

PRINCIPAL NOTES

May 11, 2017



UPCOMING EVENTS:

May 12	Uganda Dress Down Day
May 12	May Crowning and All School Mass 2:00pm
May 13	Confirmation Pictures & Practice
May 15	Home & School Meeting 7:00pm - MC
May 17	Eat Fit Go Family Food Night 4:00-8:00pm
May 18	8 th Grade Last Day
May 19	8 th Grade Graduation Mass/Ceremony 8:15am
May 19	PreS & PreK Last Day of School
May 22	No Lunch served
May 22	Field Day 6 th -7 th 12:30-2:45pm
May 23	No Lunch served
May 23	Field Day K-2 nd 9:30-11:00am
May 23	Field Day 3 rd -5 th 12:30-2:45pm
May 23	Meet & Greet for Mrs. Landenberger 5:00-7:00pm
May 24	Last Day of School – Noon Dismissal
May 24	No Lunch Served; All School Assembly; Move-up Day
May 25	Holy Day of Obligation - Ascension

** = new this week

PC = Parish Center

BH = Boland Hall

MC = Media Center



MAY CROWNING - Please join us for this year's annual May Crowning which will be celebrated at 2:00pm right before our all school mass on Friday, May 12th.

****IF YOUR CHILD HAS MEDICATION THAT IS KEPT IN THE SCHOOL OFFICE** - you should have received a permission form for that medication to come home with your student on the last day of school. If this form is not signed and returned by 5/22, the meds will be held in the office for parental pickup and will be destroyed if not claimed by 6/9, Thanks!

****EIGHTH GRADE STUDENTS** - attending the dance/glow party tomorrow night, please don't forget to wear a white t-shirt that can be written on.

****FIELD DAY IS RIGHT AROUND THE CORNER!** – Field day will be held on Monday, May 22nd at 12:30pm for 6th-7th grade, and Tuesday, May 23rd at 9:30am for K-2nd grade and 12:30pm for 3rd-5th grade. We are seeking volunteers. Please sign up using the following sign up genius: www.SignUpGenius.com/go/4090E4EABA82DA2FC1-field . Thank you, in advance, for helping to make this special day a success. Students are allowed to dress down on their



designated field day. Please be sure they are wearing tennis shoes! Also, remember to send a sack lunch with your students both days. There will be NO LUNCH SERVED on May 22nd or May 23rd!

****STAFF CHANGES FOR NEXT YEAR –**

A note from Mrs. Dreher: In 2002, I was blessed to be hired on as the St. Patrick's 4th/5th grade combo teacher. I shifted grades upward with those kiddos through their graduation and then remained at the middle school level for a number of years. I can say without hesitation that our middle school team is the strongest it's ever been, so, for all the times that I've said "Just go where God guides you," it's time for me to take my own advice. While I've absolutely loved every minute of my time teaching our spunky, awesome 7th & 8th graders and have thoroughly enjoyed working with all of the people I've been fortunate enough to work with here," it's time for me to go back "there." We won't be far from each other, though, just down the hall. Please know that you can count on me to strive to do my best to help our younger kiddos get ready for the transition into our absolutely-awesome middle school program! I know you'll welcome Ann Menning to our middle school team and believe as I do that she will do great things in Christ's name for our kiddos.

A note from Mrs. Menning: I have been teaching fourth grade language arts and religion for the past seven years here at St. Patrick's and have loved every minute of it. However, the Holy Spirit is now guiding me to a new chapter in my life with my professional career, and I couldn't be more excited for the challenge! Our current sixth and seventh graders hold a very special place in my heart, so needless to say, I feel blessed to now have the opportunity to guide them in their faith life as their religion teacher. Though no one could possibly fill Mrs. Dreher's shoes, she has a strong curricular framework in place for us to follow. It will also be very nice to have her right down the hall in fifth grade when questions arise!

PAYING OFF ALL 2016-2017 TUITION - activity fee, lunch, and library accounts needs to be done before Friday, May 19th to avoid having report cards or records held. **Eighth graders must have this taken care of by Monday, May 15th.**

****ELKHORN ANTLER, UNL AND CINNCINATI BENGALS FOOTBALL PLAYER** - Trevor Roach was the



guest speaker for the night. Congratulations to Allie Gray and Nolan Connor who were awarded the Angel Scholarship. Each were honored with a \$1000 scholarship to help them continue their Catholic education for next

year. Students from each sport were chosen by their coaches to receive the Sportsmanship Award for exemplifying the spirit of teamwork and sportsmanship. To cap the night off, the Athletic Committee donated a check for \$36,000 to help assist in paying for basketball hoops and a center curtain in the new activity center.



