

PRINCIPAL NOTES

August 10, 2017



UPCOMING EVENTS:

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| Aug 14 | Back to School Night for PreS-8 th grades 5:30-6:00pm I-P (last names) 6:00-6:30pm Q-Z (last names) 6:30-7:00pm A-H (last names) |
| Aug 15 | First Day for Kindergarten Only (Optional) 7:55-12:00pm – bring cold lunch |
| Aug 16 | First Day of School K-8 th |
| Aug 16-18 | Kindergarten ½ days (7:55-noon, lunch served) |
| Aug 17 | All PreS Open House – Parents Only (10:00am/1:30pm) BH |
| Aug 18 | All PreK Open House – Parents Only |
| Aug 21 | PreK, PreS5 & PreS3 Start |
| Aug 22 | PreS2 Start |
| Aug 23 | Aspen Seemann & Lane Graves AC Dedication 6:30pm |
| Aug 24 | 6 th -8 th Curriculum Night 5:30pm |
| Aug 25 | August Birthday Dress Down Day; All School Mass 2:20 |
| Aug 26 | Parish Fall Festival |
| Aug 29 | K-5 th Curriculum Night 5:00pm and 6:15pm |
| Aug 31 | \$1 Dress Down Day Strong Kids Campaign (wear your favorite team) |

** = new this week PC = Parish Center BH = Boland Hall MC = Media Center

SCHOOL SUPPLY LISTS – for the 2017/2018 school year are now available on Sycamore under documents.



****SOLAR ECLIPSE, MONDAY, AUGUST 21ST** - Students in grades K-8 will be viewing the eclipse during the school day on August 21st. St. Pat's has purchased approved glasses for all students and staff. If you prefer your child does not view the eclipse, please confirm with their teacher. <http://www.2017solar.com/free-eclipse-glasses/>

****SAFETY PATROL** - As we get ready for the upcoming school year, please e-mail Rachel Stricklett at trstricklett@cox.net if you are carpooling with other families ASAP (preferably by August 11th). She will be sure to get all of the children assigned to the same parking lot for afternoon dismissal. In addition, if you did not receive an e-mail with your afternoon pick-up lot assignment, please e-mail Rachel and she will get it to you.



****AM DROP OFF & PM PICK UP** - We **CANNOT** use Bethany's parking lot as a drive through for morning drop-off or a parking space for afternoon pick-up. This was only for use during last school year. Please enter the school parking lot from 204th & Laramie Street or through the neighborhood on Laramie Street.

ST. PATRICK'S UNIFORM JACKET - can be ordered from the following website starting August 1st – 18th: https://stores.inksoft.com/st_pats_spiritwear



Jackets will be available for pick up at a location to be determined after September 6th. Sample jackets will be available to try on at Get Set for School on August 6th and at Back to School Night on August 14th. Jackets are \$29.00 each and are available in sizes Youth X-Small - XL and Adult X-Small - 2XL. Forest Green/White Youth and Adult Tricot Track Jacket - Uniform Approved (spLST90a).

For additional information, contact Paula Blackledge at 402-212-2902 or pjblackledge@yahoo.com

MIDDLE SCHOOL PE UNIFORM UPDATE – For PE classes, 6th – 8th grade students can wear any school approved t-shirt (i.e. - old or current Uganda, mission, shamrock stride or gray pe shirt), modest black shorts (NO SPANDEX) and tennis shoes. If a student does not wear appropriate tennis shoes and athletic uniform, he/she will be given a uniform violation and it may affect his/her participation grade in PE for the day.

