

## PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE .... December 14, 2018



Dear Parents/Guardians, Students, Alumni, Trustees and Friends of ICHS ... I want to add my gratitude to that of others who have said **THANK YOU** for your kindness to ICHS on Giving Tuesday. What an amazing tribute to an amazing young man, Robert A. Mc Closkey, pictured above. Mr. Mc Closkey was killed in Vietnam just one year after graduating from ICHS. He is a true hero. To view the video, kindly go to the website. It is worth your time!

I also want to update you on several items. By all means, feel free to call/email with your questions or concerns.

- We have several parents who have asked to sell the **Boston cakes** again. This is strictly a voluntary sale. Yes, it will count toward your fund-raising requirement of \$350, but no one has to participate if you do not want to do so. I have the packets now and can send one home with your child. The sale can start whenever you want it to start – *but should start by January 11<sup>th</sup>*. All orders and payments are due *by Friday, February 1<sup>st</sup>*. Delivery will be right after our week off in February. More info will follow.
- Sylvan of Caldwell gives a **FREE** practice SAT or ACT every Saturday morning at 8:45am at the 380 Bloomfield Avenue location. Call 973-228-8693 to reserve your child's spot. Spaces do fill up fast!
- **Robo call?** If you did not receive the robo call on November 16<sup>th</sup>, kindly email Mr. Seeback at [mseeback@ichspride.org](mailto:mseeback@ichspride.org). We also post all closings and delayed openings on the website as well.
- What is a **delayed opening**? A delayed opening is used when the weather early in the morning is hazardous, but there is hope/news that it will clear later that morning. Instead of coming in by 7:45, students are asked to come in at 9:45. Monday through Thursday, dismissal remains at 2:30. On Fridays, it remains 1:40pm.

- Please support our **PTA!** They are working on wonderful plans for our Christmas assembly on Dec. 20<sup>th</sup> and they have kicked off the work for our Annual Tricky May (May 18<sup>th</sup>). The next meeting will be held in February and will be posted on the website.
- What is a **Virtual Day**? If we have to call a snow day going forward from this point on, that day would be considered a Virtual Day. Instead of sleeping all day, students need to get up and log on to their chromebooks at 9am. Each teacher posts (on Google classroom) the day's work (54 minutes per class x 6 classes). Students are held accountable for this work when we return to school. Thank you in advance for your cooperation with any Virtual Days we may have this winter!
- If you are going to donate water, cupcakes or candy canes to the Dec. 20<sup>th</sup> **Christmas assembly**, kindly make sure they are here by 10am. If you want to bring/send in advance, that is also fine. Thank you to the PTA moms who are helping that day. Our PTA is Awesome!!!
- A huge **THANK YOU** goes out to Mr. Bill Byrne, a graduate of the school, who is always a generous donor to ICBS. When he learned that we did not have enough folding chairs for the freshmen, he went out and bought 50 gorgeous, padded folding chairs. What a kind Christmas gesture! Now our freshmen will be able to sit with the other three grade levels when we worship or have an assembly. ICBS has the best alums!!!
- Another THANK YOU goes out to **PTA moms** Melanie Franco and Khadajah Bohannon who are representing our parents on the Strategic Planning Committee. The team had its first meeting this week and we are looking at about 10 months of work. We will keep you posted.
- Following up on the November 26<sup>th</sup> presentation we had on mental health issues, several teachers have posted stickers on their doors that say "**I Will Listen**" or "**Community of Kindness.**" Students know that these are teachers who will listen to the students after school and give them the time they may need to discuss life. Bravo to our ICBS faculty!
- On a very sad note, I feel like I am losing a sister in many ways as Mrs. Celia Triggs-Honohan departs from her daily role as President of ICBS. Mrs. Honohan is an extraordinary woman who has great love for her alma mater (Class of 1974). I have worked in Catholic schools all my life, and I have found no one who has the passion, commitment and love **Mrs. Honohan** has for our school and our students. However, she is not really gone! Mrs. Honohan will assume the Vice-Chair role on our Board of Trustees and she will continue to solicit donations and support for our school. I wish her the happiest times during her semi-retirement. God bless!

**Thank you for your attention and God bless you!  
I will be in touch again before Christmas.**

**Sincerely,  
Mrs. Neves**