



Garrett's Gazette

Yesterday, I arrived at 7:00 AM to attend the first IHM Breakfast Club Meeting and descended the steps to the media center, unsure of what I would see. Many thoughts ran through my mind about how many middle school girls would actually attend, the message Melissa Painter would deliver, and other last minute logistics. To my surprise when I opened the door to the stairwell, I heard voices of middle school girls and adults. I drew closer and the noise level increased with laughter, conversation, and sounds of affirmation for the breakfast that was already being enjoyed. I was thrilled when I walked in the media center to find 38 middle school girls enjoying each other's company and already engaging in conversation with Mrs. Painter.

The girls shared their thoughts on the direction of the Breakfast Club and made some suggestions for projects and activities. Then Melissa talked with them about being sisters in Christ, supporting each other, building each other up rather than tearing each other down, helping

each other be successful, then paying it forward to someone else.

Mrs. Painter was truly impressed with our students, and commented several times to me how well behaved, mannerly, and poised they were.

Special thanks to Julie Gehling and Mendy Yarborough who approached me about the idea of the Breakfast Club in the summer and to Mrs. Brasiskis and Mrs. Herendeen for assisting as facilitators. Thanks also to Food Lion who donated a gift card for us to purchase ingredients for the muffins, and to McDonald's who provided the yogurt parfaits!

This glimpse of our school day represents only one activity of the many and varied learning opportunities we have here at IHM. I feel so blessed to work with all of you, your children, and our staff. There are so many times I wish you could see into the classrooms, and throughout the school to witness your children in action. It's a joy to be your partner in the education of your children and to observe what

you, as their first teacher, have already taught your children.

Next week, we will administer the ITBS (Iowa Test of Basic Skills) in grades 2-8, so please make sure your children are at school and on time. We use the data from the test results to help form our school improvement plan.

You're invited to participate in the Living Rosary on October 7, at 12:30 PM. If the weather is nice we'll gather in the courtyard, if not in the gym. In this "Year of the Priest," we want to pray for all priests, especially those who serve us.


Thank you for your support of our annual giving campaign, *Dividends for Life*. We're off to a great start with donations totaling \$9,845 as of this week. Let's continue to work toward our goal of \$45,000, and more importantly the payoff of faith, morals, discipline, and knowledge in our children.

Picture day is October 27. Students wear their regular school uniforms for these individual student pictures.



**NO
School
Tomorrow!**

Tomorrow
is a teacher SACS
District Accreditation
work day.



**Don't Forget
Iowa Testing
Starts Monday!**

IHM School will
administer the IOWA
Test (in grades 2 - 8)
the week of **October 5th - 9th.**
Please make sure your children
are at school and on time!

