

THE FULL CURL



Monroe Catholic Ram Athletics

Announcements

- I will be offering an opportunity to hear my personal thoughts on CSF, my thoughts on our schools Direction and Vision, Tuesday in the Chapel, at 6pm.

Kudos

- A big thank you to PTO for all they do for the CSF students and staff.
- A big thanks to Matt Gray, our technical support extraordinaire, for his efforts to not only help me with tech questions, but to help me understand Google Docs and navigate shared folders, which I momentarily thought would be my undoing as Director.



Dear Parents:

Welcome to this week's edition of The Full Curl. This week's edition will feature some important thoughts I have on the idea of Presupposition. However, if you aren't interested in this aspect of the column, please scroll down to read the various blurbs on school related items.

I am a relationships guy. As a coach, I always believed my success hinged on relationships. However, as I grew as a person, I found the power of relationships to go far beyond the basketball court. My basketball camp business grew through strong relationships. I found in a classroom, I was more effective if I grew the relationships with my students, just as I had done on the court. The bottom line? Everything is about relationships.

There are many components that must be present for a relationship to be strong. Two of those are trust and communication. One of the guiding principles, suggested by St. Ignatius, to help facilitate effective communication is the concept of Presupposition. St. Ignatius had this to say about Presupposition:

School Needs

- We could use about 1 million Alaska Airline miles to help with a variety of travel needs at the school. The miles would help with HIPOW packages, but also help possibly provide an opportunity for our students to travel for school related items, such as faith based Jesuit Retreats.
- Patty Walter, who heads up the Development Office in HIPOW, could use a volunteer who wants to work about 5-10 hours a week on some special projects. If you are interested, let me know and I will put you in contact with Patty. Patty is so great to work with, I considered taking on the position, but Mrs. O said I had enough going on.
- PTO would love to have more folks who are interested joining their organization. Info on how to join is in this week's column if you are interested.
- I am starting a podcast, which include discussions with everyone in our community, including students, parents, teachers/staff and coaches. The cost for the equipment is \$600. I would love to get this started as soon as possible.
- HIPOW is also looking for auction items!
- Mrs. Wallace is always looking for quality substitute teachers. Please notify her if you are interested.

“That both the giver and the maker of the Spiritual Exercises may be of greater help and benefit to each other, it should be presupposed that every good Christian ought to be more eager to put a good interpretation on a neighbor’s statement than to condemn it.

Further, if one cannot interpret it favorably, one should ask how the other means it. If that meaning is wrong, one should correct the person with love; and if this is not enough, one should search out every appropriate means through which by understanding the statement in a good way, it may be saved.”

Woah! Let that sink in for a moment. What a great message for all of us and one I personally hope to demonstrate at a higher level. To eagerly put a ‘good interpretation’ on a neighbor’s statement may not always be easy but is certainly the correct and most charitable course of action.

This is a great message for the start of a school year and one I hope we can all model in our lives, as teachers, parents, coaches, and student athletes. We should all endeavor to interpret positively all conversations, to correct with love and search out appropriately all means through which to understand in a good way.

As Director of Schools, it is my intent to use this approach to grow my relationship with each of you. Communication must be at the forefront of this position. I will make every attempt to keep you updated as we walk together on this long, winding, joyful journey. My goal as a coach has always been to over-communicate and while this job is a big one, my hope is to never let the job get in the way of my ability to share my thoughts with you, and more importantly to me, to hear you.

As a demonstration of my desire to build strong, lasting relationships, **I am excited to talk with parents tomorrow at 6pm in the Chapel.** I’m still working on my outline for the night, so if you want me to address or speak to anything in particular, please feel free to reach out.

I see this as an opportunity for me to share some thoughts I have on our school. I plan on sharing what I feel makes us special, along with thoughts on our school’s direction and my personal vision. I also want to give context and explain some aspects related to the “Why” of how we do things here at CSF. I’m sure at some point I’ll spin a yarn or two, but hopefully I can stay focused on the task at hand.

MCHS Sports Trivia

TRIVIA QUESTION:

Name the current CSF staff who were working at Monroe prior to my employment at the schools.

RULES

To win the trivia contest, you must give me the answer IN PERSON. Emails, texts and phone calls will not suffice! Remember, only one guess per household. The first person to correctly answer the trivia question will win an MCHS T-shirt.

LAST WEEK'S WINNER

No question last week.

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The spouse of the Director of Athletics, parents and STAFF who work directly inside CSF are not eligible for participation in The Full Curl trivia competition for 24 hours after the emailing of The Full Curl.

My primary focus is my belief that our parents and students need to be the greatest advocates of our school. If we aren't winning with you, we aren't winning. I also feel this evening could be an opportunity for parents who do not have children at CSF, to learn more about us. Please feel free to invite anyone who you think might have an interest in our schools. I believe this is a special place and hope to share my direction, vision, and experiences with the hope of letting as many folks as possible know that this school is the absolute best option for anyone who values faith and excellence in their child's education.

This Tuesday will be "Selfie With Mr. O" Day. I'll be taking selfies with any students interested as they come in the school and throughout the school day. We'll work to get these up on the school's Facebook page as the day goes on.

On the left side of page two, of this newsletter, you will see a "School Needs" column. As time goes by, I will add items that I think our school may need or could use. Some of these might be grand in nature, but I figure it is good for our community to know which items will help us enhance our schools and community.

I had the pleasure of attending a PTO Meeting this past week. These folks do an amazing job and could certainly use a few more members, if anyone is interested. The work done by this organization has greatly benefited our students and staff. If you are interested in helping with PTO, please contact Rebecca at PTOCSF@gmail.com. You can also follow the PTO on Facebook and Instagram @CSF PTO

A big shout out to Marci Ward, on the start of her 40th year teaching at Immaculate Conception Grade School. What an amazing accomplishment and blessing Mrs. Ward is to the schools.

Thank you for reading this week's edition. I hope to see all of you tomorrow night. Remember to keep Presupposition at the heart of all your communication.

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