

**September 27, 2011**

Dear Families,

Thank you for your cooperation with our parking lot situation due to the paving of our entrance. Thanks also to the parents who directed traffic this afternoon. **We will need to continue with using the exit for both entrance and exit at least another day.**

Parents and other caregivers of 1st and 2nd graders are asked to review these reminders about pick-up at dismissal:

- Mrs. Watson and Mrs. Basile will cross the students into the Oval. Adults who are picking up students are asked wait until all the children have crossed safely, then signal to Mrs. Basile or Mrs. Watson that your child is with you.

Parents and other caregivers of 3rd and 4th graders are asked to review these reminders about pick-up at dismissal:

- Ms. Pettinella, Ms. Gallagher and Mrs. Maher will keep the children on the school side of the Oval. Because school buses and other vehicles may be moving through this area, we will not allow these students to cross the road. Adults who are picking up students are asked to cross over the road, then signal to Ms. P., Ms. G, or Mrs. M. that your child is with you,

Parents and other caregivers of 5th -8th graders are asked to review these reminders about pick-up at dismissal:

- These classes all exit by the long stairs coming up from the lower level. Students must locate the adult picking them up as quickly as possible. Teachers remain in the area to supervise this procedure.

All students who are not picked up by 3:10 p.m. will be sent to our After Care Program. Applicable fees will be charged.

Faculty and staff are not in place in the yard or cafeteria until 8:00 a.m. All families are reminded that students may not be dropped off before 8:00 a.m. each morning. Students who are left alone outside before 8:00 a.m. will be sent to our Before Care Program. Applicable fees will be charged.

### **Star Students!**

In the past we recognized a Student of the Month from each class. This year each teacher will recognize a Star Student each week! This will give each teacher the opportunity to establish their own criteria and to recognize more students during the year. Small certificates will be displayed outside each room and sent

home at the end of the week. We will still utilize the ADNY Values Infusion program in Religion classes.

### **New Programs at ICS**

**-ADAPP-** This is the counseling branch of ADNY. Ms. Garner will spend each Tuesday at ICS. She will work mostly with the upper grades but will also serve as a resource for the lower grades as needed. Ms. Garner will conduct full class presentations, such as "Too Good for Violence" and "Internet Safety", small group talks and individual chats as needed. We look forward to working with her this year.

**-Power of One Anti Bullying Assembly** - These presentations will take place on Thursday, September 29th for grades K-3 and 4-8.

**-DARE** - (Not new to ICS) Sponsored by Eastchester PD for our 5th Grade class, these lessons help students make informed decisions regarding peer pressure, healthy life choices, and good citizenship.

**-PATHS- Promoting Alternative Thinking Strategies.** This group helps school age children develop better thinking skills, more mature, and responsible ways of behaving, and improved academic performance. Each Thursday, this group will work one semester with 2nd - 4th grades and another semester with 6th - 8th grades (not 5th grade because they participate in the DARE program.) Save the Date : Wednesday, October 5th, we hope to invite parents to a presentation about this program. Details will follow next week.

**-Generation Life Chastity Initiative-** These young missionaries working with ADNY will visit ICS during the week of October 24th. They will work primarily with 7th and 8th grade. The 6th grade will be invited to a special prayer service at the end of the week. Save the Date: Monday, October 24th, the missionaries have planned an information night for parents of Junior High students.

Thank you to all our families who have submitted required forms and fees. Some families have not sent some of these required items. Please be sure to send everything in by the end of this week. When sending in fees, please be sure to always send exact change. Thank you

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