

ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS Tuesday, August 13, 2019

Today's Prayer and Reflection:

*It is the Lord, your God, who marches with you.
(Deuteronomy 31:6)*

When Moses called together the people of Israel for his final speech, he began with the bad news: he was not going to lead them across the Jordan into the Promised Land. It was his time to die. Imagine the sadness that spread through the gathering. How could they possibly function without him?

But Moses moved quickly to the good news: "It is the Lord, your God, who marches with you; he will never fail you or forsake you. . . . So do not fear or be dismayed" (Deuteronomy 31:6, 8). He reminded them that God himself would lead them, just as he had always done.

Jesus made the same promise to his disciples. They were overcome with grief when he announced his imminent death, but he assured them, "It is better for you that I go. For if I do not go, the Advocate will not come to you" (John 16:7). What could be better than the Son of God walking beside them? The Holy Spirit dwelling within them!

Both the Hebrew people and the disciples were facing a major transition. It was natural for them to feel anxious about the future, but their dying leaders reminded them that they could count on God's abiding presence with them, no matter what the future might hold.

Perhaps you too are facing a transition or an uncertain future. In times like these, you might become consumed with anxiety. You might be tempted to dwell on the uncertain future and miss God's invitation to dwell with him in the present. Whatever the future brings, you can be sure of one thing: God will be with you there. More important, Jesus is with you here and now. Whether or not you receive answers to the questions that seem so urgent, you can count on his loving presence. Leave your fear and confusion with him, and rest in his unconditional love for you.

*"Spirit of the living God, I believe you are alive in me.
Open my heart to the reality of your presence here and now."*

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Today's Announcements:

- ★ Today will begin the second day of the advisement rotation for seventh and eighth grade students. Seventh and eighth grade teachers, please review the schedule with your students.
- ★ All athletic periods will meet in the gym.
- ★ Our library media center will be open until 5:00 p.m. each afternoon.
- ★ Students, you will have until August 16 to check out your textbooks from the library media center.

- ★ Students who drive to campus, please pick up a parking permit and registration form from Ms. Edwards by August 16. All vehicles parked on campus must have a decal displayed on the rear-view mirror. There is no charge for parking permits.
- ★ The first Drama Guild meeting will be tomorrow from 3 until 3:30 p.m. The Drama Guild is open to students in grades 7-12. Membership stays open all year to give you an opportunity to work with either the fall production or the spring production. Applications are available in advance from Mrs. Trahan.
- ★ Dr. Casey is looking for a few students to head the St. Patrick SAVE/SADD club. If you are interested, please see Dr. Casey in room 118 by the end of the week. An announcement about joining for all other members will go out next week.
- ★ Students, if you are not already a member of the National Honor Society and hold a 3.0 grade point average, you will receive an application packet today or tomorrow. It is due by 3:30 on August 21. You must give your packet to Ms. Wilkinson. If you do not receive a packet and think you have a 3.0, please see Ms. Wilkinson.
- ★ The Lady Irish volleyball team competes tonight against D'Iberville at home. Come out and support the Lady Irish - game times are 5:30 for JV and 6:30 for varsity.
- ★ Parents and Students, the 2019-2020 March Yearbook is officially underway. Our mission and goal is to make sure every student at St. Patrick Catholic High School is featured multiple times. In order for us to do that we need your help. Students and parents are encouraged to download the app Replayit on their smartphone. This app allows you to upload pictures you take at school functions and sporting events, and then send them to our staff. This will help ensure that every student has multiple pictures in the yearbook. If you have any questions please reach out to our yearbook adviser Emily Aldrich.