

## Principal's Corner

How can we prepare today's young students to thrive in the future they will face? With new discoveries in areas such as medicine and technology being made all the time, today's children will be part of a world that we can't really imagine. We hear about the need for teaching children 21st-century skills. What are they?

Children must become lifelong learners. They need to "learn how to learn." Since many of the jobs today's children will hold have not even been developed yet, children must learn how to deal with uncertainty and change. The basic skills of reading, writing, and mathematics will still be essential. Science will also play an important role. In addition, creativity, problem solving, and critical thinking will be key. Since our children grow up in a global economy, they will benefit from knowing other languages as well as being skilled in information, media, and technology skills. Finally, communication and collaborations skills will be critical in a world in which we all must work together in order to make a positive difference.

This appears to be a very long list; yet your children have the benefit of being part of a Catholic school. The strong school community—grounded in a shared faith and the support and high expectations of parents, teachers, and the larger community—offers your children a foundation for facing the rapidly changing world around them. By sharing this belief in God's goodness and living out their faith every day, your children are blessed with a clear advantage in living and growing in our ever-changing world. Faith provides an anchor whose value can never be overestimated. It provides a compass and a touchstone that will serve your children well into the future.

## REMINDERS

\*\*Tomorrow, Friday, Jan. 20, all school liturgy at 8:15 a.m. Please join us.

\*\*Friday, Jan. 20, school spelling bee at 12:45 p.m. Please join us.

\*\*Saturday, Jan. 21, First Reconciliation for St. Alphonsus second graders at 10:00 a.m.

\*\*Thursday, Jan. 26, graduation pictures.

\*\*Thursday, Jan. 26, Invention Convention judging.

\*\*Saturday, Jan. 28, 80s Trivia Night at Three Corners.

**Please check out all the flyers going home today regarding many things happening and coming up.**

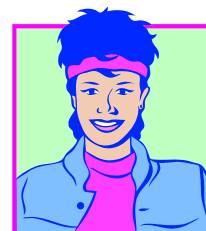
### Catholic Schools Week

Open  
House on  
Sunday,  
Jan. 29, from 9:00 a.m.  
to 12:00 p.m.



**COME BACK TO THE  
80s WITH an 80s Trivia  
Night at Three Corners on  
Saturday, Jan. 28, as we  
begin reliving  
in the 80s of  
long ago.**

(Check the Crazy For You Gala website for more details.)



Dear Confirmation Parents & Sponsors,

Please see the link below to view a video slideshow of the eighth grade Confirmation retreat. The retreat master, Jerry Harrington, based the retreat on a definition of Confirmation, and used superhero video clips, a game and discussions to lead the eighth graders into an understanding of the meaning of Confirmation for an 8th Grader. The confirmandi learned that in Confirmation they choose a Catholic way to make sense out of life, and getting help to live it.



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(Slide show created by Mr. Cody, St. Alphonsus, DRE.)

## SPORTS CORNER

Lady Comet Tournament – our 8th grade girls play their first game in the annual Lady Comet tourney this Saturday at 8:00 pm at Lemont High School. Put on some “green” and support our girls! See the flyer in today’s envelope for additional game dates and times.



We are hosting all fifth grade girls’ basketball games this Saturday. Come cheer our girls on at 9:00 am.

## OPEN HOUSE

### Our Catholic Schools

Week Open House will be held on Sunday, Jan. 29, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Please invite your friends and neighbors to our Open House. Invite them to see the wonderful things our students are engaged in from Invention Convention to the Art Fair. All are welcome. Our best PR is you, our parents.



## SPELLING BEE

Our school spelling bee is tomorrow at 12:45 p.m. Classroom reps from grades 4-8 will compete to see who goes on to the city spelling bee. Parents you are more than welcome to join us for this exciting event. It’s unbelievable some of the words these students will be asked to spell. It’s a good challenge for us as adults! Come join us!



## SIX FLAGS

### READ TO SUCCEED PROGRAM

Reading should be complete by today. All reading logs need to be returned to the classroom teacher by Thursday, Jan. 26. Additional logs are available in the office and the library.



## RAFFLE TICKETS

Are you looking for ways to reduce your fundraising obligation? We have plenty of extra raffle tickets if you are interested in selling them. Please stop in the office to pick up any extra tickets you wish to sell. Maybe one of yours will be the lucky ticket.

