



Holy Week



Passion/Palm Sunday *"My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" (Ps. 22:1)*

Monday, 4/6/09 *"Here is my servant...he will bring forth justice..." (Is. 42:1)*

Tuesday, 4/7/09 *"...Jesus was troubled in spirit and declared...one of you will betray me." (Jn. 13:21)*

Wednesday, 4/8/09 *"...Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me." (Mt. 26:21)*



Holy Thursday, 4/9/09

"This is my body which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me. This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." (1Cor. 11)



Good Friday, 4/10/09

"For this I was born, and for this I have come into the world, to bear witness to the truth. Every one who is of the truth hears my voice." (Jn. 18)

Holy Saturday, 4/11/09 *"Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid; for the LORD GOD is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation." (Is. 12)*



But I shall be wise this time and wait in the dark ... (Rabindranath Tagore)

Easter Sunday, 4/12/09 *"Do not be amazed; you seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen, he is not here; see the place where they laid him. (Mk. 16)*



A most blessed Easter to you and your loved ones!

I want a God who will cut my losses and cushion my failures, a God who will grant me a life free from pain. I want a God who will rescue me from death, who will delete it from the human experience and find another way to operate. What I, what all of us, have instead is a God who resurrects us from the dead, putting an end to it by working through it instead of around it – creating life in the midst of grief, creating love in the midst of despair – resurrecting us from our big and little deaths, showing us by Jesus' example that the only road to Easter morning runs smack through Good Friday. (Barbara Brown Taylor)

Dear Families,

The month of April holds several wonderful events: the Mother/Daughter Tea on Sunday, April 5 is a terrific showcase of our young ladies' fashions, artwork, dance and singing skills. Students who attended the Teach-In at School of the Americas and those who worked in New Orleans for their mini course have facilitated our Human Rights Awareness assemblies; homelessness is the focus as we culminate the awareness at the Holy Thursday Prayer Service. Our physics students' Bumper Car Competition, the SAVE Assembly and the pre-calculus students' Bridge Building Competition will allow us to focus on non-traditional learning while the elections for ASB and Class officers and the Prom take leadership and social events to their highest. We are in the last quarter of the school year and so the work of learning, growing and serving continues. Thank you, parents, for helping our young ladies keep their focus on their school work. It is their 'job' and truly the stepping stone to their future. Our world is in dire need of young people with morals and confidence, education and compassion.

Our spring mandatory General Parent Meetings are scheduled for.

Junior and Senior Parents: Tuesday, April 7 at 7-8:30 pm. This evening will include information about the Prom and about graduation. A parent **must** attend this meeting if your daughter plans to attend the Prom. A parent **must** attend this meeting in order for your daughter to attend graduation. Junior parents, your meeting will also cover goals and plans for our inaugural year as a Cristo Rey school.

Freshmen and Sophomore Parents: Tuesday, April 28 at 7-8:30 pm. Your meeting will cover goals and plans for our inaugural year as a Cristo Rey school, plus some focused conversation about ways that we can together support your daughters. If you have a junior or senior daughter as well, you do not need to attend this meeting, but are encouraged to do so, since it will have a different focus from the earlier one.

If there is an emergency and you will not be able to attend the meeting, you must send a note to me. I will be scheduling a second meeting for you because **everyone** must attend.

Sunday, April 26, is our Spring Mass and BBQ at Coyote Point Park, San Mateo. Come and pray and play together. See the attached flyer for more details.

May the Peace of our Risen Christ, the God of all life, fill you with a deep, deep peace.

S. Janice Therese, O.P.

CONGRATULATIONS to our 2008 AP Scholars, *Dania Herrera and Kimberly Rodriguez!*

The AP Scholar award is granted to students who receive grades of 3 or higher on three or more AP exams. Way to go, Dania and Kim!

CONGRATULATIONS to our new BLOCK Society members:

Jordan Bañez

Gabriela Cataldo

Caroline Dittmann

Tara Hickey

Stephanie Najera

Keilah Cabrera

Josiane Cravotto

Bianca Guzman

Natasha Marston

Ericka Roosevelt

The BLOCK Society is an honorary organization composed of students who have been acknowledged with a Block for their service to peers and school. They exhibit a well rounded involvement in all school events and enthusiastic participation in activities, distinguished for their selfless concern for the common good. The new inductees for the 2009 – 2010 school year are Juniors: We look forward to experiencing their leadership qualities as they model true Spartan spirit.

CONGRATULATIONS to ICA's artists:

Caroline Dittmann, Paige Maligaya, Vanessa Miranda, Ying Ying Zhou

In the Elks All-City Art Contest, our artists won the most out of 20 schools! They placed in the categories of Abstract/Fantasy, Pen & Pencil and Photogragy/Digital.

Congratulations also to art teacher, Marybeth Tereszkiwicz.

