive will be here in our cafeteria from 10 - 3 on Sunday, November 4. Please help us meet our goal!
- ★ All those committed to attending Youth Leg must sign the sheet in Mr. Eleuterius' room, 116 by the end of the school day today, Friday 10/19/18.
- ★ There will be a Mock Trial meeting in Mr. Eleuterius' room, 116, on Monday morning, 10/22/18.
- ★ All NJHS members are reminded to come by room 118 to sign the email list if they have not done so already. Please do so by the end of the day.
- ★ Tickets for Much Ado About Middle School 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. Cast and crew need to pick up their ticket forms from Mrs. Trahan today.
- ★ Girls who received a state track ring can pick up your box for the ring in Coach Dellenger's room.
- ★ Key Club will meet in front of Dillard's (near the beach side) to do the beach clean up at 7:45 tomorrow morning.



