

October 6, 2008

Greetings! Trips to apple orchards, pasting "organs" onto life size paper cutout bodies, learning the letter "D," and parent teacher conferences. St. Richard's School was a busy place last week; however, this week brings even more excitement. After two years in planning, a visiting team for the ISACS (Independent Schools Association of the Central States) accreditation process arrived in Indianapolis yesterday.

The team was greeted with student tours of the building and a reception in Lemler Garden hosted by several parents and attended by faculty and staff members. The team is comprised of eight individuals with various positions, Heads of Schools, Chief Financial Officers, and teachers. They will be reviewing the self-study our faculty and staff completed and looking for congruence between what was stated and what they experience during the visit. We are eager to benefit from their areas of expertise, and we will continue to grow and learn as we encourage our students to do the same. The visit concludes on Wednesday afternoon, and our faculty and staff will be celebrating this and Ms. Swenson's birthday (shh....don't tell) at Binkley's restaurant.

Tomorrow's chapel for our students in grades 1-4 will feature the distribution of apple pins. Teachers can recognize outstanding student behavior or academic performance by nominating them to receive an apple pin. The pins are given on a monthly basis, and one child per class receives them. If your child receives an apple pin, you will receive an e-mail from me indicating this special occasion.

Fall Lower Division Movie Night on Friday, October 17 from 6-7:30 p.m. Students can join Mrs. Williams and teachers to watch ITS THE GREAT PUMPKIN, CHARLIE BROWN and an episode from SCOOBY DOO'S CREEPIEST CAPERS. Costumes are welcome. See [the attached permission slip](#) for more information. The permission slip and \$3.00 is due by Wednesday, October 15

I look forward to seeing you all at the FETE on Friday!

Make it a great week!

Abby Williams

Lower Division Head