

October 4, 2011

What good news we received! Earlier today an email was sent home from Father Raaser announcing that we have received approval for our new Parish Gym! We'll keep you posted as the process continues.

-PATHS- Promoting Alternative THinking Strategies. Parents in Grades 1-4 are invited to attend a special presentation tomorrow, Wednesday, October 5th in the Lower Church at 7:45 p.m. Letters with more information were sent home Monday with your child. Please join us for this informative meeting regarding these classes that will help our children develop; better thinking skills, more mature, and responsible ways of behaving, and improved academic performance.

Homework

Yes, it is a fact of life! Homework plays a vital role in education and here at ICS homework is assessed and recorded as 15% of the report card grade! Failure to complete homework assignments can have serious impact on your child's grades. Please be sure your child is keeping up with assignments.

Medical Concerns

Nurse McDonnell is working very hard to insure that all of our students submit required physical forms and immunization records. We take these State requirements very seriously because the State will fine our school \$2,000.00 per day for each student who is not in compliance by the deadline. If Nurse McDonnell has contacted you about missing forms it is imperative that we receive them or your child will not be allowed to attend school. We cannot afford to pay these exorbitant fines.

Traffic Reminders

Thank you for your cooperation while our entrance was being paved. Please adhere to these parking lot guidelines:

Drop-Off Lane:

- Parents of older students are encouraged to use the drop-off lane in the morning. In order to keep the traffic flowing, please drive down as far as possible before letting your child exit your car.
- Children should exit on the driver's side of the car and walk as close to the grass as possible until they reach the brick wall. If your child is old enough to sit in the front passenger seat (by law they should be 13) they should walk across **in front of your** car. A driver behind your car may not be aware that your child is walking in front of them.
- **Do not** let your child exit the car before entering the upper lot. This is dangerous as cars driving through the other lane to park may not see your child!

Parking in Upper Lot:

- When parking in the upper lot, please be sure you escort your child across the lot

to the protected area by the brick wall. You may choose to say good- bye at the top of the stairs or escort your child to the playground.

Lower Parking Lot:

-Children should not be dropped off **anywhere** in the lower lot. When utilizing the lower lot please park, and escort your child to the top of the stairs or the playground. It is dangerous for any student to walk through the parking lot on their own.

School Bag Reminders

School bags with wheels are too cumbersome and pose tripping hazards. Back packs are designed to be carried with both shoulder straps not by the handle on the top of the bag. Please adjust shoulder straps so that the bag is not sagging on your child. Check your child's bag regularly to insure they are carrying only necessary items.

Have a good night. I'm going home to cheer on the *Yankees!*