
ST. PATRICK

CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

This Week at St. Patrick



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Good Morning, Friends!

I hope you and your family are doing well.

We are thrilled to welcome Bishop Kihneman to St. Patrick this week. On Thursday, Bishop Kihneman will celebrate mass here on campus, and he, along with Superintendent Dr. Rhonda Clark, will visit all students, faculty, and staff throughout the day. We are extremely grateful for the support and presence of Bishop Kihneman and Dr. Clark, and look forward to their visit to campus this week.

Last week, many of our daily devotions reflected on a close study of the book of Ecclesiastes. Ecclesiastes 3 reminds us, “There is an appointed time for everything, and a time for everything under the heavens... A time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance... a time to embrace, and a time to be far from embraces.... He has made everything appropriate to its time.”

What a challenging year we've had! The coronavirus has turned our lives upside down. What we used to take for granted—that businesses would be open, that we could go wherever we want whenever we want to—we suddenly can't assume any more. Shaking hands or hugging has been replaced with a simple nod of the head from a safe distance. It's been a time of social distancing from friends, but hopefully this time has allowed us to draw closer to the people with whom we are closest.

Isn't it remarkable how appropriate this reading from Ecclesiastes is for this particular moment in history? It describes the common ups and downs of life, but it takes on a special resonance this past year. This has been a time of fear and suffering for those sickened by the virus, a time of mourning when loved ones have died, and a time of gratitude for those who remain healthy.

Yet as Christians, we know that Jesus is still in charge of the situation. He has "made everything appropriate to its time." He is with us in this pandemic, just as he has been with us in all our other trials. And because he is with us, he continues to pour out his blessings, even amid the challenges. He gives us the grace to deal with the obstacles we face. He invites us to unite our sufferings to his on the cross. And he holds out the promise of new life, both now and forever.

This week, may we acknowledge what we have all been through these last few months—the ups and downs, the moments of joy and the moments of sorrow. Let us allow Christ to enter into each of these areas. He won't judge us for feeling discouraged or frightened or alone. He understands the discomfort and distress of having our lives disrupted in so many ways. Let him accompany us day by day through this "appointed time."

What a great start we have had for this year's **Luck of the Irish Raffle!** In just our first week, you have turned in 1,109 tickets - that's \$22,180. Thank you! This year's goal is \$100,000, and we are well on our way there. We are counting on each student, faculty, and staff member to sell at least one book of tickets. And our first drawing is scheduled for October 16. For questions or additional booklets, please contact Patrick Miller, Director of Advancement, at 228-702-0500 or pmiller@stpatrickhigschool.net.

I know you have been waiting for details regarding **Homecoming 2020**. We've been trying to buy as much time as possible to assess what all events are possible - of course, we want to have as close to a traditional Homecoming as possible, but we realize the limitations regarding large-group events. I will have all of the Homecoming information emailed out to everyone by the end of the day today. Although different than usual, we will make sure this year's Homecoming is a wonderful, memorable time for everyone!

Assignments, tests, and lesson plans should continue to be in Canvas by 8am each Monday morning for each of your child's classes. Join us this Wednesday evening for a **Canvas Informational Session**. We will be live on Facebook and YouTube at 6pm on Wednesday evening for an overview of our Canvas Learning Management System. We will show parents how to login to Canvas, navigate the program, access teacher's lesson plans and course activities, and answer questions.

Know how much we appreciate you! If you need anything, just let us know.

Let's make it a great week!



Dr. Matt Buckley
Principal

Scripture of the Week

Luke 9:25: "What good is it for a man to gain the whole world, and yet lose or forfeit his very self?"

Have you seen the picture of a hearse pulling a U-Haul trailer with the caption, "Who says you can't take it with you?" While it is humorous, it is also wrong... dead wrong. If we lose our souls in the pursuit of things, what of lasting value have we gained? Is it worth losing the only thing that really matters?

