



+Saint Thérèse of the Child Jesus, Virgin, Doctor
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Hello Parents and Students,

The school is abuzz with so many exciting events! From upcoming Student Progress Conferences and Open House to retreats, GAINS testing and Shawn Mendes, there is much excitement in the air.

First, we have our Student Progress Conferences on Thursday, October 6, 2016. Formerly known as Parent Teacher Conferences, we decided to change the name to reflect the true intention behind the meetings: an opportunity to engage in thoughtful conversation about the progress and future hopes of your student. These meetings are our opportunity to partner together for the best interest of your student. Our dedicated teachers are eager to dialogue with you over any concerns that you may have. As always, please consider these meetings one of many opportunities to partner with us for your student!

I am proud of our students as they met our annual Walk-A-Thon goal! Over \$31,000 was raised and we will use the money for the immediate needs of the students. It is a great sign of our efforts to see the students gather together and work for a common cause. Speaking of great opportunities, we are hosting our first of two Open House events this month on Thursday, October 27th from 6:00 to 8:00 pm. We have so much to offer at Resurrection and Open House is one of our opportunities to highlight what we offer to prospective families. We depend on your support in many ways, one of which is spreading the word to future families.

As I mentioned in my September letter, we are preparing for our visit from AdvancED, our regional accrediting body. In a separate communication from Resurrection this week, you will receive a link to complete a Parent Survey. We will use the data from this survey to inform our future initiatives as well as reflect on the progress and success of the past. Please take a few moments to complete this survey.

A group of seniors attended our first Kairos retreat of 2016-2017 in September and we have our first year level retreat with our freshmen on Monday, October 3rd. The retreats are a significant opportunity for our students to step back from the demands of the daily life to reflect upon what really matters: they were made in the image of a loving and merciful God who has called them to transform our society!

Finally, musician Shawn Mendes is coming to Resurrection! I could not believe the reaction that we received when we told the students at the Pep Rally last week! There are several details that need to be worked out and we will use the school email and website to keep everyone abreast of the details. When we think about all the great things that our students do, this is just another example of the impact our students can have when they have a vision, resources, and leadership. It is inspiring to see these efforts! The real challenge, now, is to harness that energy into even more productive and transformative experiences.

As always, I look forward to meeting and partnering with you as we journey together. Please introduce yourself to me at the Student Progress Conferences or any upcoming school event. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Have a great October!

In Charity and Truth,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Rick Piwowarski".

Mr. Rick Piwowarski
Principal