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February Students of the Month

By: John Falduto

On Monday, February 3rd, IC Catholic Prep principal Tom Schergen awarded Danny Roberto and Katarina Vorne with the first Student of the Month awards of the second semester.

In spite of the fact that both students maintain High Honor Roll status, one can make an argument that their most meaningful accomplishments come outside of the classroom. Vorne, a senior, is the Co-President of the Math Team, a member and former president of the Business Professionals of America, an Editor and Writer for the Knight Times, a senior leader for the Knights of the Round Table, a Knight Ambassador, a member of the National Honor Society, and a member of the Mental Health Committee for the new Principal's Advisory Council. In addition, she has served her own Wood Dale community as the Community Outreach Coordinator for Holy Ghost School, served as a member of the Recruitment Board and a Program Assistant for the Societal Leadership at Hugh O'Brien Youth Illinois-North, and tutored numerous students with diverse backgrounds, ages, needs, and disabilities. Last semester, she took a course at Elmhurst College that highlighted Pre-K to 12th grade education for students with special needs, and used this experience to help jump start a peer tutoring program called "Teach Times Two" in which high school students tutor and mentor underserved K-8 students. This semester at ICCP, the Teach Times Two Club is expected to roll out as a pilot program with a few students and continue to expand in the coming academic years. After receiving the Student of the Month honors, Vorne said, "this award is a confirmation that the effort I take to contribute to our school community has truly made a difference." She continued, "I truly appreciate someone recognizing my love for the IC community and taking the time to write about my contributions to our school, as well as the nominations from my fellow students." She hopes to leave a "positive legacy" behind her at the school, and is currently waiting to hear back from some of the most prestigious universities in the country regarding her future studies.

In a similar way, junior Danny Roberto is an active member of Student Council, the Principal's Advisory Council, Athletic Leadership Council, Math Team, National Honor Society, Spanish Honor Society, and Spanish Club. To go along with that, he is known for being a competitor on both the basketball court and on the football field. After being voted upon as the male Student of the Month, he noted "The award is important to me because I work hard not only to be a good student, but to also be involved in the school community." As for his future, he is working on improving his ACT scores and keeping his grades up in order to see what doors open down the road toward senior year.

As both of these students conclude their time at IC Catholic Prep, their example to underclassmen will leave a path for many to follow, find success with, and make the most of their experience in four years as a Knight.



A Week to be Grateful for a Catholic Education

By: Maria Marsico

Catholic schools all over the country change children's lives for the better. Catholic schools are a place for students to discover mentors and opportunities. Children get to understand what inspiration feels like. A career pathway begins to unfold for students. Thanks to Catholic Schools Week, people get to recognize and be grateful for the Catholic schools that have had a great impact on their lives. Catholic Schools Week this year began on January 26th and ended on February 1st. At IC Catholic Prep, Catholic Schools Week is a week of recognition. We use this special week to remember alumni, students, and teachers.

On January 29th, the ICCP community attended the Catholic Schools Week mass at our very own parish. At the end of mass, ICCP awarded two distinguished alumni with special recognition. The recipients of the Distinguished Alumni Award are Jack Keimel from the Class of '69 and Tom Manion from the Class of '72. These two distinguished alumni from ICCP will inspire others to try to work hard and receive the Distinguished Alumni Award. A big thanks to both alumni for creating a positive impact on others.

Everyone should take the chance to thank their teachers for molding students into great human beings. Everyone should thank their parents or guardians for the sacrifices they make to provide the opportunity for a great education. Everyone should be grateful for the amazing Catholic schools this country has.

A big thanks to ICCP for a great community, parish, and schools! ICCP looks forward to next year's Catholic Schools Week and continues to live out the spirit of this year's Catholic Schools Week.



Track and Field

By: Katarina Vorne

The IC Catholic Prep Track and Field Team are on their marks, ready, and set for a great season this year.

Both the girls and boys varsity track and field teams have had their first indoor meets at Rockford Auburn High School on February 15th and 22nd, respectively. They were low-pressure meets and a great opportunity to gauge their competitiveness, as well as identify the areas in which they need to improve. Overall, the team is expecting a great season with some exciting incoming talent. They are eager to welcome back team members who are currently participating in winter sports and get to know their new freshman teammates. So far, they have seen strong distance runners in the freshman class, as well as many hard workers.

Junior Frankie Chaidez described, "This season, I'm excited for the new talent that is coming in from the freshman class. I'm just ready for the new season and I can't wait for what we can do this year!" The girls team is expected to do very well this year. Their 4x100m team is looking great, and girls will likely qualify for the state competition in triple jump, hurdles, the 400m dash, and the one and two mile races.

Junior Kyle Franklin is also optimistic about the coming season, stating: "I believe that as a team we will only continue to get better from experience and the little things we can correct." The boys' team is expected to be competing in the 4x100m, 2x400m, and 100 meter races this season.

To see this amazing talent for yourself, go out and support your fellow classmates! The girls track team will have their next meet on Saturday, March 7th at Proviso West High School, and the boys meet will be on Saturday, March 14th at Hononegah High School. Good luck, and go Knights!



Turnabout Assembly and Dance

By: Peyton Carmicheal

Turnabout started off with a bang as students were encouraged to dress according to the theme "Decades". Students showed off their creative side when dressing up like flapper girls from the 1920s or greaser boys from the 1950s. The student body also had fun during the Turnabout Assembly by playing musical chairs, bubble soccer (a student favorite since its arrival last year), a teachers vs. students dodgeball, and hungry hippo. Additionally, the cheer team wowed us with their eye-catching performance, and the Lady Knights made us laugh with the boys as they danced to some classic tunes. Near the end of the assembly, everyone cheered and applauded when Louis Narcisi was named Turnabout King.

Overall, the students were content with the Turnabout dance this year. No one can say that they did not dance or sway along to the music at least once during the dance. Friends from different grade levels gathered together to sing their favorite songs and socialize with each other. The court was announced a second time and warmly welcomed by the student body as the dance was at its final hour. The week had successfully come to the end with the students gleaming and feeling relaxed. We look forward to next year's Turnabout spirit week and what it has to offer!



Upcoming Events At ICCP

Friday, March 6th – End of Third Quarter

Friday, March 13th – Sophomore Retreat

Monday, March 23th – Sunday, March 29th - Spring Break- No School

Monday, March 30th – Classes Resume from Spring Break

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