



*From the Principal's Desk*

*October 13, 2024*

Greetings IHC families,

This past week was a busy one at IHC! On Monday, the Jr/Sr High welcomed Fr. Natale and Fr. Kennedy to celebrate mass for the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary. Fr. Kennedy taught at IHC for many years, and it was a special treat to have him preach the homily. Next, I'm grateful to Sr. Eamon and Anita Soltero for guiding our middle school students on retreat this past Wednesday as they explored their vocation in life. I also want to express my gratitude to our students and staff for their support of our "Pink Out" day. We are proud to join the American Cancer Society's fight against cancer. Finally, I am grateful for our grandparent's breakfast this past Friday. It was wonderful to have our teachers and grandparents support our students as they shared a special treat!

The theme for the upcoming week is school safety. We practice fire drills throughout the fall and will wrap up our required number of drills before the weather gets too cold. In addition, we will have our annual fire inspection this week to ensure IHC complies with all fire safety codes. Finally, this week, we will have our first practice lock-down drill. These drills are done in cooperation with the Watertown City Police Department to ensure school safety. Mrs. Mitchell and I are grateful to all those who work to keep our school safe, including our fire department, city code inspectors, and police department.

As a reminder, there will be no school on Monday, October 14, in observance of Columbus Day/ Indigenous People's Day. Similarly, there will be no school on October 21 as the teachers from the Diocese of Ogdensburg will convene in Lake Placid for Superintendent's Day. We're eagerly looking forward to this gathering, where we'll have the opportunity to learn and celebrate the mass with Bishop LaValley. It's always a special treat to spend time in Lake Placid with our fellow schools, especially when the Autumn colors are at their peak!

Yours in Christ,

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