

PRINCIPAL NOTES

January 11, 2018



UPCOMING EVENTS:

Jan 8-Jan 26	MAP Testing II
Jan 12	Mission Dress Down Day
Jan 12	All School Mass 2:20pm
Jan 17	January & July Birthday Dress Down Day
Jan 19	Registration Commitment Forms due
Jan 19	Geography Bee (grades 4-8) 2:15pm - gym
Jan 22	NO SCHOOL – Teacher In-Service
Jan 26	3 rd Quarter Spirit Wear Dress Down Day
Jan 26	All School Mass 2:20pm
Jan 28-Feb 3	Catholic Schools Week
Jan 29	All School Mass 2:20pm
Feb 1	All School Mass 8:20am
Feb 1	Skating Party 6:00-8:00pm
Feb 7	NO SCHOOL - Teacher In-Service
Feb 9	Mission Dress Down Day
Feb 12	7 th Grade Wax Museum - Cafeteria

** = new this week

PC = Parish Center

BH = Boland Hall

MC = Media Center

REGISTRATION FOR 2018-2019 SCHOOL YEAR HAS BEGUN – On January 5th your youngest and/or only child brought home a blue registration form. **You must complete the form, pay the registration fee of \$150/child, and return it to school by Friday, January 19th, 2018.**



Remember that Registration Fees can **only** be paid online. This is done through WeShare on the parish webpage. Go to: <https://stpatselfhorn.weshareonline.org/ws/opportunities/2018-2019PreS-8thgraderegistrationfees>. Please remember, if you have only made the payment OR only turned in the form, your child is not yet considered registered!

The tuition costs will be finalized for the coming year in the spring. If you know someone who would like to apply for St. Patrick's School, have them call the school office for a tour at (402) 289-5407. They may also look at the "Admissions" link on the school website for more information.

****CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK IS JANUARY 28TH - FEBRUARY 3RD, 2018** - The theme for the National



Catholic Schools: Learn. Serve. Lead. Succeed."

Through the events planned for the week, Saint Patrick's focus is on the value Catholic education provides to young people and its contributions to our church, our communities and our nation.

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Highlights of the week include: Talent Show, BINGO, Skating Party, Omaha Street Percussion, DJ at Lunch....and more.

Dress down days for the week:

Monday: Favorite Team

Tuesday: Pajamas

Wednesday: Red, White and Blue

Thursday: School Uniform (no dress down day)

Friday: Wacky Spirit Day and Crazy Hair

If you are interested in volunteering to help with Catholic Schools Week, please contact Alexis Beller at aabeller@hotmail.com or 402-214-5022.

****ANNUAL ST. PATRICK'S SKATE PARTY** - Please join your friends from St. Patricks for the annual all school skating party to celebrate Catholic Schools Week on **Thursday, February 1st, from 6-8:00pm**. Skate or play only \$5.50. \$2.00 additional if skates are needed. Skate Daze is located at 3616 S. 132nd Street, just south of Center. Contact Alexis Beller at aabeller@hotmail.com or 402-214-5022 with any questions. This fundraiser will help support the costs of Catholic Schools Week. The class that has the most students in attendance gets a free game of Laser Tag!



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 23rd will be a day off from school for meeting our Shamrock Stride goal. KidZone will not be available that day, so please plan accordingly.

TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE STUDENT REFERRAL PROGRAM – Much of the credit for the growth of St. Patrick's School is owed to good, old-fashioned word of mouth. An incentive program is in place for families who refer students to St. Patrick's School. If a school family or parishioner refers a student to St. Patrick's School and he/she enrolls, the referring family will receive a \$100 credit toward their child's tuition for every student that they referred. If a parishioner brings a student (For example, grandchildren, nieces/nephews or family friends) into the school, the credit will be applied to the newly enrolled student's tuition or whomever the parishioner designates the referral to go to. All referral credits are applied **after** the new student completes the first semester is completed. This incentive does not apply to grades where there is a waitlist or previously submitted applications. Please contact the Principal, Mrs. Landenberger, via email at klandenberger@stpatselkhorn.org or call the school office (289-5407).

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. Thank you!

WANT TO SEE YOUR CHILD IN THIS YEAR'S YEARBOOK? - Take and upload photos to 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 or Susie at suekrut@aol.com

COMMUNICABLE ILLNESSES NOTE TO PARENTS - If your child has been diagnosed/tested positive for a communicable illness such as strep throat, pink eye, whooping cough, lice, influenza, you should notify the school office as is stated in the Family Handbook. If you are in doubt about the need to report to the office, please act on the side of caution and call the school office so the School Nurse, Stacy Arndt, can address the situation.



