

# ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

## DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS Wednesday, November 7, 2018

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### Today's Prayer and Reflection:

*Even if I am poured out . . . , I rejoice. (Philippians 2:17)*

*When Paul says he is being poured out, he means that he has given his life to the mission of spreading the gospel. Now, as he writes from his prison cell, he is readying himself for his final act of pouring himself out: giving up his life as a martyr.*

*We have all poured ourselves out at one time or another. Maybe we were giving all of our time and energy to our job or to raising our family. We may have been tirelessly caring for a loved one or serving in active duty in the military. As demanding as it was, we did it willingly because we believed it was worth the sacrifice.*

*Paul felt the same way, and now, nearing the end of his life, he could see the fruits of his labor. Through his missionary journeys, many had come to know the risen Christ. The followers of Jesus weren't perfect, but they were living in community, loving and supporting one another, and working, as he had, to spread the good news. All of this, obviously, gave him cause to rejoice. But Paul also rejoiced because his final goal was in sight: life with Jesus in heaven. Through all his struggles, Paul kept in mind the*

*fact that someday he would be with the Lord forever.*

*It's not easy to be poured out. There are times when we feel so stretched that we lose our joy. Exhaustion can get the best of us, and we fall into self-pity or complaining. Then we are tempted to pull back, whether it's from the work in front of us or from our desire to follow Jesus faithfully. That's exactly the right time to focus on our goals—including the ultimate goal of being with Jesus forever.*

*Here's another reason to rejoice: eternal life starts now. Paul experienced genuine joy as he wrote this letter from prison, and it was not just because he believed in the joy to come. God was filling him with joy right in his prison cell. So today, whatever your circumstances, ask the Lord to do the same for you. Believe that he is with you now, just as he will be with you for all of eternity.*

*"Jesus, thank you for the joy you have for me now and always. I trust in you!"*

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### Today's Announcements:

- ★ Happy Birthday to Isabell Alexander, Gracie Chatelain, Ashleigh Sutton & Taylor Sutton
  
- ★ 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.

- ★ 5th graders will be visiting our school today, let's give them a bit St. Patrick welcome.
- ★ Yearbook pictures for the following clubs will be tomorrow during 5th and 6th periods! Please listen when we call for you to come take your picture because we will NOT have retakes!!
  - Aisling
  - Bible Study
  - National Junior Honor Society
  - Choir
  - National Honor Society
  - National Science Honor Society
  - National English Honor Society
  - Spanish Honor Society
  - Drama GuildYearbook staff pictures will be taken during Journalism class
- ★ FCA members are reminded to turn in your canned good (3-5 cans) for the Thanksgiving project by Friday, November 16 to Coach Dellenger in room 108.
- ★ Please bring in your shoe boxes with items for Operation Christmas Child this week to your religion teachers. We will deliver those next week. If you have any questions, please see Mrs.Sutherlin or Mr.Creel.
- ★ National Honor Society Members-please check your email, and please remember to bring your canned goods as soon as possible.
- ★ The Drama Guild will meet today after school until 3:30. This meeting is for all guild members, not just cast and crew. Also, anyone who would like to sing in the Christmas cantata is asked to attend the meeting for more information.
- ★ Knights of Columbus at St. Alphonsus are still seeking volunteers to serve the senior citizen Thanksgiving meal on Sunday, November 18 from 10:30 - 2:00. Anyone interested should see Mrs. Collier in the front office to sign up.
- ★ Congratulations to the Varsity boys soccer team for their great start this season. The Fighting Irish opened the season with a 0-0 tie against the defending state champion Gulfport Admirals. Since then, they have been unstoppable defeating Long Beach 2-1, Gautier 6-0, and Picayune 5-0. Keep up the good work.
- ★ We would like to congratulate our girls varsity basketball team on their victory last night against Vancleave, they won 31-25. Players of the game were Emilee Nolte, Jasmine Stawarski and Ijia Henderson. Congratulations girls!
- ★ The Fighting Irish junior varsity boys basketball team defeated Vancleave 44-29 last night. Isiah Jefferson led the Irish with 11 points, while Briggs Menendez, Robert Van Horn, and Kaleb Chatman all played well for the Irish. The team will host East Central Thursday night.
- ★ The Fighting Irish varsity boys basketball team defeated Vancleave 52-42 last night. Jay Parker scored 22 points and Drew Roth added 16 points and 7 rebounds. Windfield Swetman and Michael Moeller contributed to the Irish win. The team will host East Central Thursday night