****ROTARY HONOR ROLL** - On Wednesday, May 10th, four of our 8th grade students were honored at the Omaha Rotary Honor Roll Luncheon. These students were selected by teachers and administrators based on the positive qualities of leadership, character, scholarship and presence that they display on a daily basis. Congratulations to Allie Gray, Keagan Mann, Ben Ravnsborg, and Sabrina Sulaymonova!

LAST DAY OF SCHOOL - School dismisses at 12:00pm on the last day of school. The office will close at 12:15pm. Students must be picked up on time! Please remember, there will be NO hot lunch served and NO Kid Zone.



****GREAT NEWS!** – Eighth graders Claire Doyle and Dominic Mendlik competed in the Modern Woodmen of America district speech contest on Thursday, May 4th. Claire finished in 1st place and Dominic finished in 2nd.

Congratulations to both of you on a job well done!

****FOURTH GRADE PIONEER DAY** - was held on Wednesday, May 3rd, at the Benes homestead west of



Elkhorn. Students came to school dressed as pioneers and spent the whole day living as if it were 1892. Half of the day was spent in a one-room school house learning pioneer prayers and lessons. The other half of the day was spent doing pioneer chores such as making butter, doing laundry in a wash basin, loading a wagon, and catching chickens. This year's group was blessed with beautiful weather! Thank you to Glen and

Kerrie Benes for hosting the 11th Annual Pioneer Day for St. Patrick's Fourth Graders!

****SCHOOL SUPPLY KITS** - Be on the lookout for the EPI School Supply flyer for the 2017-2018 school year in your child's book bag in the coming days. As THIS school year comes to an end, save time and money by pre-ordering your school supplies for the fall ONLINE! Supplies will be waiting for you at Back to School Night. No long lines, less stress and certainly no need to haul in bag after bag of supplies! Deadline is June 24th. All money goes to support Home & School. Please contact jenniferjodlowski@hotmail.com with any questions.



SUMMER HOURS – The school office will be open from 9:00am – 12:00pm during the summer. The office will be closed July 3rd and 4th.

FOR THE FIRST TIME - Eat Fit Go will have a Food Night at 150th & Maple on Wednesday, May 17th, 4:00-8:00pm. Remember to mention you're with St. Patrick's School.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS - for Tuesday, May 23rd for a Meet and Greet with



Principal Landenberger. We invite all St. Patrick's school families to join Home and School to give Mrs. Landenberger a warm St. Pat's welcome. The Meet and Greet will take place from 5:00 – 7:00pm by the bell tower/soccer field. Jimmy John's and Godfather's Pizza will be served along with cookies and drinks. Families are encouraged to bring a blanket, lawn chairs and lawn games to have a picnic on the soccer field. We will be asking for a free will donation to help cover the expenses. If you are interested in helping with this event - planning, volunteering or making a

donation, please contact Paula Blackledge at pblackledge@yahoo.com or [402-212-2902](tel:402-212-2902).

ROBOTICS 2017-2018 SEASON - We are looking for kids entering 6th, 7th, and 8th grades to join the St. Pat's Robotics team. Robotics provides a unique opportunity for our youth to work in a collaborative environment and compete with other students across the metro. We will be hosting an informational session Thursday, May 18th, at 6:30pm in Mrs. Perry's room for parents and kids who are interested. Please contact Angie Size at angievsiz@gmail.com to sign up or ask questions. See the flyer in Sycamore under Documents for more information.

THIS YEAR'S SCRIP REBATE EARNING PERIOD - is coming to an end: May 31st is the last day to earn scrip rebates for this coming school year. Please remember that you must have generated at least \$100.00 in rebates to qualify for the 50/50 earnings split.

Deadline to order scrip: The deadline to order scrip for guaranteed delivery before the last day of school is Wednesday, May 17th. Don't delay get your order in today.

Scrip Sales during the summer: Scrip sales during the summer will be limited. Effective, June 1, after mass sales will occur the first weekend of the month.

Like purchasing scrip, but don't love the reduced availability during summer? Keep your eye on backpack mail for a flyer highlighting one of the most convenient ways to purchase scrip instantly!

FINAL LOST AND FOUND EXPO OF THE YEAR! - The week of May 15th, we will have the lost and found table set up in the front hallway of the school. This will be your final chance to claim lost items before everything gets donated at the end of the school year. Valuables are in the school office. We have everything from glasses to key fobs. Please stop in and ask if you are missing something.



****CALLING ALL FUTURE MEMBER OF SHOW CHOIR!** - We will be having an informational meeting for those interested (6th, 7th and 8th graders) in being in the 2017/2018 St. Patrick's Seraphims on Tuesday, May 23rd at 7:00pm in the school library. Please come to learn more about next season and how to join!