THE 1ST ANNUAL KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FREE THROW CHAMPIONSHIP - is scheduled for January 13th – 6:30pm to 8:30pm in the Activity Center. We are looking for St. Pats Boys and Girls ages 9 thru 14 to participate. For more information, contact Mark Tunink at (402)212-9547 or mtunink@gmail.com.

ST. PAT'S BASKETBALL PROGRAM 2nd SESSION - Registration is now open for the winter session of Boys & Girls Basketball, grades K-3. Please go to <https://stpatselfhorn.weshareonline.org/index.aspx> to register.

Kindergarten and 1st grade GIRLS: Saturday morning games. December 16th, January 6th, 13th, 20th & 27th. Players will practice for 15 minutes and then play a 4 on 4 game. Cost is \$50 per player. Jersey is \$20. **Will cap registration at 32 players.**



Kindergarten and 1st grade BOYS: Saturday morning games. February 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th & March 3rd. Players will practice for 15 minutes and then play a 4 on 4 game. Cost is \$50 per player. Jersey is \$20. **Will cap registration at 32 players.**

Boys and Girls BB 2nd and 3rd grade:

BOYS—January 29 - February 26th we will have a 5 week skills program for the boys after school on either Mondays or Tuesdays from 3:30-4:45. Games will be played on Saturdays, beginning February 3rd, ending March 3rd. **Will cap registration at 32 boys.**

GIRLS--January 29 - February 26th we will have a 5 week skills program for the girls after school on either Mondays or Tuesdays from 3:30-4:45. Games will be played on Saturdays, beginning February 3rd, ending March 3rd. **Will cap registration at 32 girls.**

4 on 4 games. Cost will be \$50. Jersey is \$20. *More details to come after registration is complete.* Players are encouraged to play at St. Pat's and on other teams if parents decide. We will use referees this session for the 2nd & 3rd grade games.

Thanks for your patience on the new program. If any questions feel free to reach out to Todd Beran, Andy Simpson, Dru Ramold, and Kevin Ortmeier.

2018 SOFTBALL REGISTRATION HAS BEGUN! All St. Pat's softball teams (8U – 14U) will be playing through Elkhorn Evolution (previously called Slammers) this year. Sign up is currently open thru January 31st. Please make sure to indicate your daughter(s) school as St. Pats and if she has played previously, please include her coach's name as well. We are looking for 1st grade parents to coach an 8U team. Please contact Lindsay Fry if you are interested or would like more information on coaching.



If you have any questions, contact Lindsay Fry at 402-689-5419 or bojifrys@msn.com. The registration link is: <https://elkhornathletics.sportngin.com/register/form/239348360>

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! 816 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 4th through 12th 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. 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@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).

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 McMahon, Director of Religious Formation, at 402-289-4947, extension 1505 or email mmcmahon@stpatsekhorn.org

SPY BULLETIN –

SPY SUNDAY – MS (6-7:30pm) and HS (6-8:00pm) SPY is on again this Sunday, January 14th. See you there!

TEEN ALPHA – On Wednesday nights from 6:00-8:00pm starting January 10th and running until March 14th we will be holding a 10 week session of Teen Alpha! It's an opportunity for students from 9th to 12th grade to experience and explore different aspects of Christianity and their relationship with God. Any and all are welcome you just need to register (<http://bit.ly/Teenalpha2018>)

STEUBENVILLE – 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>) CHRIST THE KING SISTERS - On January 21st from 1:30-3:30 SPY is hosting the Christ the King Sisters from Lincoln at St Patrick's! All are welcome from young ladies that are discerning the religious life to people that simply enjoy the joy these ladies are sure to express! For more info email Adam at (astephenson@stpatsekhorn.org)

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK BREAKFAST – January 28th from 7:30-1:30 we're looking for students to help with our annual Catholic Schools Week Pancake Breakfast. Not only is it a fantastic way to serve the parish, but proceeds from the event go to assist our students with summer trips and retreats. To help your parish, help SPY and help yourself sign up here (<http://bit.ly/spypancake>)

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>)

HOW TO BE IN THE KNOW - To receive more detailed information about what is going on with SPY, email Adam at (astephenson@stpatselfhorn.org) to be added to the Flocknote Email List.

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

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