

# PRINCIPAL NOTES

## February 8, 2018



### UPCOMING EVENTS:

Feb 9	Mission Dress Down Day
Feb 12	7 <sup>th</sup> Grade Wax Museum – Cafeteria 1:45pm
Feb 12	Home & School Meeting 7:00pm
Feb 12	Family Food Night at Runza
Feb 14	Ash Wednesday (PreS-4 <sup>th</sup> mass @ 8:15/5 <sup>th</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup> mass @ 10:00)
Feb 14	Red & Pink Dress Down Day; PS-4 Valentine Exchange
Feb 16	All School Mass 2:20pm
Feb 21	February Birthday Dress Down Day
Feb 21	No School for PreS & PreK Only – PS/PK Conferences
Feb 22	<b>NO SCHOOL</b> – Parent Teacher Conferences 10:30am – 7:00pm
Feb 23	<b>NO SCHOOL</b>
Mar 2	Mission Dress Down Day
Mar 2	All School Mass 2:20pm
Mar 5-9	<b>NO SCHOOL</b> - Spring Break

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

**FAMILY FOOD NIGHT** - Monday, Feb. 12th - Runza Food Night! Stop by the Runza location on 171st & Maple St. from 5-8pm. A percentage of ALL dine in and drive through sales during our event will be donated to St. Patrick's School.

**\*\*CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK EVENTS** - St. Patrick's joined the nation in celebrating Catholic Schools Week last week. This year's theme was "Catholic Schools: Learn. Serve. Lead. Succeed." Through the events planned for the week, St. Patrick's focus was on the value Catholic education provides to young people and its contributions to our church, our communities and our nation. Highlights of the week included: Talent Show, BINGO, Skating Party, Omaha Street Percussion, DJ at Lunch....and more.

**\*\*SPELLING BEE WINNERS ANNOUNCED** - The annual school spelling bee was held on Wednesday, January 31. The winner was Livia Birnstihl and second place was Victoria Ruiz-Juvera. The top two spellers will be competing in the Metro Area Bee on February 10<sup>th</sup>. Congratulations and good luck to both of you!



#### Contestants:

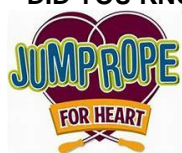
4<sup>th</sup> grade: Anne Cooper, Nolan Going, Preston Peatrowsky  
5<sup>th</sup> grade: Natalie Else, Will Kieny, Aubrey Thompson  
6<sup>th</sup> grade: Liam Lynch, Jonah Salem, Victoria Ruiz-Juvera  
7<sup>th</sup> grade: Josh Else, Nick Kieny, Mia Thomas  
8<sup>th</sup> grade: Livia Birnstihl, Delaney Broz, Anne Cook

**\*\*CONGRATULATIONS TO ANDY & SUSIE D'AGOSTO** - They won a trivia night table for turning in their tickets early! Congratulations to Hannah Istas - she won a movie theatre package and gets to help with school announcements. Didn't win or get your tickets turned in? No worries, we will have one more early ticket turn in incentive for another amazing prize! Stay tuned. Thank you for your support.

**SPIRIT RAFFLE TICKET SALES** - Have a few extra minutes after mass? Want to be part of the SPIRIT fun? Then this is the job for you! The SPIRIT raffle ticket committee is looking for volunteers to help us sell raffle tickets after weekend masses. <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0e44abac23a46-spirit>

**LOOKING FOR AN EASY AND FUN WAY TO DONATE TO S.P.I.R.I.T.?** - Visit "The S.P.I.R.I.T. Tree" in the narthex of the church. The tree is filled with cards requesting items that are needed for the silent auction. There are tons of items ranging from \$10 gift cards to actual items that are needed. Most of the gift cards can be purchased through SCRIP, so stop by the table after mass and complete your donation! S.P.I.R.I.T. donations can be taken to the Parish or School office by March 1st.

**\*\*DID YOU KNOW** - that our entire school is about to officially kick-off our Jump Rope/Hoops For Heart with the American Heart Association this year? Yes, that's right! It's time to have some fun and learn about heart health and save lives. On February 12<sup>th</sup> the American Heart Association will be coming to our campus for a school assembly to help kick off our Jump Rope/Hoops For Heart event. We will learn about the new Scare Squad crew, how the heart works, how exercise can be fun, and how raising money can save lives!



[Click here to view the team page for St. Patrick's School Elkhorn, NE - Jump/Hoops](#)

If the text above does not appear as a clickable link, you can visit the web address:

[http://www2.heart.org/site/TR?team\\_id=319929&pg=team&fr\\_id=3193&et=Dalb4uZFHKMegt7Aiwj-AQ](http://www2.heart.org/site/TR?team_id=319929&pg=team&fr_id=3193&et=Dalb4uZFHKMegt7Aiwj-AQ)

[Click here to view the school page for St. Patrick's School](#)

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**\*\*SAVE THE DATE!** – St. Patrick's Day Parade, Saturday, March 10<sup>th</sup>. All parishioners, students and parents, past and present, are invited to join the Parish as we celebrate our 150 years as a Parish by attending the St. Patrick's Day Parade in the Old Market in downtown Omaha. The parade will begin at 10:00. Details to follow. Start shopping for your green attire. If you are able to help, please contact Patti O'Hertel at [phjertel@msn.com](mailto:phjertel@msn.com) or text at 402-681-3721.



