

PRINCIPAL NOTES

October 5, 2017



UPCOMING EVENTS:

Oct 5	Jimmy John's Family Food Night 4:00-9:00pm
Oct 9	Home & School Meeting 2:00pm
Oct 12	\$1 Pink-Out Dress Down Day Breast Cancer Awareness
Oct 13	All School Mass 2:00pm ; End of First Quarter
Oct 15-19	Book Fair (see times below)
Oct 15	Fr. Tom's 25 th Silver Jubilee
Oct 17	Noon Dismissal – P/T Conferences 2:00-6:00pm
Oct 17	No Lunch Served/No School for PreS/PreK
Oct 17	Arby's Family Food Day
Oct 18	October Birthdays Dress Down Day
Oct 19-20	NO SCHOOL
Oct 25	Picture Retake Day 8:15am-1:15pm
Oct 27	Due Date for Activity Fees
Oct 27	Mission Dress Down Day
Oct 27	All School Mass 2:20pm
Oct 31	Halloween Dress Down Day; Costumes for PreS-5 th Grade; Black & Orange for 6 th -8 th
Nov 1	Holy Day of Obligation – All Saints Day
Nov 1	NO SCHOOL – Teacher In-Service
Nov 3	All School Mass 2:20pm

** = new this week

PC = Parish Center

BH = Boland Hall

MC = Media Center



MARK YOUR CALENDAR – for these upcoming Family Food Nights!

Jimmy John's – **Tonight, Thursday, October 5th**. Join us for a freaky, fast meal from 4-9pm at the Elkhorn location only.

Arby's - Tuesday, October 17th. The kids have an early dismissal, and we've got a great solution for lunch, snack time or dinner. Arby's will be hosting family food day from open to close at two locations, 172nd & Center and 136th & West Maple.

Remember to mention that you're with St. Patrick's and both restaurants will donate a percentage of proceeds back to the school!

****THE DIRECTORIES ARE HERE** - the directories are here, the directories are here! The Home and School directory will be sent home via backpacks on Friday. If you did not pay your Home and School membership dues via We Share, please send a \$25 check to the office. Make your check payable to St. Patrick's Home and School.

****SHAMROCK STRIDE DRESS DOWN DAY EARNED** - Your students have collectively earned a dress down day for meeting the Shamrock Stride goal. This is a free dress day and will be awarded on Monday, November 20th. Thank you again for your support of St. Patrick's School!

****UPCOMING PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES** - This is a great time to receive feedback and ask questions of teachers on how your child is performing in school. Report cards will be given to parents at that time. We are using Sign-Up Genius to schedule PreS-5th grade conferences online. If you have not already done so, please take a minute to sign up. Fall conferences are required.



6th-8th grade open conferencing:

Tuesday, October 17th - 4:00-6:00pm

Thursday, October 19th - 12:00-4:30 and 5:15-7:00pm

Conferences will be kept to a 5-10 minute time frame so that teachers may visit with as many parents as possible.



MONSTER MASH – Please join us on Sunday, October 29th from 2:00-4:00pm in the St. Patrick's parking lot. Enjoy lots of fun activities: trunk-or-treat, face painting, magician, balloon artist and Halloween games. Cost is \$5/child or \$20/family (max). Presented by the Women of St. Patrick's.



****LAST DAY FOR SHORTS!** – Remember that Tuesday, October 31st, is the last day that students are allowed to wear their uniform shorts to school. Starting Wednesday, November 1st, shorts are no longer allowed until Tuesday, April 3rd.



****THE YEARBOOK TEAM NEEDS SPORTS AND CLUB PHOTOS!** - If you are watching your child at a St. Pat's sport or activity, please take a few photos and upload them to the website at www.treering.com. There's a free treering phone app that makes it easy to upload the photos you take.

AS A REMINDER! – Due to our construction last year, Bethany graciously allowed us to use their parking lot. We are no longer allowed to park in their lot or drive on their property at all. If you are assigned to park in the fire station lot, please **DO NOT** enter or exit the lot from behind the fire station!