STUDENTS IN PUBLICITY - Photographs of students may appear on the school website or on other publications promoting St. Patrick's and/or acknowledging student accomplishments. Parents who do not wish their children's photographs to be placed in public media must notify Mrs. Gibson or Mrs. Olson in the school office (kgibson@stpatselfhorn.org or molson@stpatselfhorn.org) **prior to the first day of school.**



2017-2018 PAPERWORK NEEDED – If your child is new to St. Patrick's, we will need a copy of his/her birth certificate and baptism certificate. You can send these to the school office or email them to: molson@stpatselfhorn.org. If your child was baptized here at St. Patrick's, please notify the office, and we can print a copy for you. **This information was due by July 15, 2017.**

Physical exams may be completed up to six months **before** school starts on August 16th, 2017. If your child attended St. Patrick's School in 2016-2017, there is no need to resubmit immunizations unless your child has had them updated since last Fall. Physicals/immunization records are due to Mrs. Arndt, school nurse, by August 15, 2017.

THE STATE OF NEBRASKA REQUIRES HEALTH EXAMS FOR ALL STUDENTS ENTERING KINDERGARTEN, 7TH GRADE AND OUT-OF-STATE TRANSFERS.



Kindergarten –Physical Exam, Visual Exam and Immunization Record, if immunizations completed in the last year and you have not submitted this already.

7th Grade – Physical Exam and Immunization Record, if immunizations completed in the last year and you have not submitted this already.

Out-of-State Transfer Students –Physical Exam, Visual Exam and record of Immunizations that meets Nebraska requirements.

Physicals must be done by a Nebraska physician. Physicals from out of state are not accepted.



****AUDITIONS FOR THE MIDDLE SCHOOL MUSICAL** - "Wizard of Oz" will be held on Tuesday, August 22 at 3:30 or Wednesday, August 23 at 3:30 in the Music Room. Audition forms can be picked up from Mrs. Ackerman when school is in session. There will be different opportunities to be involved in on and offstage areas. All will need to fill out the form and have a parent sign.

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN FOR THE 2017-2018 ST. PATRICK'S SHOW CHOIR -- SERAPHIM -

If you have a student who has a passion for music and would like to be a part of a great group that teaches performing, as well as musicality and stage presence, this is the group for them. We will meet on Mondays from 3:30-4:30 and will start as soon as August 21st. There is no audition needed, everyone is welcome! We will have a parent form to sign shortly that will outline expectations. Registration is easy and online at: <https://stpatselfhorn.weshareonline.org/ShowChoir>. Registration will be \$50 this year and will help us to pay for outfits and rights to the music. We are trying to keep this affordable for all.



We realize not everyone is a singer and not everyone is a dancer, but there is something about being part of the process and the performance in a safe venue that everyone will enjoy. We invite you to sign your child/children up for another great year with the 2017/2018 Seraphim.



****GIRLS ON THE RUN OF NEBRASKA** – will be meeting Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:30-4:45pm beginning August 22nd. Please watch Pnotes for further details.

ATHLETIC PASSES - we have a new athletic pass that will get you into all home games volleyball and basketball at the Aspen Lane activity center, as well as Mount Michael in the winter. Go to we share for more information.



THE FOLLOWING ATHLETICS ARE OPEN FOR FALL -

- PAL Football for 7th and 8th graders
- Flag Football for Kindergarten - 3rd grade
- Micro Soccer - PreS-Kindergarten

ST. PAT'S ANGELS 7/8 GRADE FOOTBALL - registration is now open for the 2018 season. Please sign up on the website under registration. The PAL 8th grade league is competitive and fun for any beginners or kids who have played for many years. If your child is playing in another league and is interested, Coach Shanle is very accommodating for practices and games. He is also asking for at least three volunteers to assist him for practices and games. For any further information, please contact Ryan Shanle at rshanle@stpatselkhorn.org. Thank you and Go Angels!



FALL FESTIVAL - The Fall Festival will be held on Saturday, August 26th, 2017. Mark your calendars for a fun-filled evening! Additional details will be coming in the near future.



We are in need of NEW carnival prize items for the festival being held on August 26th and have begun taking donations. The donation bins are located inside the school entrance and by the coat rack in the church like in previous years. Thank you.

THROUGHOUT THE YEAR - we receive many requests to publish information about various camps and activities. These flyers/brochures can be found under 'documents' in Sycamore. Please check them out!

