

## DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS Thursday, September 5, 2019

## **Today's Prayer and Reflection:**

They left everything and followed him. (Luke 5:11)

Does it ever feel as if there are obstacles that make it hard for you to accept Jesus' call to follow him? If so, the Lord has some words of encouragement for you right now:

Jesus: "Whatever you think is holding you back from following me, whatever is oppressing or bothering you, just bring it along with you. Trust me; I can handle it. The most important thing is that you know how much I love you and how much I enjoy being with you each day. So if you think something is holding you back, just bring it along."

Me: "Really? Even my work, Lord? My job is so demanding. My hours are so long, and I come home so tired and stressed. I appreciate your invitation and I want to come, but I'm feeling too overwhelmed to consider myself a worthy disciple."

Jesus: "Bring your job with you, and I'll help you work it out. I love the fact that you're a hard worker and dedicated. You don't have to fight this battle alone. I'm here with you. Just try your best to stay close to me as you go through your workday."

Me: "Lord, I have this burden that is weighing so heavily on me. I can't seem to find a way out. I'm ashamed of myself and embarrassed by my situation. I can just imagine how displeased you must be with me."

Jesus: "Bring it along with you. Let me help you through this situation. Sure, things may be tough right now. Maybe you've made some bad choices. But I still love you, and I want to help you."

Me: "Lord, I want to follow you, but I have this sin pattern that I just can't get rid of. How can I follow you with such a large millstone around my neck?"

Jesus: "Bring it along with you, and we'll work on it together. My Holy Spirit can teach you how to get free. It may not be easy, and it may not be immediate. But I can help."

Me: "Lord, I will follow you! I will trust your promises to me. I believe that you can help me overcome my burdens and obstacles."

"Thank you, Jesus, for inviting me to follow you!"

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## **Today's Announcements:**

- Today is day 4 of the advisement rotation.
- Students who have the yearly meal plan are allocated \$5 per day to their cafeteria account. If you go over \$5, you will need to pay cash for the remainder of your order. All students must have a positive balance on their cafeteria account or bring money in order to get breakfast or lunch from the cafeteria. If you have a negative balance and need to charge your lunch today, stop by the office right after first period.

- Applications for membership in Robotics are due this Friday, September 6, to Mrs. Worrel. The forms are in room 202. The purpose of the application is for contact information and areas of interest in the many categories of robotics. See Mrs. Worrel this week if you are still interested in joining.
- Nativity is seeking volunteers to help out with their annual Halloween Carnival. The carnival will be held Saturday, October 19, from 1pm to 9pm. They will also need volunteers for set-up on Friday from 3:30pm to 6pm as well as clean up on Sunday from 8am to 11am. If you are interested in helping out, please see Mrs. Collier at the front desk to sign up.
- Any student interested in playing baseball in the spring, including current players, please stop by room 107 and see Coach Buckley this week.
- NJHS and NHS members, there will be a brief practice this Friday at 9:00am in the cafeteria. Please bring your book bags so that you can go directly to second period. All officers and inductees are required to attend this practice.
- Students in grades 9-12 who would like to run for a FCA officer position should pick up an application from Coach Dellenger this week.
- Fall drama auditions start today after school. There is a signup sheet on the door by Mrs. Trahan's room to schedule a time.
- Congressman Palazzo would like to invite all students to this year's Academy Day scheduled for Saturday, September 7, 2019. This event will be held at the Hospitality Resort Management Center of MS Gulf Coast Community College in Biloxi, MS, from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. If anyone has any questions, please email Ms. Wilkinson.
- Any student who plans to be a member of the SAVE club please sign your name and email on the roster list outside Dr. Casey's door, room 118.
- Any 7th or 8th grade student who has not yet signed up for the junior high math club and would like to, please see Dr. Casey by the end of the day.
- Out of school guest forms for grades 9-12 for the Homecoming dance are now available in the front office or online at www.stpatrickhighschool.net/academics and are due back no later than Friday, September 20.
- Seventh grade representative candidates, if you would like any of your campaign materials from the cafeteria, please pick them up from Mrs. Williams in room 200 today. Any materials not picked up by tomorrow will be discarded.