ACTIVITY/FIELD TRIP FORMS SENT HOME LAST WEEK – We have an annual Activity Fee for students rather than collecting money for each field trip or activity. Your youngest and/or only child from each family brought home the 2017-2018 Activity Fees form last week. On this form, we list each grade level's 2017-2018 Activity Fees explaining what is scheduled for the year. An art fee is assessed in all grades and a technology fee is included to help defray the cost of the student computer subscriptions in all grades as well. The Kindergarten through 8th grade students are participating in NWEA (MAP) assessments – a web based assessment program that allows teachers and students to monitor student mastery of



skills according to NE State Standards for math and reading. **Activity Fees can ONLY be paid online through WeShare – please go to the following link:** <https://stpatsetkhorn.weshareonline.org/> - all check or cash payments will be returned to you. New this year, the dues for your Home & School membership will be paid on this site as well when you check out.

JOIN US IN CELEBRATING FR. TOM FANGMAN'S 25TH SILVER JUBILEE – 25 years ago, Fr. Tom Fangman was ordained a priest and lives his life in service of God, the Church and God's people. The lives he has touched are countless, and all who have met him are witnesses to his kind and caring heart. Please join us in commemorating the one and only Father Tom as we honor his service to others!



Sunday, October 15th, 2017

12:30pm mass

Open house 2:00-6:00pm

St. Patrick's Aspen Lane Center

RSVP and send pictures to: celebrate@stpatsetkhorn.org

If you would like to volunteer at this event, please sign up via this link:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d49a4ab2fa0ff2-father>

Thanks in advance for your gift of time! If you would like to donate to his celebration, you may do so at this link: <https://stpatsetkhorn.weshareonline.org/ws/opportunities/FrTom25>

PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE FALL BOOK FAIR –



Sunday, October 15 - 8:30-11:30
Monday, October 16 - 3:00-5:00
Tuesday, October 17 - 11:00-12:30 & 2:00-6:00
Thursday, October 19 - 11:00-6:00

IT'S HYVEE CASH FOR STUDENTS TIME! – Please save your HyVee receipts dated from September 1st



through December 31st 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 180th & 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.

THANK YOU - to all our 2017 fall festival sponsors, volunteers, helping hands and those who donated to the festival and helped make it another great fun-filled family event. This event would not have been possible without you. We greatly appreciate your generosity! Here are our sponsors:

PLATINUM LEVEL

Smile Station
Property Management Inc (PMI)

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MCL Construction
Go-Dog Direct

SILVER

Shadow Ridge Country Club
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Dan Larsen Family
Villwok Family
Dr. Robert Pfeifle, Oral Surgery Associates
Lamson Dugan & Murray
Max I Walker

BRONZE

Hauser Chiropractic
Integrity Heating and Cooling

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@stpatselfhorn.org. Thank you!

SCRIP - SHOP 'TIL YOU DROP...YOUR TUITION - Think for a moment of how much your family spends on groceries, clothes, entertainment, travel each year. Wouldn't it be amazing if you could earn credit towards next year's tuition? Well, you're in luck - St. Pat's Home & School Scrip Program is here to help you do just that, and the best news is that there is NO ADDED cost. Click the link to learn more about scrip <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WwkeGiRuYVY#action=share>

SOME BASICS ON SCRIP ORDERING - Orders placed each day by 8am for Scrip-to-Go (In stock) vendors will be sent home the next day through backpack mail; orders placed by 8am Tuesday for special order vendors will be sent home Friday through backpack mail; Scrip-to-Go will be available for immediate purchase Fridays in front of the church during pick-up, approximately 2:45-3:15; weekend mass sales will be limited

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.



BREAKFAST IS IMPORTANT FOR YOUR CHILD - We frequently have students coming to the office mid to late morning with stomach pain, sometimes nausea, but no fever. When given a small snack their symptoms improve. We realize mornings can be a hectic time and not all children are good eaters in the morning. A breakfast of simple items like cereal, a piece of toast, or a toaster pastry may be what works. However, a well-balanced breakfast that includes protein like eggs, hard cheese, or cottage cheese, a carb like the items above, fruit, and dairy are more likely to give the students enough nutrients to make it through until lunch time. We ask that you make every effort to have your child consume a well-balanced breakfast before coming to school.