BAKERS FREE MONEY - Do you shop at Bakers? Please take a minute to register your Bakers Rewards Card and help St. Pats earn free money! Go to the website and register your card. Our NPO number is 77727. <https://www.dillons.com/account/enrollCommunityRewardsNow>

WANT TO SEE WHAT IS HAPPENING INSIDE ST. PATRICK'S SCHOOL FRONT DOORS? - Join us on Facebook and Twitter to see the latest news and exciting things going on at St. Patrick's School:
 TWITTER: @stpatsangels
 FACEBOOK: St Patrick's-Elkhorn

CELEBRATING AND SHARING AMERICA! - As we have recently celebrated our nation's Independence Day, won't you consider sharing all you love about America with a young student from South Korea? You will be able to learn about South Korea too. We have new students prepared to come to America for the 2017-18 school year. Won't you consider hosting?



We invite your family to join in this memorable experience by becoming a KoAm host family. KoAm students arrive with round-trip airline tickets, complete medical insurance, tuition, school fees, and personal spending money for the duration of their stay. Exchange student shows appreciation to the host family with a monetary gift and reimburse expenses. Contact KoAm National Coordinator Haewon Park at [402-401-4320](tel:402-401-4320) and [800-521-6640](tel:800-521-6640) or by email at administrator@koameduall.org. Please visit the KoAm website at <http://www.koameduall.org> and click on 'Apply to Be a Host Family'.

SAVE THE DATE! - August 23, 2017



Please join us in celebration for the Grand Opening and Blessing Ceremony of The Aspen Seemann & Lane Graves Activity Center. The Activity Center will be open from 6:00-8:00pm, and the ceremony will begin at 6:30pm in the gym. Archbishop George Lucas will be here to bless and celebrate the opening of the Aspen Seemann/Lane Graves Activity Center. Join us for an evening of fellowship, tours and refreshments as we celebrate this special occasion.

Thank you to the 793 families who have pledged to make the Activity Center a reality! We appreciate your support!

UPCOMING BLOOD DRIVE - Emergency need for blood this summer!

Elkhorn Community

Sunday, August 27 from 8:00 am – 2:00 pm

Held at St. Patrick's Catholic Church, also sponsored by Bethany Lutheran

NOTE: Come in to donate July 26 to August 31, 2017, and as a special thank you for making donation a priority, we'll email you a \$5 Target eGiftCard™. Use it on a purchase of your choice, because you deserve it for making blood donation a priority this summer.

To check available times and to schedule your donation appointment: Visit www.redcrossblood.org – search “ELKHORNNE” or contact Kelly at barkmeier@gmail.com to reserve a spot. You may also call 1-800-Red-Cross with questions or to schedule your blood donation appointment. Don't forget to save time as you save lives: Visit www.redcrossblood.org/rapidpass for more information.

SAFE ENVIRONMENT - Anyone working with youth (room parents, coaches, scout leaders, cafeteria helpers, youth group volunteers, catechists, VBS leaders, day care workers, etc.) is required by the Archdiocese to be certified in Safe Environment practices. If you have never attended an initial training, you must do so.

CLICK the following link to register for Initial Training sessions at St. Patrick's Parish or any other parish via the Archdiocesan website at: <http://archomaha.org/ministries/safe-environment/training/>. Contact the Safe Environment Coordinator Lisa Seidl at lseidl@stpatsekhorn.org or call [402-938-4908](tel:402-938-4908) if you have any questions.

SE Re-certification Online Training: The Archdiocese offers a Safe Environment Online Recertification program. Training takes approximately 60 minutes to complete. Instructions explain the process once you enter the site. Go to the Archdiocesan website: https://omaha.cmgconnect.org/users/sign_in. Questions . . . contact Lisa Seidl, Safe Environment Coordinator, at lseidl@stpatsekhorn.org or [402-938-4908](tel:402-938-4908).

Principal's Notes deadline is Tuesday by 8:00 am to the school or email to molson@stpatsekhorn.org.

St. Patrick's Catholic School in Elkhorn admits students of any race, color, and national or ethnic origin.