ICA joins San Francisco' Compost and Green Waste Recycling Program



ICA is not only going green, we're going composting green! At the Earth Day Assembly on April 22, SAVE Club (Students Against Violating the Earth) members will be introducing composting at school. They will also be teaching the how's and why's of composting in various science classes. Thank you to all the SAVE members for moving ICA in this green direction!

Beautification Day

THANK-YOU!!! THANK-YOU!!!



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to the parents and students who spent the morning of March 28th busily beautifying and cleaning ICA both inside and out!

Target's Take Charge of Education School Fundraising Program

We thank our families and friends who have designated ICA as a beneficiary. Because of their generosity we have just received our spring donation in the amount of \$79.69. Thus far \$2,108.03 has been donated to us by Target who donates 1% of Target Visa and Target Guest Card purchases made at Target or on-line and ½% of Target Visa purchases made elsewhere. Our school I.D. is #2964 or just name our school and we will be credited. Please consider ICA when you shop at Target.

Prayer Corner

♥ *for the mother-in-law of Mrs. Jiron, our Dance teacher, the grandfather of Janne Rivera ('09), the aunt of Elisa Balladares ('11), the grandfather of Annalisa Bouska ('10), the great grandmother of Mariana Carvalho ('11), the great aunt of Tianna Montes ('11) and the great uncle of Krizette Garcia ('12) RIP;*

♥ *for the mother of Angelina Mesta ('12) recovering from surgery;*

♥ *in thanksgiving for the happy and safe delivery of Aja Navat's ('09) baby brother Stephanie Najera's ('10) baby sister, Kristy Duong's ('12) baby brother and Josefina Roque's ('12) baby sister;*

♥ *for all those who have been so very good to us at ICA;*

♥ *for all those for whom we have promised to pray;*

♥ *for Peace in our homes and in our world!*



of the Month

Clarissa Liwanag, freshman, is a Woman of Vision. Her teachers comment: “She is poised, has great enthusiasm and is a good influence on her peers in the classroom”. Clarissa herself reflects and says, “I was really proud of myself for the work I did at Career Day. I have to say that I was very nervous but my parents helped give me the confidence that I needed.” Dressed in a beautiful suit, she handled the interview with grace and ease. Clarissa has a lot of positive energy that she uses to her advantage. “It helps with my grades. Last quarter I wanted to improve. I took one of my classes from a “D” to an “A”. I did it after weeks of just staying focused. I also went to tutorial to understand what was happening in class and I asked a lot of questions. I just knew I could do better so I challenged myself. I generally think that you can always do better than what you are currently doing. This great energy I have propels me to the next level. Some day I would like to be a TV host as I just love people.” As students walk by her they smile because they love her too.

As a Woman of Learning, **Nicole Fitzpatrick**, sophomore, is an inspiration. If you were to look up the word persistence in the dictionary, next to the definition would be a picture of Nicole. She is described by her teachers as someone who never gives up, tries very hard and keeps going. “It gets very hard and I get very stressed out. Sometimes it gets too hard and I want to quit, but something inside of me keeps me fighting. I am so thankful to my parents for sending me here. The teachers are a huge part of my success and I know they care because they challenge me. I am so proud to be nominated as Spartan of the Month. It shows that the hard work I have put into my grades has paid off.” Nicole has other interests that she can boast about. She is a swimmer, an artist and loves to ride horses. “It took me years to get comfortable on a horse and now I just love to ride.” Nicole has become more confident at school which enables her self esteem to bloom. Nicole is a Spartan we are so very proud of, a young woman who really wants to learn and works diligently to succeed.

Anastasia Crespo, junior, exemplifies a Woman of Learning. For Anastasia being Spartan of the Month is quite an honor especially when considering that she was chosen out of so many others. Anastasia is someone not satisfied when it is “just good enough”. She strives for more. Academically, when she gets a “B”, she immediately thinks about what it will take to get an “A”. “My parents are a huge influence on me; they want me to push harder”. As an example, “History is very hard for me. I do not have a great grade and want to do better. I have my sights set on a “B+” by fourth quarter, maybe even an “A”. When I push myself to get good grades it makes me feel like I can do anything in life.” With college on her horizon, she is glad to have the support of teachers who care as are the teachers glad to have someone so willing to strive to do her best.

Isabel Valle, senior, models a Woman of Learning and Community. There is something about her that radiates. When she learned that she was chosen Spartan of the Month, Isabel’s first reaction was that of surprise quickly followed by well deserved pride. “I work really hard and I am so proud of my grades. They are my biggest accomplishment” and those grades have helped her merit a folder full of college acceptances. Isabel has worked steadily these last four years, always doing more than the teachers have asked and taking advantage of academic opportunities. As a sophomore she doubled up in math knowing that her goal was to be a college Business major. Isabel’s mom and her brother, who is the first in the family to attend college, inspire her. She gladly wants to follow in his footsteps. Success is not for herself alone. She smiled as she recounted how she encouraged her best friend. The work paid off and her friend got Second Honors. This is a big part of what makes her special. She wants others to do well for themselves and because it makes her feel good too.