**THIS YEAR'S FLU SEASON** - has garnered significant media attention. So far here at school we seem to be faring better than average! Yes, a little bit of everything IS going around... influenza A and B, strep, stomach flu, colds, etc. So far these cases have been sporadic, with no obvious clusters or trends identified. The Douglas County Health Dept. calls to check illness numbers every week... We average 2-3% out sick during the winter months which really is amazing when compared to the general population! Please remember that we ask that your child be fever free/puke free for 24 hours prior to returning to school. Antibiotics for pink eye and strep throat need to be given for 24 hours prior to return to school as well. I'm always available for questions... [sarndt@stpatselfhorn.org](mailto:sarndt@stpatselfhorn.org)



**HOW TO KNOW IF WE HAVE A SNOW DAY** - In the event of bad weather, please listen to Radio Stations KFAB or KKAR and/or watch channels 3, 6, and/or 7 for closing of school, late start or early dismissal. It will also be on the front page of Sycamore. If school is closed or dismissed early due to inclement weather, all events or activities (including Kidzone) after school will be canceled or postponed to a later date. St. Patrick's School will follow the recommendations of the Catholic School Office and Elkhorn Public Schools regarding announcements made concerning dismissal because of weather. In case of early dismissal, students will be sent home their usual way--walking, carpool, etc., unless we are notified otherwise. No child will be dismissed unless proper provisions have been made. In the event of bad weather and no early closing, children can be released early only if a parent/guardian comes to school to pick them up. However, parents/guardians may not take children other than their own unless we have verbal or written permission from the parent/guardian to take their child home. Reminder, students must be picked up at the office.



**PLANNING AHEAD** – Just a reminder, April 23<sup>rd</sup> will be a day off from school for meeting our Shamrock Stride goal. KidZone will not be available that day, so please plan accordingly.

**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>



**IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO JOIN YOUR CHILD FOR LUNCH** – please email his/her teacher by 9:00am on the day that you're coming. Also email: [lunch@stpatselkhorn.org](mailto:lunch@stpatselkhorn.org). Thank you!

**WANT TO SEE YOUR CHILD IN THIS YEAR'S YEARBOOK?** - Take and upload photos to [treering.com](http://treering.com), our yearbook website. There's a free Treering app that makes it easy to upload photos from your phone. Questions? Email: Christina at [ecbutler@cox.net](mailto:ecbutler@cox.net) or Susie at [suekrut@aol.com](mailto:suekrut@aol.com)

**\*\*ST. PATRICK'S ATHLETIC COMMITTEE ANGEL SCHOLARSHIP** – The St. Patrick's Athletic Committee Angel Scholarship is a \$1000 educational award given yearly to one 8th grade boy and girl athlete who best exemplifies the leadership, scholarship, sportsmanship, character and athletic effort valued by the St. Patrick's Athletic Committee (SPAC). This award will be paid directly to the Catholic High School of their choice at the start of second semester of their freshman year. The application can be found in Sycamore under Documents. All application materials must be received by April 6th, 2018. The 2018 Angel Scholarship winner will be announced at the annual Sports Banquet.



**THANK YOU** to all who uploaded **boys** PAL basketball photos to our yearbook website, [treering.com](http://treering.com)! We are still in desperate need of girl's basketball photos. Please take photos at your last games and upload them to treering. Thanks!



#### **JANUARY 22 - MARCH 24 - ST. PATS SPRING MICRO SOCCER REGISTRATION OPEN -**

**Spring Micro Soccer League** - St. Pats 2018 Spring Micro Soccer registration opened Monday, January 22nd. Please visit the WeShare site (<http://school.stpatselkhorn.org/soccer.html>) to register. This league is generally for PreS, PreK and Kindergarten aged children and is open to all not just parishioners of St. Patrick's. The season will be from April 14 - May 19. Games are Saturday mornings at 9am and 10:15am. The sessions are intramural style play with practice running about 20 minutes and games following for the remainder of the hour. Games will be held on St. Pats soccer fields. There is a one time jersey fee (if you don't already have a jersey for micro soccer, flag football or t-ball). Parents volunteer to coach. If you have questions or you are interested in volunteering to coach please email Carrie Sova at [kizerck1@gmail.com](mailto:kizerck1@gmail.com).