****YEARBOOK NEEDS PHOTOS!** – Yearbook needs your photos! Please don't delay in uploading photos. We especially need photos for 2nd grade, 6th and 7th grades, girls soccer, boys 2017 baseball and girls 2017 softball.



Don't forget to purchase your yearbooks before the end of the school year! Hard cover or softcover are available for purchase on Treering.com

2017-2018 TUITION PLAN - There will be a 6% tuition increase for the 2017-2018 school year. As is typical of a Catholic School, the budget is "needs based". In short, this simply means that funding is only utilized for educational needs, not wants. The Registration Fee will remain \$150.00. The new tuition scale can be found in Sycamore; it is also attached for your convenience. Everyone is excited about the Activities Center Project; it continues to help draw interest to the school as well as having an impact on parishioner support. We look forward to its opening before the start of the new school year. Undoubtedly, the new facilities will help support the needs of over eight hundred and fifty school students and our entire St. Patrick's community. We thank you for your continued support, and we appreciate you entrusting your children to us. If you have any questions, please call me at school (402-289-5407). Blessings, Mr. Nick Mumm.

THE DEADLINE FOR ORDERING SUMMER SOLUTIONS BOOKS IS THIS SUNDAY! Go to



www.SummerSolutions.net to order your Summer Solutions books. Enter your school code: PAT68022. The books will be delivered to your school and sent home before summer vacation begins. Order by May 16, 2017, and you will be automatically entered into a drawing for an iPad Mini!

JUMP START SUMMER SCHOOL AVAILABLE – This year we will be offering the Jump Start Summer School program the week of July 31st – August 4th from 8:00 – 11:00 am. Each of these classes are intended as a "kick-start" for students who will be entering grades Kindergarten-5th this fall to get the wheels turning for the upcoming school year. The class size limit will be cut off at 15 students based on the first 15 turned in. Contact the teacher giving the class for more information. Note that you should register your child for the grade they are going to be in this fall. The cost is \$125 per student. Registration forms are available on Sycamore under 'Documents' or from the teacher giving the class.



SUMMER MATH TUTORING SESSIONS- This summer, individual or small group math tutoring sessions



will be offered to any students looking for extra help or remedial instruction. Each session will include time reteaching through the Archdioceses of Omaha math standards for your child's prior grade, playing interactive and individualized math games, reviewing math facts, and working through Summer Simple Solutions. Session times are as follows: Tuesday/Wednesday/Thursday: 8:00-9:00 9:00-10:00 10:00-11:00 11:00-12:00

Tutoring will start on June 13th and will go through the week of July 24th. There will be no tutoring on July 4th. The sessions are one hour long, and you pick two of the three offered sessions a week for your child to attend. Participating in two sessions per week will allow for common math skills to be reinforced and reviewed regularly, which will lead to increased comprehension and achievement. There are one to three students in each group, and groups will be grade/ability level specific. There are 14 sessions in all for the summer, and each session is \$30. All sessions will take place at St. Patrick's school.

Miss Mumm will be the tutor for each of these sessions. She has recent experience teaching/tutoring math for kindergarten through 8th grade students, and is comfortable with standards/grade level requirements and individualizing instruction. Please contact her at rmumm@stpatsetkhorn.org if interested!

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>

WE HAVE ACQUIRED SEVERAL VALUABLE ITEMS - in the office including several pairs of eye glasses. If you are missing something, please stop by.

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN STARTING GOLF, WANT TO REFINE YOUR GOLF GAME, OR WANT TO HAVE FUN PLAYING A NEW SPORT? - Ryan Shanle, 7th/8th grade teacher and coach at St. Patrick's, is putting on the 7th Annual Indian Creek Golf Camp this summer. The grade level taught will range from students entering the 4th -9th grades. There will be 2 sessions with the first being June 26th-30th and the second July 31st-August 4th. There are a maximum of eight golfers per session. The ratio of 8:1 will be throughout the week. For more information, please see the flyer on Sycamore under Documents, check St. Pat's Pnotes or contact Mr. Shanle at rshanle@stpatsetkhorn.org. Thank you!



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SAVE-THE-DATE! - 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.



FALL FESTIVAL - 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.

MAKE A DIFFERENCE GLOBALLY BY HOSTING A KOAM STUDENT! - Make a difference globally by



hosting a KoAm exchange student! By hosting, you are offered the opportunity to share your love, time and expertise about America in a very personal way. Experience an exciting cultural exchange and friendship. KoAm students arrive ready to learn. Why not join with them?

KoAm students are screened and undergo training to prepare for life in America. Each student brings insurances and funds for all needed expenses. Host families are provided with an annual appreciation gift of \$4,000. To apply to be a host family, please contact KoAm National

Coordinator Haewon Park at [402-401-4320](tel:402-401-4320) and/or [800-521-6640](tel:800-521-6640) or administrator@koameduall.org.