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.

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!

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 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

HOST A KOAM STUDENT FROM SOUTH KOREA - Hosting a student is an opportunity to discover South Korea within the walls of your own home. This season, many Koreans celebrated Chuseok, also known as Korean Thanksgiving. KoAm invites your family to discover this beautiful culture firsthand by becoming a Host Family. Through daily interactions with your family, Korean students are able to learn and discover American culture in a very unique way! Hosting a KoAm exchange student is much like having an adopted son or daughter, a semester or a year at a time. KoAm students arrive with round-trip airline tickets, complete medical insurance, tuition, school fees, and personal spending money for the duration of their stay. The exchange students show appreciation to the host family with a monetary gift and reimburse expenses. Please contact KoAm National Coordinator Haewon Park at 402-401-4320 or 800-521-6640 and/or by email at administrator@koameduall.org. To apply online, please visit KoAm's website at www.koameduall.org and click on "Apply to Be a Host Family".



FOOD/CLOTHING DRIVE - Our parish community will be hosting a food and clothing drive to benefit the Western Douglas County Food Bank, Heart Ministry and St. Vincent de Paul Society. This Community Outreach Week is being sponsored by Knights of Columbus Council 14914, SPY, St. Patrick's Catholic School Leadership Group and our parish 7th graders (RF, Home-School and 5-day school).



To make this a successful event, **everyone in the parish** is asked to help by providing donations and if possible by sharing your time throughout the weekend of November 4th/5th. We are in need of volunteers to collect, sort and deliver food, as well as collect clothing and small household items for the St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store. Collection and sorting will be completed before and after each of the weekend Masses, November 4th and 5th. Loading and delivery of food items for The Western Douglas County Food Bank and the Heart

Ministry will begin at 12:30 p.m. on November 5th. An additional trip to the Western Douglas County Food Bank will be made after the 5:00 p.m. mass on Sunday, November 5th.

Please sign up at: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080548aba72fa57-community>. If you have any questions, please contact Mary McMahon, Director of Religious Formation at 402-289-4947, extension 1505 or email mmcmahon@stpatsekhorn.org.



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! 805 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 or call 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.

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 TEMP LOCATION CHANGE** – Our next event will be on October 8th and it will be a BONFIRE at the BENES HOUSE. The address is 7411 N 216th St and many of you have already been there. The times will be the same as HS (6:00 to 8:00), but if you aren't able to make it out until after Mass, don't be stressed! Feel free to bring an appropriate side and we'll take care of the rest!

FATHER TOM'S 25TH- Help us celebrate Father Tom's 25th with a dinner on October 15th. There will be no SPY on the 15th due to this celebration. That being said we need any available volunteers to help bus tables, paint faces, and run food to tables. Follow this link to sign up!
<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d49a4ab2fa0ff2-father>

SOPHOMORE RETREAT – Keep your eyes open for emails concerning our new 3 Day Sophomore Retreat! We are looking to build off of our Freshman Retreat from last year with a deeper dive in to the obstacles that face every Sophomore! Expect fantastic talks, great small group time, music, Adoration, the best games and more!

MARCH FOR LIFE - The annual 5-day pilgrimage to Washington, D.C. for high school students takes place in January. Pilgrims travel by bus and visit holy and historical sites while learning about the pro-life movement and

growing in their faith. Watch out for emails heading your way with more information! Registration deadline is October 15th.

MS YOUTH RALLY – On November 5th, INSTEAD OF MS SPY all 7th and 8th graders are invited to the Archdiocesan MS Youth Rally. This year it is called GO UNDERGROUND and it will be held at St. Robert Bellarmine. This event has continually proven to be a great experience for our teens both in coming to know more about their faith and about other teens around the city and the Archdiocese. The deadline is October 15th for forms and you should be receiving them via email.

YOUTH ROOM FURNITURE – SPY is looking for gently used furniture, coffee tables, lamps, etc that we could use to make areas of the Parish Center look a little more “homey” for our youth gatherings. If you have some furniture that would fit the bill, please email Adam at astephenon@stpatselfhorn.org



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.