



*Gratitude before me,
gratitude behind me,
gratitude to the left of me,
gratitude to the right of me,
gratitude above me,
gratitude below me,
gratitude within me,
gratitude all around me.*

(Angeles Arrien)

Dear Spartan Families and Friends,

What a terrific month to have the opportunity to stop and recognize the many, many blessings we have received throughout the year! Highest on my list seems to be the tremendous generosity of our Spartan family! Since the beginning of school, students, faculty, parents, alumnae and friends have wholeheartedly participated in three fund-raisers: our efforts for those who suffered from the hurricanes, for those who suffer from breast cancer and for our own technological needs, via our calendar fundraiser. God bless all of you!

Please take some time to check out our website: www.icacademy.org. Ms. Jill Garland, our new website and PowerSchool coordinator has been working hard on it. If you have any thoughts or suggestions or pictures of events that you would like to share, please contact us at ica@icacademy.org. I am hoping to use the website for the bulk of our communication with families this year. Therefore, this monthly bulletin will hopefully be smaller and more concise. I would also like to be able to email important information to each of you. We have about 50% of our parents' emails. Would you please send in your email information if you have not submitted it as yet so that we could take advantage of the opportunities technology provides us. As one who receives hundreds of emails myself, I promise you that we will use that tool carefully and only as needed. Thank you for helping ICA function well in the world of technology.

An important reminder: **Internet Safety presentation** by the SF Police Department will be held on **Tuesday, November 1 at 7:00 p.m. in the auditorium**. Through the generosity of the Oakland diocese, we will have translation equipment available so that a **simultaneous Spanish translation** will be possible! Please take the time to come to this very important evening. There will be an Internet Safety presentation for the students on November 10 during the school day.

With a heart full of gratitude,

S. Janice Therese, O.P.

A Blessed Thanksgiving to All!

Special Notice to all parents

Please review our school policy on page 16 of the 2005 – 2006 ICA Student-Parent Handbook:

1. Call before 9:30 am from parent (guardian) on day of absence; ICA will call parent and emergency card numbers to verify unreported absence.
2. Absence is recorded when 20 minutes or more is missed of class.
3. When returning to school, a written/signed parent absence note must be presented.
 - a. Full first and last name of student
 - b. Date of absence
 - c. Reason for absence
 - d. Medical notes or legal appointments may be listed as excused absences only if verification of doctor or legal appointment is submitted.

Thank you...your cooperation with school policy and California State law makes our job easier!

Sister Pauline, OP
ICA Attendance Clerk

Holiday Boutique - coming on November 19. Please see the flyer attached – see the possibilities for fun while helping your daughter’s school.

Beautification Day

Thank you to the following parents and students who spent the morning of October 15th busily cleaning and enhancing ICA both inside and out: Freshmen – **Yamilette Carrero** (student), **Elizabeth Chavez** and daughter **Camille** (Sabrina), **Rusty** and **Monica Maligaya** (Paige), **Florentino** and **Marilyn Santos** with daughters **Francesca** and **Patricia**, **Ricky Serna** and daughter **Tiffany**, **Jesus** and **Guillermina Sicairos** (Luisa); Sophomores – **Chellsea Cutino** (student), **Joan Elliott** (Lee Hibbeler), **Andres** and **Angelica Oropeza** (Bianca 10th, Jesenia 12th), **Jan Rao**, daughter **Christina** and friend Matt Huddleston (Kate 12th), **Claudia Sanchez** (Stephanie Vivas), **Violeta Wong** (Brigida); Juniors – **Tania Guardado** and daughter **Martina Balestier**, **Robin Diles** and daughter **Anais**; Seniors – **Ernesto** and **Ana Hinojosa** and daughter **Angelina**, and **Debbie Bernesque** (Desiree Tienturier).

Special thanks to **Jan Rao** who donated many of the new plants nestled under the trees of the Student Park.

Spartan of the Month

Laura Diaz is the freshman Spartan of the Month. She began her first year at ICA by enthusiastically contributing in class and demonstrating a zest for learning. Laura communicates clearly and confidently as she takes responsibility for her academic process. She is preparing for the challenges that lie ahead by being accountable and conscientious in classroom assignments. Laura exemplifies a Woman of Learning by demonstrating a desire to succeed and achieve academic excellence. She is a positive addition to the ICA community, sharing concepts and ideas with her peers and teachers.

Christina Lopez is the sophomore Spartan of the Month. As a Woman of Community, Christina demonstrates true Spartan spirit with her warm and friendly smile which brightens the day for others. She works effectively with others from the diverse ICA community and demonstrates herself as a positive force in the classroom. Christina is a kindhearted person who is well liked by her peers. Her positive attitude and giving nature is an asset to the ICA community.

Angelica Lopez is the junior Spartan of the Month. She is a well-balanced student who demonstrates the qualities of a Woman of Leadership. As the Junior Class President, she possesses an ethic of service to others and provides responsible leadership. She willingly gives her time after school, helping with class activities and inspiring others to be involved for the betterment of the school. She demonstrates successful qualities by being focused on her goals and responding willingly to the needs of her community.

Katrina Reyes is the senior Spartan of the Month. In her four years at ICA she has matured spiritually, psychologically, intellectually and socially. Applying herself academically, she has earned membership in the California Scholarship Federation and the National Honor Society. As a Woman of Learning and a Woman of Vision, Katrina works hard to achieve excellence academically and she demonstrates a concern for the greater good of her school community by participating in school assemblies and taking a leadership role as an Associated Student Body Officer. Katrina is a student who has used her ICA education to grow positively in all areas of her life.

Prayer Corner

- ♥for the cousin of La'Shanae Everette '08 who passed away;
- ♥for Bernadette Henwood's brother who was in a car accident;
- ♥for Ms. Muradás (Spanish teacher) and the mom of Edith Henriquez '07 recovering from surgery;
- ♥for Natasha ('06) and Janne ('09) Rivera's grandfather who is ill;
- ♥for the father of Alexandria Hernandez '07 who is in the hospital;
- ♥for all those for whom we have promised to pray;
- ♥for all those who have been so very good to us at ICA!
- ♥for Peace in our hearts, home and world!