



Principal's Corner

Light Your Candle!

Advent has often been defined as a time for waiting. Certainly we cannot help but notice the signs of Christmas preparations all around us as well. At this week's Advent Wreath Blessing, Deacon Glenn Viau broadened our thinking about this Advent time by calling upon us to view "our waiting" as also a time for an *"light"*enment. As the first graders lit the first of the Advent candles, Deacon Viau challenged us to see that candle as calling us to be a light for others. He called upon our students to be the "light" someone might need when they become discouraged or lonely by offering hope and friendship. Or for their "light" to shine brightly as an example of God's love by their own behaviors and attitudes. So often we get so involved in Christmas preparations that we lose sight of the calming effect waiting can create in us. I pray that our families accept Deacon Viau's challenge to view this Advent with illuminated hearts as we remember to ask ourselves, *"Have you shared the light of your candle today?"*

School Calendar:

Panther Run 10 K Run and 1 Mile Fun Run Lake Charles Civic Center Run begins 7:30 am	Saturday, December 3rd
Feast of the Immaculate Conception Mass 8:30am Cathedral	Thursday, December 8th
Advent Blessing (1B) 8:00 am Gym	Wednesday, December 14th
Advent Blessing (KA and KB) 8:00 am Gym	Monday, December 19th
Christmas Music Program 12:30—2:00 pm Gym Christmas Parties 2:00—3:00 pm	Tuesday, December 20th
Christmas Holidays	Wednesday, Dec. 21st— Monday, Jan. 2nd



ICCS Panther Run 10K and 1 Mile Fun Run

Thank you to AFLAC and all of our
ICCS Panther Run Sponsors!

The 2nd Annual Panther Run will be this Saturday, December 3rd! Registration will open at 6:30 am at the Lake Charles Civic Center and the race will begin at 7:30 am. All ICCS students are invited to participate in the 1 Mile Fun Run. It will start immediately after the 10K. Participants will receive a 2011 Panther Run black long sleeve sweatshirt! Registration for 10K is \$35 and the 1 Mile Fun Run is \$20.

Greenery

The Greenery has arrived! If you have not had a chance to pick up your greenery, it is available for pick up any time during the school day.

If you would like to buy more, it is not too late!

We have some extras items and more greenery arriving on Friday.



Wear Love!

Retake Picture Proofs

LifeTouch Picture proofs went home with students before the Thanksgiving holiday. Please return the orders by Friday, December 2nd.



What Does It Mean To Be A Parishioner?

As we near the end of 2011, families are reminded as to what qualifies parishioners to receive subsidized tuition rates. The Cathedral parish has set the following criteria: to be officially registered with the Cathedral, to worship regularly by attending Mass and participating in parish functions and activities, and to offer financial support by contributing regularly (\$500 annually). Families should check with the Cathedral office if they are unsure of their status.

Congratulations!

ICCS students Joshua Vincent, Kade Massey, Nicholas Manuel and Joel Brinkman were members of the 7/8 year old Ward 3 Football team who won the League Championship. Congratulations to Kyle Guidry and William Jicks, members of the Lake City Championship team for 9-10 Tackle Football.

Advent Evening of Worship

Matt Maher and Adore Ministries are coming to the Diocese of Lake Charles on Thursday, December 1st for an Advent Evening of Praise and Worship. The event will be held at the Our Lady of Queen of Heaven Family Life Center. The doors will open at 6:20 pm. The evening will begin with a Pre-Concert featuring Nichole Lanthier followed by a Matt Maher concert, teaching by Paul George and Eucharistic Adoration. Tickets are available at the Diocese of Lake Charles Office of Youth Ministry, 411 Iris Street, and cost \$8 in advance and \$10 at the door.

St. Louis Registration

Registration packets for St. Louis will go home with 8th graders on December 5th. Registration will be held January 9th—January 13th for support schools. The mandatory Placement Test will be on Saturday, February 11th, 2012.

Special Thank You's

ICCS would like to thank the family of 5th grader Chloe Abate for sponsoring a visit from Molly the pony and SOAR therapeutic Riding Center for giving the animals a home during their visit to Lake Charles.



Also, thanks to Keith Manuel, the father of Lucas, Nicholas and Sydney, for providing the buckets for Molly's friends.

Order forms for Molly's book went home with students today.

Small Miracles Calendars

Small Miracle Calendars are for sale in the front office. This beautiful calendar features Patrick Rider on the cover and cost \$12. The proceeds go to Snowdrop Foundation. Please contact Ms. Wendi if you are interested.

2011 Panther Basketball Home Schedule

December 5th

- 4:30pm ICCS 7th Girls vs SM
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- 7:30 pm ICCS 8th Boys vs OLQH

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- 4:30pm ICCS 7th Girls vs OLQH
- 7:30pm ICCS 8th Girls vs EDS

December 10th

- 9am ICCS 5th Girls vs EDS
- 10am ICCS 5th Boys R vs EDS
- 11am ICCS 6th Girls vs OLQH
- 12pm ICCS 6th Boys B vs OLQH
- 1pm ICCS 6th Boys R vs EDS

Theme Baskets for Auction!

Auction plans are already underway and the Theme Basket Committee is working on new ideas for our "Black, White and Red All Over" Auction 2012.

A flier with the classes' themes went home today with students. While you are out and about Christmas shopping please consider picking up an item for your class theme basket.

For more information call Amy Tyler, 794-9303 or Jennifer Avery at 274-5989

Character Education

Our character trait for December is "Speak Kindly"

Words of kindness can inspire others, lift their spirits, and even, as P.M. Forni writes in his book, "Choosing Civility," "reconcile them with life." And isn't that a great way to make a difference?

