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Dear Parents and Guardians,

I hope that you all enjoyed some rest and relaxation over spring vacation week wherever you may have spent it.

We are all looking forward to *Grandparents'/Special Persons' Day* on *Friday May 7th*. Mrs. Sandra Crisafulli (Owen, grade 4, Nathan and Thomas grade 1) and her committee are hard at work planning for the arrival of our special guests who enrich our school and our students by their presence and participation in this annual event.

May 12th will be 5th Grade Shadowing Day. Our current fifth graders will spend the day at the Middle School "shadowing" our current sixth graders in preparation for their transition to the Middle School in September.

Thursday, May 13th, the feast of the Ascension of the Lord, is a holy day of obligation. We will be attending **the 9:00 AM Mass.** Students in **K-8** may wear their summer uniforms or formal uniforms **NO GYM UNIFORMS TODAY.**

Please watch your child's backpack for information about our *annual spell-a-thon* or *math-a-thon*. Students are asked to gather pledges for the number of words they will spell correctly or the number of math problems they will solve successfully. The funds raised go directly for the teachers' wish lists *for supplemental classroom materials*. Testing will be done early in May, and we ask that all monies raised be returned to school on or before *May 14th*.

Our ICS students will be receiving the sacrament of *First Eucharist on Saturday, May 15th* at the 1:00 PM liturgy. Please keep these children and their families in your prayers.

Our annual school **book fair** will be held the **week of May 17th**. All proceeds benefit our school libraries. Mrs. Dehner will be sending home more detailed information along with a request for volunteers to assist her.

Our next school tour will be held on Tuesday, May 18th at 8:30 am beginning in the Convent School. Please share the good news about ICS and invite family, friends, neighbors, and co-workers to explore the possibilities of an ICS education for their children. Interested parents can contact Mrs. Goliger, 508-460-3450 for more information.

Graduation pictures for grade eight and Kindergarten as well as First Communion pictures will be taken on Wednesday, **May 19th**. Details will be sent home via backpack mail.

Our 7th grade pre-Algebra class will be demonstrating their newly acquired **robotics** skills at 6:30 pm in **Meehan Hall** on Wednesday, **May 26th**. My thanks go to **Mr. Collins** (Meghan, grade 6)

and **Mr. Daly** (Courtney, grade 7, Corey, grade 5, and Codey, grade 1) who have freely given of their time and talents in working with the class as well as **Mrs. MacDonald**, their math teacher.

School will be closed in observance of Memorial Day on Monday, May 31st.

I recently received very good news about some of our recent graduates, members of the ICS Class of 2007. At the **National Honor Society Induction and Awards Ceremony held at St. John's High School**, three of our alumni, members of the Junior class, received the following awards: **Alex Carlman** won the Rochester Institute of Technology Computing Medal, **Matthew Dehner** won the Wesleyan University Book Award, and **Peter Richer** won the Saint Michael's College Book Award. Congratulations to all!

Megan Wood, ICS class of 2006, has won a **\$20,000.00 Math MovesU Bonus Award Scholarship** from Raytheon. The competition was only open to students who had previously won MathMovesU scholarships at the middle school level. Megan is **one of only 30 students nationwide** chosen for this award. Congratulations to Megan who attends Marlborough High School and her proud parents Mary and Randy Wood.

Thanks to all of you who shopped at Price Chopper and participated in the Tools for Schools program, ICS accumulated 37,917 points. Our librarian, Mrs. Vivian Dehner, happily shopped for many new non-fiction volumes for our school library to enhance our collection.

As you know we participated in the ISTEP Korean student six week winter visit program this year. Mr. Ernest Yang has invited us to be part of the **Junior Cultural Exchange** program. He hopes to place **six to eight students in grades 6-8 for the entire 2010-2011 school year**. Those who are willing to become host families are offered **a \$10,000.00 stipend per student**. If you are interested in hosting one or more students, please contact Mr. Yang at ernestyang@gmail.com or 718-997-0060. If you know of other families or recently retired people who may not be directly connected to ICS but could welcome an exchange student into their homes please share the contact information with them.

May is the month of Mary the Mother of God; a month full of life and beauty. The late Eastertide days remind us of God's message of resurrection and new life. We will celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost on Sunday, May 23rd, marking the end of the 50 days of the Easter season.

Yours in Christ and Mary,

Mrs. Martha M. McCook, Principal