

Lent 2021

He is our truth and our light. We must "believe in him" and "come to the light" to accept God's offer of salvation. In our faith journey, this is something we have to choose to do over and over again.

Peace & Greetings,

This Friday, March 19 we celebrate the Feast of St. Joseph. Appropriately enough, Pope Francis proclaimed this the "Year of St. Joseph" marking the 150th anniversary of Blessed Pope Pius XI's declaration of St. Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church. It is against the backdrop of the COVID-19 pandemic, who Pope Francis says has helped us to see more clearly the importance of "ordinary" people who resemble St. Joseph, "the man who goes unnoticed, a daily, discreet and hidden presence" who nonetheless played "an incomparable role in the history of salvation." (Vatican News)

EVENING REFLECTION & PRAYER

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him."

Living by the grace of the Holy Spirit is transformative. So much so, that the more we love the more we will be inclined to the good – the good God who loves, saves, and invites us into the treasury of eternal life. The victory of Jesus over sin and death is real and the offer of salvation a free gift for all. Have hope!

Let us pray,

O God, who through your Word reconcile the human race to yourself in a wonderful way, grant, we pray, that with prompt devotion and eager faith the Christian people may hasten toward the solemn celebrations to come. Through our Lord, Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Blessings to all,

Fr. Glen, Chaplain

SCHOOL CALENDAR

Week of March, 15-19, 2021

Monday (Day 3), Tuesday (Day 1), Wednesday (Day 2), Thursday (Day 3) and Friday (Day 1).

Rotation

	Day 1 Drop G & H	Day 2 Drop E & F	Day 3 Drop C & D
7:45-8:26	Α	А	Α
8:34-9:10	В	В	В
9:28-10:22	С	G	F
10:30-11:54	D	С	Н
12:02-12:56	E	D	G
1:14-2:08	F	Н	E

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

During Lent, Fr. Glen will hear confessions on Mondays from 1:00 - 2:00 pm in the Chapel.

WEEKDAY MASS

There will not be a Wednesday morning Mass this week. Instead, school-wide Mass celebrating the Feast of St. Joseph will be held on Friday, March 19 at St. Gregory the Great Church.

12:14 pm Seniors & Juniors

1:15 pm Sophomores & Freshmen

DEVINE MERCY CHAPLET

The Devine Mercy Chaplet will be prayed on Fridays at 7:30 am in the Chapel.

2021 - 2022 RE-REGISTRATION FORMS

A reminder that re-registration forms for the 2021 – 2022 Academic Year were due in the Guidance Office during the month of February. If you haven't submitted your form with your registration deposit, please do so ASAP, thank you!

GUIDANCE NEWS

PERRY VIRTUAL EXPERIENCE

We're very excited to announce upcoming sessions of the Perry Virtual Experience in **April 2021**. The Perry Virtual Experience is a free, 2.5-hour, interactive online experience for high school and college-aged women who are interested in pursuing careers in orthopaedic surgery and engineering. Participants will hear from women leaders in these fields and dive into online orthopaedic simulations and biomechanics experiments. Additional information can be found at: https://perryinitiative.org/pve/

HARTFORD NATIONAL COLLEGE FAIR: https://www.collegefairguide.com/hartford-national-college-fair

The Spring 2021 National College Fairs have transitioned to a Virtual Platform. With in-person events limited across the country, college admissions offices are eager to connect with sophomores, juniors and seniors who are looking toward postsecondary education.

Virtual College Fairs, **sponsored by the National Association for College Admission Counseling** (NACAC), are a timesaving opportunity for students and parents to gather a lot of information in one day. College admissions representatives will be online to answer key questions ranging from acceptance policies to student–faculty ratio.

NACAC's Virtual College Fairs are one-day events that are free to attend. These interactive events are designed with the mobile user in mind. Students can login from their phones or computers. Students and parents are invited to attend one or all of these online events.

More than 600 college and university representatives will be online and available to answer questions. Students and parents will also be able to schedule one-on-one virtual meetings. Students can sign up for a Virtual College Fair at <u>virtualcollegefairs.org</u>.

