

# ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

## DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS Wednesday, March 27, 2019

### Today's Prayer and Reflection:

*Hear the statutes and decrees which I am teaching you to observe, that you may live. (Deuteronomy 4:1)*

The model for becoming physically healthy is more or less clear. Eat well—take in good nutrients, and avoid processed foods. And exercise—train your muscles and heart through regular activity. Of course, reality can be a little more complicated. And clear doesn't always mean easy! But at least understanding the theory is a good start.

In today's first reading, we see another sort of model. It's a model for growing in spiritual health, built around reading the Scriptures. Here it is: "Hear . . . observe . . . live" (Deuteronomy 4:1). If we hear God's word and observe God's word, we will enjoy a richer spiritual life. Let's take a closer look at each of these.

First, there's hearing God's word. There really isn't a substitute for reading the Bible every day. Just as we aim to feed our bodies with solid, healthy food, the word of God is like a meal for our spirit.

It's best to read prayerfully, too. Ask the Holy Spirit to take the nutrients of God's word and build you up from the inside out. As you read, it may help to ask, "How is this passage revealing the Lord to me?"

Then there's observing God's word—that means obeying it. Ask yourself, "In the light of this passage, what could I change about my life?" Just pick one thing, and try to apply it. It could be something like forgiving someone who hurt you. Or saying one encouraging thing to those closest to you each day. Perhaps for today, you might simply commit to reading the Bible for a few minutes every day. Little by little, you'll be making changes; over time these will add up to become real transformation.

Finally, live—this is a promise of blessing. It doesn't mean you won't face adversity or even sorrow. But it does mean that tough circumstances won't be able to stifle the growth of your inner life. And it means that as you make those little steps in patience, humility, and love, your relationships will become healthier, including your relationship with the Lord.

*"Lord, thank you for blessing me with your word."*

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### Today's Announcements:

- ★ Happy Birthday to Lexie Lee and William Weatherly!
- ★ We wish our ninth grade students all the best on their spiritual retreat today. We will call for ninth graders to be dismissed to the office as soon as everything is ready.
- ★ Remind your parents and relatives to buy tickets to our school fundraiser, *Shamrockin' the Coast*, which is this Saturday night. We will be taking a fun trip to Margaritaville soon for those who buy or sell a ticket.

- ★ Students, we will begin having scheduling meetings this week starting with the Class of 2020 at 9:00 this morning. All students will need to have their PowerSchool username and password before the scheduling meeting. If you do not know your username or password, see Mrs. Collier.
- ★ Seniors and juniors - as you know, prom is fast approaching and will be an excellent evening! We will begin selling prom tickets today. Tickets are \$45 per person and may be purchased from Mrs. Collier or Mrs. Edwards in the front office by Tuesday. Also, prom will be held from 6:00 to 10:00 p.m. - all students must arrive no later than 6:30 p.m. and must stay until at least 9:00 p. m. We would love for you to get the most out of this very special and memorable event! If you have any questions, please see Mrs. Tavel.

Also, if you would like to request an outside guest for prom, the completed form is due to Dr. Buckley by this Friday, March 29. You may download the outside guest form from the "Campus Life" page of the website or pick up a copy from Mrs. Collier at the front desk. Outside guests must be enrolled in a local high school in tenth, eleventh, or twelfth grade and in good standing at his or her current school.

- ★ There is a Father/Daughter dance and dinner on Saturday, April 6, at the Great Southern Club Sunset Ballroom in the Hancock Bank building for ladies in seventh through tenth grades. If you are interested, pick up a flyer in the front office.
- ★ The Lady Irish softball team wins against OLA last night by a score of 17-7. Chandler Wheeler had four hits in the victory over OLA, and the Irish racked up 15 hits; Chandler Wheeler, Ijah Henderson, Sarah D'Aquilla, Anna Grace Castandeo, Lauren Croal, Jasmine Stawarski, and Brooklyn Mitchell all managed multiple hits for St. Patrick. Brooklyn Mitchell was credited with the victory - she surrendered five runs on four hits over five innings, striking out two. The Lady Irish play at home against Perry Central Thursday night at 6:30 p.m.
- ★ Congratulations to the men's varsity baseball team on their 2-1 district win over Perry Central last night. Blake Gollott surrendered just one hit over five innings and struck out 10 Bulldog hitters to get the win on the mound. The Fighting Irish advance to 5-0 in district play and will travel to Perry Central on Friday night.
- ★ In yesterday's junior high track meet, St. Patrick finished with many top finishers in the events - congratulations and job well done!