

PRINCIPAL NOTES

May 25, 2017



UPCOMING EVENTS:

May 25	Holy Day of Obligation – Ascension
Jun 6	Cheerleader Tryouts 1:00-4:00pm – school lobby
Aug 6	Get Set For School
Aug 14	Back to School Night
Aug 15	First Day for Kindergarten Only (Optional) 7:55-12:00pm
Aug 16	First Day of School K-8 th
Aug 26	Fall Festival

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

SUMMER PRINCIPAL NOTES – Principal Notes will **not** go out every week during the summer. We will post twice a month for you to review upcoming news!



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.

****NEW TEACHERS HIRED FOR 2017/2018** – We are happy to announce the hiring of four new staff members for the 2017/2018 school year. Jodi Newsome will be our 6th grade Language Arts/Reading teacher. She is coming from St. Pius X/St. Leo. Nate Horner is coming to us from Platteview High School. He will be teaching 7th grade Language Arts/Reading. Deb Jacobson will be joining our fourth grade team. She is coming to us from Holy Name School. Finally, we welcome Cassidy Sadd from Lincoln. She will be our new 5th-8th grade resource teacher. We are so excited to have all of them as part of our family St. Pat' family.

****FACTS 2017-2018 INFORMATION COMING SOON!** This year we will continue to do an automatic re-enrollment. What this means is that, for our current families, your plans have been rolled over just as they were last year. For example, if this current year you chose the 10-month payment plan, FACTS will automatically set you up for that for the next year. If you would like to change it, no problem! AFTER you receive notice from FACTS that the accounts have been set up, you can email me and I can make the change for you from here. Within the next couple of weeks, I will finalize the Agreements with FACTS and you will then be notified that you will have 14 days to make your Fees payments (fees are assessed if you are not choosing the one-time full payment). Thanks for understanding and we are looking forward to the next school year!



****CLEAN OUT YOUR CLOSETS AND DONATE YOUR OUTGROWN UNIFORM CLOTHES!** - Before you pack away all of the St. Patrick's school uniforms for the fall, organize them now, and donate your gently used, outgrown items to the St. Patrick's Used Uniform Store! To coincide with the SVDP Clothing Drive, we will also be accepting used uniforms in the Narthex on June 3rd and 4th after all masses!

Items accepted: Short-Sleeve Polo Shirts, Long-Sleeve Polo Shirts, Skirts, Pants, Girls Jumpers, PE Uniforms,

Shorts, and Jackets. Please remember that all uniform donations should meet school guidelines and in good condition (no holes, frayed hems, missing buttons, etc).

If you have questions, please contact Erica Sorensen at esorensen07@gmail.com or Erin Kinney at erin02kinney@gmail.com.

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 is needed 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.

SCHOOL SUPPLY KITS - 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 jenniferjodowski@hotmail.com with any questions. <https://www.educationalproducts.com/ShopPacks/Stp077> is code



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

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@stpatselfhorn.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>

****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 3 volunteers to assist him for practices and games. For any further information, please contact Ryan Shanle at rshanle@stpatselfhorn.org. Thank you and Go Angels!



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@stpatselfhorn.org. Thank you!



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

CONSTRUCTION PROGRESS CONTINUES – Congratulations! The very first event held in the Activity Center was the 8th grade graduation ceremony. Congratulations to the 8th grade class and best wishes for the future!



Thank you to 783 families who have pledged to make the Activity Center a reality- we are grateful for your support!

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).

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.