TRIBUNE PUBLISHING NATIONAL COLLEGE FAIR: https://tribpubcollegefair.com/

Connecting Universities, Colleges, Vocational Schools & More with Prospective Students, Parents & Families

Tribune Publishing is proud to launch this FREE online event series and content hub in March 2021; designed to provide students, parents and families easy access to the latest higher education information. This interactive, easy-to-navigate event experience will feature a wide variety of schools and exhibitors from all over the country, expert keynote speakers, virtual campus tours, live chats and fun giveaways. **CONNect COLLEGE FAIR hosted by Connecticut's public universities**

Take advantage of this unique opportunity to learn from representatives at each of Connecticut's four state universities (Central, Eastern, Southern, and Western) and the University of Connecticut. It's a one-stop shop event to get to know what makes each institution special and have all your questions answered - without having to schedule five different Zoom meetings. You'll have a chance to chat with representatives at each university to ask anything you may be wondering about, such as internship opportunities for your major, what there is to do on campus, and what the food is really like! www.connectfairs.eventbrite.com

Event dates and times are:

Thursday, March 18 from 6:30 – 8:00 pm Wednesday, April 21 from 6:30 – 8:00 pm Wednesday, May 12 from 6:30 – 7:30 pm

SOCIETY OF WOMEN ENGINEERS HARTFORD

Society of Women Engineers Harford is hosting a 6-week Makerspace Virtual Workshop for women (Grades 9-12) interested in Engineering beginning April 6. This is the hands-on building event that students have been craving. You will get your own design kit shipped directly to your door. Starting April 6 - May 11, meets every Tuesday night from 5:00 – 8:00 pm (6 nights). https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc7OzOPrLUOJZkbYItfHo9A-QfkfO37IdDGmxonNxgTFceRpA/viewform

Topics include:

- 1. Working Together on Design Teams
- 2. Rapid Prototyping Prosthetic Arms to Communicate Design Ideas
- 3. Ideating in Virtual Teams
- 4. CAD and 3D Printing
- 5. Build your Own Microscope & Look at Your Cells
- 6. Intro to Tissue Engineering & Bioreactor Design

IBM/JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENT TECHNOLOGY WEBINARS

Junior Achievement invites you to participate in a webinar and learn from technology experts from IBM – a leader in the tech world for over a century! There next panel is March 17 from 11:30 am – 12:30 pm. IBM volunteers will share their pathway to a career in technology and what future careers look like. Contact your school counselor to participate.

COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES

CONGRATULATIONS to the following Seniors on their recent college acceptances:

Eleanor Bryda Trinity College, University of St. Joseph

Carina Fiscella Salve Regina University, Springfield College, UCONN

Andrew Fusco CCSU, ECSU, Quinnipiac University, Sacred Heart University, UCONN

Joshua Konikowski East Carolina University, Wentworth Institute of Technology

Kacie Therrien Salve Regina University, UCONN

Stephanie Wills Quinnipiac University, Salve Regina University, Stonehill College, University of

Rhode Island

Seniors are reminded to notify their school counselor if they want their college acceptances to be acknowledged.

AMC COMPETITION

The results from the annual AMC competition have been announced. Each year thousands of students across the nation apply their problem-solving skills in the annual Mathematical Association of America's American Mathematics Competitions (MAA AMC) 10/12 for high school students. This year twenty students from St Paul participated in the 72nd annual American Mathematics Contest 12 (AMC12), and the 22nd annual American Mathematics Contest 10 (AMC10). The contests were held on Wednesday, February 10 and cover advanced high school mathematical concepts.

The top competitors for St. Paul in the AMC12 were Seniors Kevin Sun (1st) and Emma Schatz (2nd). Both Kevin and Emma have consistently scored in the top positions for each of their four years. Tied for third place for St. Paul were Alecia Barbieri '21and Gillian Smith '22.

In the AMC10, sophomore Marley Burgess received the highest score amongst all St. Paul competitors regardless of test. Amazingly, Marley did not get a single problem incorrect for those she answered. Angela Ragaini '24 (2nd) and Adam Zwolinski '23 (3rd) round out the top for all St. Paul AMC10 competitors.

Congratulations to all of the following students who participated in these very rigorous mathematics tests:

AMC12: Alecia Barbieri, Keira Dubitsky, Sophia Gerst, Colin Ivers, Jonathan Passander, Andrew Pauloz, Scott Raymond, Emma Schatz, Gillian Smith and Zixuan Sun.

AMC10: Lila Alderete, Dylan Bird, Marley Burgess, Charles Hergott, Miles Jennings, Calista Oria, Angela Ragaini, Sarah Roberts, Brianna Wood, and Adam Zwolinski.

