



April 27, 2020

MONDAY MORNING ASSEMBLY

Good morning!

Trust you and your family are in good health. I hope last week went well and that you are settling into the new schedule for Phase II of our distance learning plan. As I mentioned, this schedule attempts to provide the needed teaching and learning flexibility to navigate the next month especially recognizing more frequent and creative assessments in the Fourth Marking Period. It's important for you to practice good time management and keep up with your school work. Remember to reach out to your teachers and school counselors for guidance and support, at any time.

Let us begin this day in prayer.

MORNING PRAYER

We **PRAY** for the doctors, nurses, and healthcare professionals, many of them our parents, relatives, and alumni who serve as the front line of defense and put their own life in harm's way to care for those afflicted by this deadly disease. We **PRAY** for emergency and military personnel, scientists searching for a cure, truck drivers and grocery store workers who keep the food supply chain going. There are many other everyday ordinary people doing extraordinary works of mercy and kindness, all of them unsung heroes. We **PRAY** for you, your families and your personal intentions in the silence of your heart.

"O Jesus, your disciples often found you at prayer, and so they asked you to teach them how to do it. Help me to pray in confidence to the Father, just as you did. When I am facing my own agony of doubt and fear, pray with me so that I may find courage and hope. When my life leads me to the cross, take my hand so that my heart stays strong. Most of all, strengthen my resolve to pray: Not my will, but yours be done."

*Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.*

*Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.*

*And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
Amen.*

St. Paul, pray for us!

Sr. Marie Benedict and Sr. Mary Mercy will lead **Chapel Prayer Service** on Thursday (4/30) from 8:40 – 8:50 am. This week the girls' lacrosse team will assist in leading the service. This is an opportunity for building community, praying together, and growing in our faith. Faculty, students and parents wishing to participate can respond to the weekly Zoom invitation.

Bishop Loverde, former ordinary of the Diocese of Arlington and former auxiliary bishop in our own Archdiocese of Hartford "visited" two Senior religion classes last Thursday. He will be joining additional religion classes online tomorrow. Looking forward to hearing from some of our Seniors regarding their conversation with Bishop Loverde for next week's MMA.

ST. PAUL CARE DRIVE

TODAY – Monday, April 27: Brendan Foley and his family are organizing a **Care Drive** of pre-packaged individually portioned snacks or drinks (granola bars, trail mix, cookies, any sort of snacks) and thank you cards to distribute to local hospitals and nursing homes in appreciation for those on the front lines. Brendan and his family will be at St. Paul under the front portico from 2:30 - 4:30 pm to collect snacks for the healthcare workers. They will be prepared with masks and gloves and happy to take the items from car trunks, if preferred. If that time isn't convenient, a large collection box has been placed under the portico for parents to drop-off items during the day.

ACADEMICS

LAST CALL: If you haven't already, you have until this Thursday, April 30 to contact your school counselor and complete make-up quizzes/tests online. After Thursday any outstanding quizzes or tests will become a zero in the teacher's grade book. Any unfinished projects and papers will result in an incomplete grade in that class for the Third Marking Period.

ACADEMIC CALENDAR

- Online **AP Exams** have been rescheduled for May 11 -22, 2020. See attached link for pertinent information. <https://apcentral.collegeboard.org/courses/exam-dates-and-fees>

GUIDANCE

- Seniors should check any college's website that you are interested in attending ... many schools are hosting virtual accepted student's days, info sessions and testimonials from current students. Although most colleges have pushed their deposit deadlines out ... please let your school counselor know if you need help with your decision!
- This Friday, May 1 is traditionally designated **Senior College Day**. If you have made a final decision, Seniors are encouraged to wear their college shirt to online classes. Send a photo on that day to your school counselor and Mrs. Lindquist, mlindquist@spchs.com, in the advancement office so we can put together a 2020 photo tribute.
- If seniors need transcripts for scholarship applications, please email Mrs. Kilbourne at lkilbourne@spchs.com.
- **Juniors are reminded they need to ask two teachers for letters of recommendation by email before this Thursday, April 30.** They should copy their counselor on the email and make sure to give the teacher their resume and reflection form. The reflection form was included in an email sent out by guidance on Wednesday (3/25).

