

# PRINCIPAL NOTES

## November 30, 2017



### UPCOMING EVENTS:

Dec 1	All School Mass 2:20pm
Dec 4	8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Science Fair 1:30-3:00pm - Cafeteria
Dec 6	December & June Birthday Dress Down Day
Dec 7	PreS Christmas Program 9:30am & 1:30pm - Church
Dec 8	Holy Day of Obligation – Immaculate Conception
Dec 12	1 <sup>st</sup> Grade (6:00pm) and 2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade (7:15pm) Christmas Programs
Dec 14	3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade (6:00pm) and 4 <sup>th</sup> Grade (7:15pm) Christmas Programs
Dec 15	Mission Dress Down Day
Dec 18	Kindergarten Christmas Program 6:00pm – Gym
Dec 18	PreK Christmas Program 10:00am & 2:00pm - Church
Dec 20	Noon Dismissal – No Lunch Served
Dec 20	1 <sup>st</sup> Semester/2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter Ends
Dec 20	No School PreS/PreK
Dec 20	Red & Green Dress Down Day
Dec 20	K-8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Christmas Parties 10:40 – 11:40am
Dec 21-29	<b>NO SCHOOL</b> – Christmas Break
Dec 25	Merry Christmas!

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

**KIDZONE AVAILABILITY OVER THE HOLIDAYS** – Kidzone will not be open over the Christmas break (December 20<sup>th</sup>-January 3<sup>rd</sup>). Please plan accordingly.

**\*\*LAST CALL** - for fall sport, club, event photos to be uploaded to the yearbook website, [www.treering.com](http://www.treering.com).



**December 1<sup>st</sup>** is the deadline to upload your fall activity photos for consideration in this year's yearbook. Don't miss out on this opportunity to see your child's photo in our school yearbook. You can easily upload from your desktop computer or the treering phone app. ?'s email Christina at [ecbutler@cox.net](mailto:ecbutler@cox.net) or Susie at [suekrut@aol.com](mailto:suekrut@aol.com).

**\*\*CHRISTMAS IS NEARING!** - Don't forget to shop Spirit Wear for the whole family! The online holiday shop will be open today through **December 4<sup>th</sup>** with pick-up for purchases before Christmas. We have added beanies, bags, blankets, pajamas and more! Shop Spirit Wear and support your school! Please contact Britani DeFoe ([badefoe@gmail.com](mailto:badefoe@gmail.com) or 763-442-3000) or Melissa Krejci ([m.krejci@yahoo.com](mailto:m.krejci@yahoo.com) or 402-740-1794) with any questions! Shop the store here: [http://store.ideal-images.com/st\\_patricks\\_elkhorn\\_catholic\\_sc/](http://store.ideal-images.com/st_patricks_elkhorn_catholic_sc/)

**UNDER ARMOUR ATHLETIC GEAR** – The online webstore is now open and ready for ordering. Please visit <https://www.agpestores.com/bigfrogomaha/groups.php> and the access code is 2017. **Order by Friday, December 1<sup>st</sup>** to have in time for Christmas. Items can be picked up at Big Frog's. If you have questions regarding athletic gear, please contact Amy Ortmeier at [abortmeier@icloud.com](mailto:abortmeier@icloud.com) or 402-250-6452.

**ELF DONATIONS ARE NOW BEING ACCEPTED!** - All school families will soon be receiving or may have already received a note from St. Patrick's Home and School ELF Committee, asking for an ELF donation. Please check student back packs and folders for this information. The ELF committee will be collecting money **between now and December 1st** so that all St. Patrick's Faculty, Staff and Administrators will receive a SCRIP Christmas gift from the school families of St. Patrick's. To make your donation, please send an envelope to the school office (via back pack or you can drop it off) with your donation and please clearly label the envelope "**H&S ELF**", along with your name, so that the donations get into the correct hands and so that your family will be included on the gift tag. Questions? Please contact Shelley Weeks at [shel5@cox.net](mailto:shel5@cox.net) or Kristen Panowicz at [panowicz4@msn.com](mailto:panowicz4@msn.com). Thank you for your support!



**\*\*BOX TOPS CONTEST** - Bring in your non-expired box tops December 4-15 for the Box Top contest! The grade level with the most collected will win a pajama day and a doughnut party! Make sure to label your grade level so they you receive credit. Winners will be announced December 20<sup>th</sup>. Good luck!



**JUST IN TIME FOR CHRISTMAS** - Low Denomination Cards are available - Perfect for stocking stuffers, office holiday parties, or as a small way to say "thank you" or "job well done". A limited number of low denomination gift cards are available for order through December 15 or while supplies last. \$5.00 cards: Barnes & Noble; Panera Bread; Starbucks or \$10.00 cards: amazon, Applebee's, CVS Pharmacy, Olive Garden/Longhorn Steakhouse; Home Depot; IHOP; Outback/Carrabba's; Target; Walmart. Orders can be emailed, placed directly on line at [shopwithscrip.com](http://shopwithscrip.com), or can be written in on the order forms available on-line or in the office. Don't delay, get your orders in today!