Wonjae - 5th grade male - Happy, positive, outgoing, enthusiastic, flexible, harmonious, and easy-going. Favorite subjects are Math and P.E. He wants to be a baseball player, and enjoys all sporting and outdoor activities. He hopes to experience new culture, new family and friends, and learn new ways of discovery while in the U.S. He doesn't like pets yet. Wonjae won numerous prizes in composition, drawing, and creative problem-solving contest. He looks forward to meeting his new family!



Junsung - 4th grade male - Very friendly and outgoing child who likes sports, Math and Science. His hobbies are jazz piano, biking, swimming, board games and reading books. He played soccer for 6 years and is playing in the varsity team. He has a positive attitude and will do well with siblings. He likes dogs. He is not picky on food and likes American food. He has traveled extensively in Europe and Asia.

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

WOMEN OF ST. PATRICK'S ST. TERESA SERVICE CIRCLE - If you are interested in working directly with at-risk and homeless teens at Youth Emergency Services, plan to attend a brief orientation to the agency on May 15th from 2pm to 3pm or from 6pm - 7pm at St. Pat's in the Family Room. Learn about their mission and how to help. Anyone 18 or older who completes this orientation qualifies for two volunteer activities:

1) YES Maternity House in Bellevue needs volunteers on Saturdays to care for infants so single moms can run errands, take a break, etc. See "Saturday Snuggles" posting to sign up.

2) Street Outreach - Assist with youth who are being checked into the center and help organize donations. Dates and times TBD.

No commitment required, just come and learn about YES and see if you're interested. Orientation not required for other volunteer opportunities at YES (serving meals, grounds, adopt a room, etc). Please contact Erin Albers with questions or to sign-up. ealbers@homeinsteadinc.com or [402-651-0877](tel:402-651-0877)

WE STILL NEED YOU - EVERY donation is important to The Activity Center Project. It is not too late to participate- if you would like to contribute or have questions, contact the Parish Office.



Thank You! Special thanks to St. Patrick's Athletic Committee for your support. The committee presented a check for \$36,000 to the Activity Center Project at their banquet last week.

Thank you to 783 families who have pledged to make the Activity Center a reality! We appreciate your support!

CONFIRMATION CELEBRATIONS - Confirmation will be celebrated on May 16, May 17, and May 18, 2017, at 6:30 pm. Several volunteers are need to minister to our Confirmandi and their families all three evenings. Sign up to be an EMHC or Altar Server on the Ministry Scheduler on our website. Five servers are needed for each Mass, and don't worry, there will be a deacon or priest to guide you through the Mass. Two servers for each Mass are asked to be available for practices on Saturday, May 13, 2017. (If available for practice, please contact Mary McMahan.) Practice times are as follows:

Pictures and Practice for the 6:30 pm Mass on May 16, 2017 will be held from 8:00 am to 9:30 am on Saturday, May 13, 2017

Pictures and Practice for the 6:30 pm Mass on May 17, 2017 will be held from 9:30 am to 11:00 am on Saturday, May 13, 2017

Pictures and Practice for the 6:30 pm Mass on My 18, 2017 will be held from 11:00 am to 12:30 pm on Saturday, May 13, 2017

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 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@stpatselfhorn.org or [402-938-4908](tel:402-938-4908).

AUDITIONS FOR THE 2017 FALL PLAY - *Leading Ladies* will be Tuesday and Wednesday (5/17-5/18) 3:30-4:30 on stage at Elkhorn South. Choose one day to attend and cuttings will be available at the audition. Please email Mrs. Wade swade@epsne.org for more information.

SPY NEWS

MS SPY – Thanks to everyone who helped make our End of Year Party possible and to everyone who was able to come out and rain water balloons on our students! Remember that there will be no more Sunday meetings until our Kick Off Party in August. Have a great summer!



WORLDS OF FUN - 6-12th Grades! Forms are due on May 12th (this Friday!) with only a \$25 deposit. The rest of the balance will be assessed once I know that you're going and how much fundraising money you qualify for! Feel free to drop them by my office or the Parish Office!

ADULTS WHO LOVE YOUTH – If the above activities sound fun to you, but you're bummed that you're "overaged", don't worry! SPY is always open to adults joining us so they can explore their "not so mature sides" and as serve as quality leaders for teens. Feel free to email Adam Stephenson at astephenson@stpatselfhorn.org or call at 402-707-3677.

OTHER SPY INFO? – You can go to our webpage to register for SPY as well as find information for other events on our calendar! <http://www.stpatselfhorn.org/youth-ministry.html>

Please submit all items/information in final form.
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.