

From the desk of Rob Costante, Principal...

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*“An artist paints, dances, writes, designs or acts at the expanding edge of consciousness.
We press into the unknown rather than the known. This makes life lovely and lively”.*

I recently discovered the preceding quotation from the American artist Julia B. Cameron. Ms. Cameron's artistic background includes work as a teacher, author, artist, poet, playwright, novelist, filmmaker, composer, and journalist. The diversity of her talents is as impressive as her work itself. Upon reflection on the breadth of her ability, I became more perceptive to the burgeoning talents that emanate from our campus each day. Each day, our teachers inspire the young people to tap into the limitless reservoirs of their artistic evolution. Their youthful talents evolve through a multisensory approach to learning that allows our students to make tangential connections across the curriculum. These connections can be seen as you move through our cafeteria area. Once there, you will notice the artistic renderings of our students as they share their own depiction of Andy Warhol's view of pop-art or Edward Munch's take on expressionism. On any Tuesday you may also find yourself humming a tune that was heard while our choir group prepared for an upcoming mass. Or on any Saturday morning you may find yourself drawn to the church parking lot by the sonorous roar from our marching band. Or you may find yourself in awe as you read the latest journalistic creation of our school newspaper reporters and yearbook editors who shape their publications into an artistic tapestry that honors the memory of time. Each of these unique gifts bears a special connection to our celebration of faith. As Ms. Cameron so eloquently stated, “We press into the unknown rather than the known. This makes life lovely and lively”. We are grateful for the open minds and open hearts of our young people as they visualize and create a world full of joy and celebration that ultimately honors our Lord.

As we prepare for the sweet joy of Halloween, the following prayer fittingly illustrates the creative magnificence of our Lord and the love He offers each of us:

A Pumpkin Prayer

*Father in Heaven, like a farmer, you have watched me grow
and picked me out from all the rest to house your light and glow.*

Open my mind to think of you. Open my mind to sing.

Open my eyes to see your world and share the joy you bring.

Open my heart to be your home – a warm and welcome shell, washed clean of sin.

A place wherein your love and light may dwell.

As we look ahead to the eleventh week of school, I would like mention a couple of noteworthy items:

- **Our school will host the “*Hallo-Giving Parade Project*”. If you are near campus on the afternoon of Monday, October 31st, you will see the entire school community parade down Campbell Street with decorated pumpkins in hand for all the residents of the Anchorage Nursing Care & Rehabilitation Center. It should be a sight to behold!**
- **Our 8:30am weekly student mass will be held on Tuesday, November 1st in honor of All Saints Day**

Have a blessed and enjoyable week!

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