**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!



**COLDER WEATHER IS COMING!** - Keep in mind, the temperature has been dropping. Please send your students to school dressed appropriately to walk outside in the morning.

**IT'S HYVEE CASH FOR STUDENTS TIME!** – Please save your HyVee receipts dated from September 1<sup>st</sup> through December 31<sup>st</sup> from ANY Omaha/Council Bluffs HyVee store. HyVee will donate \$1 for every \$200 spent during this time period to our school. Gas receipts, grocery, diner, coffee shop and pharmacy receipts are all accepted. You can turn in your receipts one of three ways: 1) There will be a dropbox at the 156 & Maple and 180<sup>th</sup> & Pacific locations 2) Have your child bring them to school to turn in or 3) There will be a dropbox in the narthex of the church. Don't forget to ask family and friends for their receipts! Last year we turned in over \$360,000 in receipts which resulted in over \$1800 for the school. Thank you for your support.



**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>

**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.



**ATHLETIC PASSES** - we have a new athletic pass that will get you into all home games volleyball and basketball at the Aspen Lane activity center, as well as Mount Michael in the winter. Go to we share for more information.

**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://stpatselkhorn.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 open thru January 31<sup>st</sup>. **Sign up by November 30<sup>th</sup>** and receive 2017 pricing. 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, please 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!



**LEARN HOW TO SING AND DANCE IN A SHOW CHOIR** - meet new friends, have some fun and PUT ON A SHOW! Join us for the annual Show Choir Camp for 4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade girls at Mercy High School on December 9<sup>th</sup> from 9:00am-4:30pm. For more details go to: [http://www.mercyhigh.org/editoruploads/files/show\\_choir\\_camp.pdf](http://www.mercyhigh.org/editoruploads/files/show_choir_camp.pdf).

**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

**\*\*SAVE THE DATE!** - JANUARY 7, 2018



Come kick off the year-long celebration of 150 years of St. Patrick's Parish at PANCAKE FEST — It's not just pancakes! Featuring: The Pancake Man and Ellis Island Irish Band, 8:30am-1:00pm in the Aspen Lane Activity Center. Come enjoy a terrific breakfast/brunch while listening to an authentic Irish band with your St. Patrick's family. Pancakes, sausage, fresh fruit, juice and coffee provided. Free will offering.

**GLOBAL EDUCATION FOR YOUR FAMILY & SCHOOL** - Hosting a student from South Korea is a great opportunity for your school to embrace a global community and make a global impact on the lives of many. By welcoming a student from across the globe into your family and school, your children are exposed to new language, customs, and ways of thinking. These early experiences open hearts and can spark a lasting interest in world history, geography, diplomacy, and language. KoAm has students prepared to come to America and to your school.



KoAm invites your family to host a student. Students arrive with round-trip airline tickets, complete medical insurance, tuition, school fees, and personal spending money. Students show appreciation to host family with a monetary gift. For more information, please contact KoAm Coordinator Mrs. 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, please visit KoAm's website at [www.koameduall.org](http://www.koameduall.org) and click "Apply to Be a Host Family".



**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! 809 families have pledged to make the Activity Center a reality - we appreciate 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@stpatsekhorn.org](mailto: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](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](tel:402-938-4908).

**ST. NICHOLAS GIVING TREE PROJECT** - This Advent help provide a child with a Christmas gift by simply picking a shoe off of our St. Nicholas Giving Tree. Your generosity will provide gifts for children that may not have anything to open on Christmas morning. The goal is to provide each child with a new toy and a clothing item. In addition to providing children with Christmas gifts, we will also have shoes on our tree offering parishioners an opportunity to donate cash, gift cards, wrapping paper, poinsettias and gifts for elderly members of our parish community.



To volunteer to put up the tree, help with the collection, sorting or distribution of gifts, please click on the following link: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080548aba72fa57-stnicholas>

**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 –**

**SPY SUNDAY –** This Sunday, SPY is hosting our Annual YouTube night! All students and adults are welcome to send in their favorite and funniest CHURCH APPROPRIATE video, but it has to be less than 1 minute long

to qualify. Prizes will be won for the best video! Send your video to Adam at [astephenon@stpatsekhorn.org](mailto:astephenon@stpatsekhorn.org) to be included in the evening! Must be present to win!

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> Thank you!

HOW TO BE IN THE KNOW - To receive more detailed information about what is going on with SPY, email Adam at ([astephenon@stpatsekhorn.org](mailto:astephenon@stpatsekhorn.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@stpatsekhorn.org](mailto:molson@stpatsekhorn.org).**

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