

# PRINCIPAL NOTES

## January 25, 2018



### UPCOMING EVENTS:

Jan 26	3 <sup>rd</sup> 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 1	Family Food Night at Jimmy John's
Feb 7	<b>NO SCHOOL</b> - Teacher In-Service
Feb 9	Mission Dress Down Day
Feb 12	7 <sup>th</sup> Grade Wax Museum – Cafeteria
Feb 12	Home & School Meeting 7:00pm
Feb 12	Family Food Night at Runza
Feb 14	Ash Wednesday
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	No School – Parent Teacher Conferences 10:30am – 7:00pm

\*\* = new this week

PC = Parish Center

BH = Boland Hall

MC = Media Center

### **\*\*FAMILY FOOD NIGHTS ARE BACK IN FEBRUARY! -**

Thursday, Feb. 1st - Join us at Jimmy John's in Elkhorn from 4-9pm. Mention you're with St. Patrick's School, and JJ's will donate 15% of sales back to the school.

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.

### **\*\*IT IS BACK AGAIN!** - The Morning Breakfast Shop will be opened by the 6th grade class on Feb. 5th - Feb.



9th. It will be open in the morning between 7:30 - 7:50 in Boland Hall. Come on in, take a seat, and enjoy a fresh treat and a glass of your favorite juice or hot cocoa. Admission is \$2 and if we run out of tickets, we will have a To Go Cart selling treats on the move. Any money raised will be used to purchase new gym equipment.

Schedule for treats:

Monday - donut day - both cake and glazed

Tuesday - pancake day - (note there is no to go cart this day)

Thursday - banana bread/muffin day

Friday - Valentine themed treats - celebrate the holiday early with a smile and a treat.

**\*\*GET YOUR IRISH ON WITH FATHER TOM! - INCENTIVE DRAWING** - Get ready for our biggest incentive drawing yet! If you turn your tickets in by Feb. 2nd, you will be eligible to win a trivia night table for 10, around \$300 value! We will also be having a special incentive drawing just for the kids! You don't want to miss either of these incentive prizes, so please turn in your sold tickets!



Are you wondering, how can I help with raffle sales? Have a few minutes after mass? See the sign up to stay a few minutes after mass and sell them, or pass them out to those who want one. Thank you for your support - questions, contact Christina Peatrowsky [ssf535@gmail.com](mailto:ssf535@gmail.com)

**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>

**CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK IS JANUARY 28<sup>TH</sup> - FEBRUARY 3<sup>RD</sup>, 2018** - The theme for the National Catholic Schools Week 2018 is "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.



**Catholic Schools**  
Learn. Serve. Lead. Succeed.

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](mailto:aabeller@hotmail.com) or 402-214-5022.

**SUPERSTAR CATHOLIC SCHOOL CONTEST 2018** - Spirit Catholic Radio is having their 6th annual Superstar Catholic School Contest to coincide with Catholic Schools Week 2018. This contest is one way Spirit Catholic Radio shows their gratitude toward Catholic schools and those working in Catholic education! The contest begins at 6 a.m. Monday, Jan. 29 on the Spirit Catholic Radio webpage and goes through Saturday, Feb. 3. You'll be able to vote for one Catholic elementary school and one Catholic high school in each category. This year schools will be divided up by community size to make the voting process more fair. The top Catholic elementary school and top Catholic high school in each size category will be named Superstar Catholic Schools and will receive:



A LIVE interview on Spirit Catholic Radio's Spirit Mornings show.

FREE prayer cards for every student!

A trophy to be displayed at your school!

A supply of coffee for your staff break room!

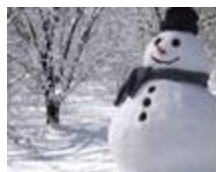
\$1,000 worth of on-air spots that promote your school and what makes it unique!

Don't forget to go to the webpage on Monday to vote!

**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 1<sup>st</sup>, 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](mailto: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 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.

**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](mailto: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](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)

**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.



**PAL BASKETBALL PARENTS** - The yearbook team needs your basketball photos! Currently, the folders on [Treering.com](http://Treering.com) are empty. We want to show your kids playing the sport they love. Please take photos at games the next few weeks and upload them to the yearbook website. Thank you.



**\*\* JANUARY 22 - MARCH 24 - ST. PAT'S SPRING MICRO SOCCER REGISTRATION OPEN - Spring Micro Soccer League** - St. Pats 2018 Spring Micro Soccer registration will open this 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 9:00am 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. Pat's 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. PAT'S SPRING TBALL REGISTRATION OPEN -**

**Tball** - St. Pats 2018 Tball registration will open this Monday, January 22nd. Please visit the WeShare site (<https://stpatselfhorn.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. Patrick's 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).

**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 31<sup>st</sup>. 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto: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 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@stpatselfhorn.org](mailto:lseidl@stpatselfhorn.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@stpatsekhorn.org](mailto:lseidl@stpatsekhorn.org) or 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](mailto:mmcmahon@stpatsekhorn.org)

#### **SPY BULLETIN –**



**PANCAKE BREAKFAST** – January 27th and 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>)

**STEBENVILLE** – 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 13th-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>)

**SUPER BOWL PARTY** – You might think that we aren't having SPY on February 4th because of the Super Bowl. That would make sense, unless we were having a Super Bowl Party, and in that case, we ARE having SPY that night. Feel free to bring your favorite Super Bowl party dishes! The party starts after Mass and goes til 8:00pm.

**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** – 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 three times over the same weekend (2-7pm/8-1pm/2-7pm). 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@stpatsekhorn.org](mailto:molson@stpatsekhorn.org).**

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