Loving Father, help us keep our eyes on what is truly valuable and use the other blessings in our lives to bring you glory and to bless others. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Happy Birthday

Brochard, Garrett
Descher, Kelsey
Kotsakos, Logan
Lizana, Casper
Mestayer, Caston
Peterson, Madeline
Roth, Ryan
Stegall, Logan
Stoddard, Ava
Mrs. Renee Dellenger
Ms. Dee Blakeney

Calendar

Monday, September 28

Scattered Thunderstorms | 86° | 60° | 70%

7:45am JH Science Olympiad Meeting
3:05pm Drama Guild Workshop
4pm JH Volleyball vs. Colmer (Home)

6pm JV Volleyball vs. Lumberton (Home)
7pm Varsity Volleyball vs. Lumberton (Home)

What's for Lunch? Hot Lunch: spaghetti with meat sauce, green beans, garlic bread; Fresh grilled chicken salad with choice of dressing; Fresh ham, turkey, and cheese po-boy with chips; Grill Items: pizza, french fries, hamburger, chicken sandwich

Tuesday, September 29

Partly Cloudy | 75° | 52° | 20%

3:05pm Quiz Bowl Meeting
3:05pm Drama Rehearsal
3:05pm English/Language Tutoring
3:05pm Robotics Work Sessions
5pm JV Volleyball vs. Perry Central (Home)
6pm JH Football vs. Sacred Heart (Away)
6pm Varsity Men's Soccer Parent Meeting (virtual)
6pm Varsity Volleyball vs. Perry Central (Home)

What's for Lunch? Hot Lunch: country-style chicken, mashed potatoes with gravy, peas, biscuit; Fresh grilled chicken salad with choice of dressing; Fresh ham, turkey, and cheese po-boy with chips; Grill Items: pizza, french fries, hamburger, chicken sandwich

Wednesday, September 30

Sunny | 77° | 56° | 0%

7:45am Bible Study
8:15am Reading Fair
8:30am Senior Cap/Gown Fitting + Graduation Invitation Presentation
3:05pm SAVE Club Meeting
3:05pm Robotics Work Sessions
3:05pm National Junior Honor Society Meeting (officers only)
6pm Canvas Informational Meeting (Virtual)

What's for Lunch? Hot Lunch: Dr. Buckley's world famous gumbo with rice, french bread; Fresh grilled chicken salad with choice of dressing; Fresh ham, turkey, and cheese po-boy with chips; Grill Items: pizza, french fries, hamburger, chicken sandwich

Thursday, October 1

Sunny | 83° | 58° | 10%

Today, we will follow the liturgy bell schedule. Students should wear their liturgy uniform, including blazers and ties. Mass will be livestreamed on Facebook and YouTube.

7:45am Students for Life Meeting
9:40am Mass - Bishop Kihneman
3:05pm Drama Rehearsal

3:05pm Mock Trial Practice
3:05pm Chick-fil-A Leader Academy
3:05pm Math Tutoring
5pm Junior High Soccer Tryouts
5:30pm JV Volleyball vs. D'Iberville (Away)
6:30pm Varsity Volleyball vs. D'Iberville (Away)

What's for Lunch? Hot Lunch: meatball sub, potato salad, fruit; Fresh grilled chicken salad with choice of dressing; Fresh ham, turkey, and cheese po-boy with chips; Grill Items: pizza, french fries, hamburger; chicken sandwich

Friday, October 2

Sunny | 77° | 52° | 0%

7:45am HS Science Olympiad Meeting

What's for Lunch? Hot Lunch: chicken nuggets, broccoli rice casserole, roll; Fresh grilled chicken salad with choice of dressing; Fresh ham, turkey, and cheese po-boy with chips; Grill Items: pizza, french fries, hamburger; chicken sandwich

Saturday, October 3

Sunny | 75° | 52° | 0%

9:30am Cross Country - Watson High School Meet
11am JV Volleyball vs. Gautier (Home)
12pm Varsity Volleyball vs. Gautier (Home)



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