#### **JANUARY 22 - MARCH 24 - ST. PATS SPRING TBALL REGISTRATION OPEN -**

**Tball** - St. Pats 2018 Tball registration opened Monday, January 22nd. Please visit the WeShare site (<https://stpatselkhorn.weshareonline.org/index.aspx>) to register. This league is generally for PreK and Kindergarten aged children and is open to all not just parishioners of St. Patrick's. The season will be from April 14 - May 19. Games are Saturday mornings/afternoon at 11:30, 12:45, and 1:00 at St. Patricks baseball field. The sessions are intramural style play with practice running about 20 minutes and games following for the remainder of the hour. There is a one time jersey fee (if you don't already have a jersey for micro soccer, flag football or t-ball). Parents volunteer to coach. If you have questions or you are interested in volunteering to coach please email Todd Beran at [tberan@evolvebenefitsne.com](mailto:tberan@evolvebenefitsne.com).

**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!

**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

**IT IS NOT TOO LATE TO PARTICIPATE** . . . every donation is important to The Activity Center Project. If you would like to contribute or have questions, contact the Parish Office. Thank You! 817 families have pledged to make the Activity Center a reality - we appreciate your support!

**OPEN YOUR HOME, OPEN YOUR HEART** - Open your home and heart to a Korean exchange student by partnering with KoAm Education Alliance and becoming a host family. In doing so, your family will be able to share America with a young Korean student in a very personal way. Our students range from 4<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade. These young Korean ambassadors arrive ready to learn and to share their own culture. Come, open your heart and let it be filled with the joy of sharing a life together.



Please contact KoAm National Coordinator Haewon Park at [402-401-4320](tel:402-401-4320) or [800-521-6640](tel:800-521-6640) and/or by email at [administrator@koameduall.org](mailto:administrator@koameduall.org). To apply online, we invite you to visit our website at <http://www.koameduall.org> and click "Apply to Be a Host Family".

**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@stpatselfkhorn.org](mailto:lseidl@stpatselfkhorn.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](https://omaha.cmgconnect.org/users/sign_in). Questions...contact Lisa Seidl, Safe Environment Coordinator, at [lseidl@stpatselfkhorn.org](mailto:lseidl@stpatselfkhorn.org) or [402-938-4908](tel:402-938-4908).

**CAREER OPPORTUNITY** - St. Patrick's Religious Formation Program in Elkhorn has an opening for an Administrative Assistant who will be responsible for providing administrative and organizational assistance to the Religious Formation program. This position is a year-round, 40 hour per week position. To meet program needs, this person must be available on Wednesday afternoons and evenings, with occasional weekends. Benefits are included. If interested in this position, please contact Mary McMahan, Director of Religious Formation, at 402-289-4947, extension 1505 or email [mmcmahan@stpatselfkhorn.org](mailto:mmcmahan@stpatselfkhorn.org)

#### **SPY BULLETIN –**

ONE MORE SPY THIS MONTH – Due to Confirmation Retreats and a Teen Alpha Day Away, this upcoming Sunday the 11th will be our only regularly scheduled SPY. 6-7:30pm for MS and 6-8pm for HS. See you there to get prepped for LENT!

STEUBENVILLE – The DEADLINE for these forms is February 14th (ASH WEDNESDAY)! Could be something great to add to your/your student's faith life this Lent! 8th -12th grades need to block out July 13-15th this upcoming summer for our 2018 Steubenville trip! For those who have gone, you know how awesome and refreshing this experience is. For those that have yet to go, I'm sure you've heard of how life changing it can be. Mark your calendars and take the time to fill out your form here! We are only doing online forms this year, great news is, it takes 5 minutes! (<http://bit.ly/Steubenville2018Form>)

**VALENTINE'S EVE BABYSITTING** - We are looking for students who are interested in helping the parents at St. Patrick's have a fantastic Valentine's Day date. On February 10th from 7-10pm SPY will be hosting a babysitting night that will hopefully help parents not scramble for a babysitter. It will be free will donation and all of the funds will go towards our summer trips. If you're interested sign up here! <http://bit.ly/valentinebaby>





FISH FRYS – Fish Frys start this Friday, February 9th! Below you'll find the Sign Up Genius link for face painting, table clearing/busing and food running. Men's Club needs everyone's help to have a successful event AND when it comes to financial assistance for the trips you'll soon be hearing more about, work here will come in VERY handy! <http://bit.ly/SPYFish>

CONFIRMATION RETREAT HS LEADERS – High school teens are needed to help facilitate the Confirmation Retreats and to serve as small group leaders. The retreats be at Pro-Sanctity and we will use the dorms and the main house for the retreat sessions and meals. The retreat will run two times over the same weekend (12-7pm Saturday/7:30am-2pm Sunday). 20-24 leaders are needed for each retreat. High school leaders also have the option to stay overnight at Pro-Sanctity if they help with either the Saturday and/or Sunday retreat. If your student is interested, sign up below! (<http://bit.ly/ConfirmRtR>)

FUTURE SPY FOOD HELP – For future evenings, if you'd like to help us with a main dish (spicing up our typical pizza/sandwich menu...) follow the link below to find out how to help and be reimbursed. (<http://bit.ly/spyfood1>)

**Principal's Notes deadline is Tuesday by 8:00 am to the school  
or email to [molson@stpatselkhorn.org](mailto:molson@stpatselkhorn.org).**

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