ATHLETICS

GYM SCHEDULE

Week of March 15

Monday	Cheer & Wrestling 2:30 – 3:30 pm; Fr. Girls BB 3:45 – 4:45 pm; JV/V Girls BB 5:00
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− 6:30 pm; **JV/V Boys BB** 6:45 − 8:15 pm

Tuesday JV/V Boys BB 2:45 – 4:45 pm; JV/V Girls BB game vs Wolcott 5:30 & 7:00 pm

Wednesday **Fr. Boys BB** 2:30 – 3:30 pm; **JV/V Boys BB** game vs Crosby 4:30 & 6:15 pm

Thursday Indoor Track (meet outside behind the gym) 2:30 – 3:30 pm; Fr. Boys BB 2:30 – 3:30

pm; Cheer & Wrestling 3:45 – 4:45 pm; JV/V Girls BB 5:00 – 6:30 pm; JV/V Boys

BB 6:45 – 8:15 pm

Friday Fr. Girls BB 2:30 – 3:30 pm; JV/V Girls BB 3:45-5:45 pm; Indoor Track (meet

outside behind the gym) 4:30 - 5:45 pm; JV/V Boys BB 6:00 - 8:00 pm

Saturday Indoor Track (Gym) 8:00 – 9:15 am; NVL Basketball Tournament – Opening Round

TBA

Sunday BB –TBA

NVL BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

The NVL Boys & Girls Basketball Tournaments are scheduled to begin on Saturday, March 20. Following play dates are March 22 & 24. The finals will be played on March 26 or 27. All games will be played at the site of the higher seed with times TBA. The NVL Fan Policy for the tournament is – NO FANS.

PRE-SEASON TEAM MEETINGS FOR SPRING SPORTS

Girls Lacrosse – Pre-season informational meeting on Tuesday, March 16 at 7:00 pm. You will receive a Zoom invitation on Monday. If you are unable to attend, contact Coach Mancini: emancini@spchs.com.

Outdoor Track & Field and Girls' Tennis pre-season informational meeting – TBA

START OF SPRING SPORTS

Baseball Pitchers & Catchers week is March 20 - 26. The baseball coaching staff will send out details to the team.

Official start date for all Spring Sports is Saturday, March 27 (some teams might begin on Monday, March 29). Practice times and dates will be posted and announced the week of March 22. Date for first contests is April 10.

A reminder to get all of your paper work submitted (check the school website – there are four electronic forms to process and a COVID Release Form that you need to print out and sign and bring with you the first day of practice) and make sure your physical on file with the Health Room is up to date.

CURRENT TEAM ONLINE STORE (not required items – just team gear offered if you choose to purchase)

GOLF STORE DETAILS

- Shop Now: https://www.bsnteamsports.com/shop/WdC9KBUPLj Store Open From: March 6 –15

BASEBALL STORE DETAILS

- Shop Now:

 $\underline{https://www.bsnteamsports.com/shop/yPfCpKbdev?utm_source=twitter\&utm_medium=tweet\&utm_campaign=store_closes}$

Store Open From: March 6 – 15

COLLEGE SIGNING - PHOTO OP

Mr. Dennehy has sent an email to those seniors who have not yet had the opportunity to schedule a photoop with their family. Check your school email and follow up with him.

CLASS OF 2024 EASTER CHOCOLATE FUNDRAISER

Class fundraiser starts Monday, March 15 and all orders need to be handed in to Mrs. Houle no later than next Monday March 22! Orders will be sent home with your student no later than March 31. Questions? Please contact Freshmen Advisor Mrs. Houle: ahoule@spchs.com

 $Flyer\ and\ Order\ Form\ -\ \underline{https://files.constantcontact.com/b715260d001/895cd5d4-ef7d-4466-b654-db9ff9fe4aaf.pdf}$

HAPPY BIRTHDAY (March 15 - 21)

Happy Birthday to: Megan Crean, William Kelly and Madison Matava-Pickering.

FINAL WORD

This Wednesday, March 17 we celebrate St. Patrick's Day!

St. Patrick's Breastplate

(Breastplate refers to a piece of divine armor. Later, St. Paul referred to putting on the "Armor of God" in his letter to the Ephesians 6:11).

Christ with me,

Christ before me,

Christ behind me,

Christ in me,

Christ beneath me,

Christ above me,

Christ on my right,

Christ on my left,

Christ when I lie down,

Christ when I sit down,

Christ when I arise,

Christ in the heart of every man who thinks of me,

Christ in the mouth of everyone who speaks of me,

Christ in every eye that sees me,

Christ in every ear that hears me.

I arise today

Through a mighty strength, the invocation of the Trinity,

Through belief in the Threeness,

Through confession of the Oneness of the Creator of creation.

Happy St. Patrick's Day!



Keep it up ... stay vigilant. It takes all of us, all of the time!

MASK UP – WASH HANDS – KEEP YOUR DISTANCE

Enjoy the extra daylight starting tonight. Be \boldsymbol{KIND} ... take care of yourself and take care of each other this week!

St. Paul, pray for us!

Cary M. Dupont '72 President/Chief Administrator