ATHLETICS

- Mr. Dennehy will be hosting a Zoom Spring Sports Q&A update this Thursday, April 30 at 1:00 pm. Be on the lookout for a meeting invitation.
- Girls' tennis players who wish to pick-up their packaged uniform gear that was previously ordered may do so by having their parents come to the main office on Wednesday or Friday this week between 9:00 am – noon. Please follow proper social distancing guidelines.
- This week Mr. Dennehy will be contacting Senior student athletes who have plans to play in college requesting pictures of there at-home signings.
- Some additional post season accolades to Janessa Gonzales, CHSCA Class L All State and All State Academic. Also, Janessa was named Second Team All-State and Jade Udoh Third Team All-State by the New Haven Register. **Congratulations!**
- Thanks to sponsors IGA, the CT Department of Public Health, the Army National Guard and Liberty Bank, the **Virtual Scholar-Athlete Banquet** will air at 6:30pm on Sunday, May 3rd on Fox 61 and the NFHS Network. That is the same date and time the in-person banquet at the Aqua

Turf was scheduled to take place. Again, **congratulations** to Natalie Millerick and Jeremy Rinaldi, St. Paul's recipients.

- The CIAC has been communicating with the NCAA eligibility center to understand how initial student-athlete eligibility may be impacted by COVID-19. See link. <http://www.casciac.org/pdfs/NCAAInitialEligibilityCOVID-19Update.pdf>

PERFORMING ARTS

- The spring musical, **Matilda**, originally scheduled for April 4-6 was postponed due to COVID-19. Through creative conversations with cast and crew members, the play will be tentatively rescheduled for January 8-10, 2021 to allow current Seniors home from college for Christmas break to be involved in special rehearsals and tech week. That's commitment ... that's **GOOD NEWS!**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Student Government has scheduled one Zoom afterschool activity for this week. If interested in participating, be on the lookout for a Zoom invitation from Mrs. Kendrick.
 - **Sports Zoom Talk** on Tuesday (4/28) from 3:30 – 4:00 pm.
- The Class of 2024 Falcon Fest originally scheduled for last Friday, (4/24) was postponed until later this summer. Instead, student government will be hosting a special **Future Falcons: Soar to the Nest** virtual get together this Friday (5/1). There will be two Zoom sessions for the Class of 2024 to attend: either 6:00 – 6:45 pm or 7:00 – 7:45 pm. **THANK YOU** to our student government leaders for welcoming our incoming Freshman class.
- This Wednesday (4/29) will be the fourth in our **Perspectives from the "Classroom"** series featuring a distance learning reflective piece from one of our faculty members. This week, we will feature Mrs. Brittney Mihalich.
- **Happy Birthday** wishes to: Quentin Conner, Holden Crowther, Gabriel Duffany, Laura Lopez, Taylor Lorenzetti, Madison Prendergast, Danielle Regan, Carson Sklenka and Nina Zwolinski.



#BeTheLight

4/20 – 5/20, 2020

“Light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.”

(John 1:5)

CONTINUES: We will be burning McPhee Field lights for twenty minutes every weeknight at 8:20 pm to remind you to keep shining ... keep being the light of Christ through this unprecedented adversity in your young lives. In addition, we pray that these lights symbolize hope for the Class of 2020. While the lights will be turned on live each night, you can access the #BeTheLight video on YouTube from the comfort of your home: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pxYtom5ryME> or see the SP website. We ask that you use this brief time for evening prayer and personal reflection.

FR. HECTOR'S FINAL BLESSING

Our Gospel for this Third Sunday of Easter is from Luke's Gospel. (Luke 24:13 - 35) The Apostle recounts the disciples walking toward Emmaus, forlorn and perplexed over what had occurred to the Lord. Jesus draws near to them on their journey, but they do not recognize Him. This is a common theme in many of the post-resurrection appearances recounted in the Scriptures.

The disciples continue their discussion of the events which had occurred during the days before surprised that the stranger beside them seemed unaware of what had occurred. In His empathy and compassion, Jesus enters their experience and listens. As Jesus walked with the two men on the way to Emmaus He is also walking with us through this unique time. As Catholic family we start a new week in His name, listening and walking with Him as well.

Let's pray.

***Almighty Father,
who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples
with the sight of the risen Lord:
give us such knowledge of his presence with us,
that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life***

***and serve you continually in righteousness and truth;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.***

May the risen Christ grant us the joys of eternal life.

*+ May Almighty God bless us,
The Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen.*

Have a blessed week everybody!
You too Father!

That's it for now. Take care of yourself and pray for each other. Make it a great week. **Keep shining ... keep soaring!** Seniors lead us out of here to A Period classes.

Stay safe ... be well.

Mr. Dupont '72
President/Chief Administrator