



Principal's Corner

Qualities of Leadership

A recent 8th grade Religion assignment was to illustrate, by drawing or writing, what is leadership. The following is an excerpt from an essay by 8th grader **Matthew Evans**. The insights expressed by this young man amazed me as he listed five qualities needed to be a true leader.

*"Leadership is not a given quality; it is earned. First you must understand audacity by **being bold**. You have to be able to give and take with confidence and without fear. Secondly, you must learn **acceptance**. Life is full of surprises and you cannot journey through it without looking both ways. Next you must learn **compassion**. Without compassion a team is two-dimensional and only has a certain limit of possibilities. The fourth quality of leadership is **discipline**, giving the group structure, rewarding the good and nourishing those with potential. The final quality of leadership is **determination**. Determination gives meaning and ambition to the common goal. It is the hardest quality to truly obtain because it requires audacity, acceptance, discipline and compassion too. Together these qualities are like the cogs that work together to create an emotional equilibrium."* Words well written by a special young leader!

"The Perfect Gift"

Before you begin your Christmas shopping, we invite you to drop into **"The Perfect Gift"** in the Ave Maria Hall after all of the Masses at the Cathedral this weekend. This event gives you an opportunity to donate to one or more of three worthy causes as a way to honor those special people on your gift list. You will receive an acknowledgement card for every donation of \$10 so you can tell your family and friends how your gift in their honor is being used.

Ask your parents, grandparents, siblings, and friends if they wouldn't like to receive a gift that keeps on giving—**The Perfect Gift**.

This year's recipients are the new ICCS Library, Abraham's Tent, and Cathedral Pastoral Care.

2011 Greenery Fundraiser

How "Green" is our Greenery?

Did you know that Sherwood Forest Farms, our greenery supplier, harvests its evergreens in an environmentally friendly way? Trees are never cut down to make greenery. Instead, greenery is harvested by trimming trees in the mountains, which fosters a healthy ecosystem. This year, the fir trees that they trim down to make swags are at an age when the large fir boughs on the swags are not available. In order to provide the highest quality evergreen in an environmentally friendly manner, they are not making swags this year. We still have beautiful garlands, wreaths, centerpieces and holiday cones available. Our greenery sale ends October 22nd.



School Calendar:

Oct. Birthday Mass 8:30 am Cathedral	Friday, Oct. 7th
Pep Rally 2:00 pm Gym	
Sarah Palermo as Principal for the Day	
Coffee Talk 4th/5th Grade Parents 8—9 am Cafeteria	Tuesday, Oct. 11th
Diocesan In-Service NO SCHOOL	Friday, Oct. 14th
Middle School Dance 7—9:30 pm Gym	Friday, Oct. 14th
Coffee Talk 1st—3rd Grade Parents 8—9 am Cafeteria	Tuesday, Oct. 18th
Greenery Sale Ends	Thursday, Oct. 20th
Living Rosary (4A/4B) 8:30 am Gym	Friday, Oct. 21st
Coffee Talk Pre-K/K Grade Parents 8—9 am Cafeteria	Tuesday, Oct. 25th
1st Quarter Report Cards	Wednesday, Oct. 26th
Picture Retakes	Friday, Oct. 28th





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2011 ICCS VIP Parking

At the 2011 Spring Dinner Auction, ICCS auctioned off a reserved ICCS VIP parking spot. This hot item went to the highest bidder, who won the choice of their very own parking spot anywhere on the ICCS campus. The Navarre Family spot is located in front of the school in the Ryan Street Parking Lot. The parking spot is marked by two signs and yellow caution tape. Please be mindful of the designated spot reserved for the Navarre Family only. This item will once again be an auction item for the 2012 Auction and your family could be the next VIP!



Hi Hoops

Registering Now for the 2011-2012 Basketball Season
Grades Pre-K Through 4th Grade
Team Selection is Wednesday, October 19th at Our Lady Queen of Heaven Life Center
Please call 474-6814.

Special THANKS to Elizabeth Martel, Lania Vanchiere, Joelle Redd and Lisa Henry for sorting and passing out the ICCS t-shirts and sweatshirts. Thank you to Shawn Stevens for coordinating the orders.

THANK YOU to Kerry Anderson for organizing Operation Cream Puff for our 8th graders. L'Auberge Du Lac Pastry Chef Bill Foltz baked 60 perfect cream puffs to help make the 8th grade novel study of The Wednesday Wars come alive!

PINK OUT THE GYM

Monday, October 10 at EDS
All volleyball players and fans are encouraged to wear pink to support Breast Cancer awareness. All proceeds from the games will be donated to the Ethel Precht Hope Breast Cancer Foundation.

5:00 pm
ICCS 7th grade Black vs. EDS

5:45 pm
ICCS 7th grade Red team vs. SH

ICCS 8th grade girls will play Hamilton at 5:45 at St. Margaret's.

St. Louis Catholic High School Saints would like to invite all ICCS students to Friday Night Football!!
Friday, October, 7th 7 pm LaGrange Stadium

Students can wear an ICCS t-shirt, jersey or uniform and will be admitted into the game for FREE. Come out and support the Saints as they play Washington-Marion

ICCS ALUMNI NEWS

Congratulations to Jada LaBove (Class of 2009) for being named Junior Maid on St. Louis Catholic High School's Homecoming Court.

Skate Night Success

Thank you for supporting our ICCS Religion Department with your attendance at Skate Night.

We raised over \$700, a record for ICCS!

The winner of the class party is 5B, Mrs. Jarreau's class.

Congratulations!

The ICCS Panther Football Team is undefeated so far this season. Come cheer on the team as they face off with OLS Wednesday, October 12th, 5:30pm at the W.W. Lewis field
GO PANTHER FOOTBALL!

St. Louis Catholic High School Cheerleader Clinic

Saturday, October 8th
1-4 pm
(Girls in grades K-8)
St. Louis Catholic High Gym
\$30.00

All participants will perform at half-time, Friday, October 21st at the St. Louis Football Game. Registration forms can be picked up at the ICCS front office. Please ask Miss Wendi.

Domino's Pizza Night

Dominos wants to help the ICCS 8th graders raise funds! By mentioning ICCS when you place your pizza order on Tuesday, October 11th, Domino's Pizza will donate 20% of your order's purchase.

Call 474-5591 to place your order!



Character Education

Our character trait for October is "Pay Attention."

How often do we go through our daily routines as human robots with little awareness of those in our surroundings? The root of "attention" is "to attend to." That means that every act of acknowledgement or kindness begins with "attending to" the other person. To be at our best in our human encounters, get off of auto pilot and pay attention.