MFS Business Leaders Motivate Lolek Society

The Lolek Society of Saint John Paul II Catholic Academy is comprised of ten prominent young leaders in grades 5-8. Periodically, these students visit companies in Greater Boston to learn about working in a corporate environment. On May 11, the Lolek Society visited the MFS Investment Management offices for lunch and to speak with business leaders, including MFS Chief Executive Officer or and Campaign for Catholic Schools Trustee, Mike Roberge. Thank you Mike, Colleen Powell, Jude Jason, Sonya McDonald, Alphonso Lucina Orfe & Walk Lacey of MFS for your thoughtful conversation with students.

Presidents’ Day at Trinity Catholic Academy

In honor of Presidents’ Day, Trinity Catholic Academy welcomed local business presidents and civic leaders to its annual event to celebrate Mass and share conversations with the Saint John Paul II Catholic Academy (SJPIICA) to speak to middle school girls about succeeding in school, the workplace, and their community. Thanks to Honor Roll Executive Committee Chair, Colleen Powell, Jude Jason, Sonya McDonald, Alejandro Luciano Del Valle, and Campaign for Catholic Schools Trustee, Mike Roberge. Thank you Mike, Colleen Powell, Jude Jason, Sonya McDonald, Alphonso Lucina Orfe & Walk Lacey of MFS for your thoughtful conversation with students.

New Funding Rewards and Develops Teachers

In just one year, the Campaign for Catholic Schools’ $11.4 million Fund for the Future (FFF) is already having a positive impact, thanks to generous donors who have pledged $4.7 million. The FFF is providing support for school academics and operations, innovative teacher programs, and new endowments.

In the 2017-2018 school year, two programs are showing promising results in teacher satisfaction and student achievement. The Teacher STAR program, which rewards the top-performing teachers with base salary increases of 5% off the average salary and at approximately $50,000. This pay-for-performance program is focused on retaining and rewarding excellent educators.

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B.U.S. AND SJPIICA CHEER ON CELTICS

Members of B.U.S., the young professionals group of the Campaign for Catholic Schools, and students from Saint John Paul II Catholic Academy were lucky enough to spend an evening cheering on the Celtics from suites donated by Bob Atchinson and Adage Capital Management as part of the Celtics “Shamrock Dreams” Program. It was a great night for the young professionals to meet some of the students and teachers from SJPIICA and enjoy a Celtics game.

In September, CCS will launch a college loan debt forgiveness program for teachers, with funding from an anonymous friend. As gifts of the staff are one of five-year teachers, enthusiasm for this program is high. Only 4% of organizations offer this benefit to employees.

In addition to teacher programs, FFF donors are supporting Mathematics, Fine Arts, Greek/Latin Roots curricula, as well as scholarships and campus ministry. New endowment gifts total $1.4 million, toward a FFF goal of $6 million.
Celebrating Our Student Achievement

As the academic year draws to a close, our eighth graders prepare for high school. Saint John Paul II Catholic Academy and Trinity Catholic Academy students have much to celebrate, having been accepted to the following five schools:

- Archbishop Williams High School
- Blue Hills Regional Technical School
- Boston Arts Academy
- Cardinal Spellman High School
- Cathedral High School

More than 100 CCS Honor Roll members and guests gathered at the Boston College Club on May 9 for this year’s CCS spring breakfast meeting. Guest speaker Fr. William J. Leahy S.J., president of Boston College (BC) and CCS trustee, spoke on the importance of Catholic education in today’s society. In his remarks, Fr. Leahy noted that “the revitalization of Catholicism in American culture will be shaped by Catholic education. This is not an abstract ideal. It is realizable; it is powered by individuals who recognize education as an enterprise far more effective and extensively realizable than they would have thought possible.” Joining Fr. Leahy at the podium were CCS Chair, Jack Connors, and CCS Honor Roll Chair, Rob Aronson. As many may know, Jack has served as Chair of the BC Board of Trustees while Bob Aronson has participated in friendly Eagle/Crusader ribbing, thoroughly enjoyed by the audience.

Jack Connors, Jr., Chaired the CCS Academic Service Awards.

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