

Principal's Report/Newsletter June 2008

In the words of Henry Mintzberg, I believe that it is necessary for an organization to “build a strong core of people who really care about the place and who have ideas.” On June 3, I complete my first year here and I have learned that Mintzberg’s statement is true about Immaculata Academy. It is true about the students and their families, the involved parent guild and board of trustees, our teachers, our alumnae and the community. I have also learned this year how important this school is to those who own and support it, the Franciscan Sisters of Saint Joseph. They are involved and concerned, and we wouldn’t be here without them, so thanks to the FSSJ’s!

We have a busy summer planned already. In the physical plant, we are having the lockers and fire doors painted, installing a new hot water tank and kitchen exhaust system and having the masonry repaired around the entire building. We will be installing a new digital/brick sign out front, where we can tell everyone what is happening, and new front outdoor lighting so we can see where we are going. Our new cleaning people will be using our new floor machine to wax the entire building again to make it shine! In curriculum, we will be adding some courses in the area of Technology Education, to include Photoshop, Movie Maker, web design and other graphic design courses that our girls have been asking for. The new uniforms are already being worn by upper classmen and they are classy and beautiful!

Over the summer, our newly formed musical committee will be planning for auditions for our fall musical Cinderella, which will take place on September 10th and 11th. We will also be establishing an arts committee and a leadership program committee, along with the technology committee that just began. We are developing a more comprehensive teacher and staff orientation and a “morning meeting” format where the entire student body will meet in the auditorium once a week. Our athletic department continues to grow, and will be offering a golf team again this year. By the fall, all of our information will be included in a newsletter that can be e-mailed to you or sent as a hard copy. We hope to increase on-line college course offerings in the future, and continue to increase our enrollment and reputation. Immaculata Academy is growing and improving in every way, and it is mostly because of YOU! Thank you and enjoy this wonderful summer with your loved ones. Stop by and see all the lovely dust here at Immaculata!

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