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HEADS' LETTER

JANUARY 6, 2011

Happy New Year to one and all! While we are delighted to welcome in the second decade of the 21st Century, it is with nostalgia, amazement, and gratitude that we bid farewell to the first decade of the millennium.

THE SKY'S THE LIMIT: 2001-2010

HOLD ON! It was a wild ride filled with energy, enthusiasm, excitement, and the continuous pursuit of excellence. We kicked-off 2001 by opening the new Middle School buildings, on the west side of the street, paving the way for expanding to three classrooms per grade. In the same year, the Farish Center opened which has become a vibrant center to gather people of all ages for phenomenal opportunities, ranging from the arts to a myriad of trainings. In 2007, we opened the “New Building” providing more classroom space and meeting areas.

In one decade, we managed to realign our curriculum with research-based practices and brain-based cutting-edge strategies that were transformed into what we now call the M.O.R.E. Model. The results earned IDS the coveted National Blue Ribbon Award which honors high stanine national test scores.

Without missing a beat, we turned to the International Baccalaureate Programme to place emphasis on student inquiry approaches and found a wealth of additional training opportunities. Within two years, the entire faculty had received one or more trainings in the Primary Years Program (PYP) and/or the Middle Years Program (MYP). This was followed by intensive work, with curriculum units, leading to our authorization as a MYP and a PYP School.

The challenge continued as we forged forward to “raise the ceiling” for all learners by joining in a USF/ IDS Partnership Grant through the College of Education Gifted Program. After five courses in five straight semesters, we earned gifted education endorsement for our faculty and administration.

We did all of this, while at the same time, growing a faculty that honored the “whole child” by integrating a “right brained” curriculum through specials and the core classrooms. To accomplish this goal, we invested in our Fine Arts, Physical Education, Second Languages and Technology programs by tripling their size with talented and creative faculty. IDS is also well-known for providing its teachers with a plethora of resources to assist in creating powerful lessons. For example, our students do not have to purchase their technology, we have everything right here for them!

Very few schools, if any, can claim Athlete's Day Off on Tuesdays. This allows the entire faculty to join together for study and training weekly, in order to truly live the Olympic Model of continuous improvement--where the "best keep getting better." This has catapulted our teachers into exemplary status where over 6,500 educators, from local, national and international schools and universities, have come to our campus for trainings, observations, and or extended stays. We readily shared our blessings, findings, and knowledge. All of our work gave us the confidence to become a national demonstration site for Kagan Cooperative Learning – opening our classrooms to hundreds for the last 11 years for cooperative learning and brain-based training.

These above examples only skim the surface of what our Board of Trustees, Administration, Faculty and Staff, in partnership with our IDS families, have accomplished over the last decade, (including the purchase of 100 beautiful lakeside acres as the future site of our world-class dream high school.) Much of this is chronicled in our book, *It's All about Kids: Every Child Deserves a Teacher of the Year*, now translated into Spanish and Chinese. From a lot of dreams, hard work and success, we literally transformed into a private school with a public purpose. It truly is all about what can be accomplished for students when you bring together the right motives, people and vision.

The wise Benjamin Franklin said: *"An investment in knowledge always pays the best interest"*

THE NEXT DECADE IS NOW!

We now look forward to entering the second decade of the 21st century with the same zeal and passion that brought so much innovation and success to the last ten years.

Our partnership, among teachers, parents, and children, has been rewarding and provided much joy that deserves kudos to all. Bravo to all of our families and hundreds of alums for investing in an IDS-CC education that lasts throughout a lifetime!

A HUGE THANK YOU TO OUR FAMILIES: A huge and appreciative thanks to all of our IDS families who honored our faculty and staff so generously during holiday time. Please know how much everyone deeply appreciated your thoughtfulness. Huge kudos to the **PFA** leadership and classroom **RPC's** for generously sharing their time and energy to coordinate such an effort. Also huge thanks to those who purchased **SCRIP** for work and holiday gifts. Each **SCRIP** has a value of 2% to 8% depending on the business. The purchaser of the **SCRIP** gets the same value, the school earns the percentage, and everyone wins. Thanks so much to three-time "alum" parent Lauren Mandel for continuing to coordinate this effort. **SCRIP** are available **ALL YEAR LONG** by calling or e-mailing the office.

Thank You
Thank You
Thank You

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PFA NEWS

THE EIGHTH ANNUAL SPORTS FACULTY CHALLENGE – TOMORROW – FRIDAY, JANUARY 7, 2011

– Watch the eighth grade girls and boys take on the faculty in volleyball and basketball. For those of you who have pre-ordered dinner, it will begin at 6:00 pm in the pavilion. If you have yet to buy your tickets, you can still buy GAME TICKETS at the door and the concession stand will be open to satisfy your hunger! If you have any questions, please contact Lisa Herscovici, Booster Chair, at lhers6@aol.com or (813) 924-6839. See the schedule on the insert!



IDS PARENT BOOK CLUB UPDATE - Our Book Club will meet to discuss *The Night Villa* by Carol Goodman on Tuesday, January 11, at 1:30pm in the second floor conference room of the New Building. All are welcome to attend! Our next book will be *Valley Forge* by Newt Gingrich and William Forstchen. This book is the sequel to one of our favorite books, *To Try Men's Souls*. For more information on our book club, please contact our Book Club Chair, Vera Murphy Trayner at (813) 948-4016 or vpmurphy@comcast.net.



THE IDS-CC SUPERHERO SPECTACULAR BIG EVENT SATURDAY, MARCH 19, 2011

- The Big Event is your headquarters to some high flying fun! Mark your calendar to attend this fund-raiser and fun-raiser on March 19, 2011! Our Committee is made of everyday Superhero parents who have unleashed their super-powers to make this year's Big Event a real success! They are parents whose imagination, determination, contacts and resources help make the Big Event a great success from year to year. We still need your ideas, donations, and of course, attendance to make this the most successful year ever! JOIN US EVERY WEDNESDAY MORNING FROM NOW UNTIL THE EVENT FOR OUR MEETINGS.



• **NEXT BIG EVENT PLANNING MEETING - Wednesday, January 12 - 8:15 am.** All are invited to attend. Breakfast will be provided as we brainstorm and plan this great event! The meeting will be held on the 2nd floor of the New Building. Please contact the Big Event Chair, Julie Salek, at 382-2525 with any questions.



- Please keep those fantastic auction items rolling in! There is a place in the auction for all of your items, big or small. We count on the generous donations of our parents and their resources to obtain our auction items. As a guideline, each family is requested to bring in two auction items for the general auction, as well as contributing to your class baskets. Please take a copy of our donation letter with you when you are out doing your shopping, dining, etc. You will find one enclosed in this week's Heads' Letter. Ask those with whom you do business to donate an item of any size for our auction. In the past, the auction has offered everything imaginable: autographed memorabilia, event tickets, books, art, jewelry, spa packages, dinners out, movie passes, household items, trips. It is important to remember that items of small value are just as important as expensive items because we often group them and create great packages in combination with one another.
- Take a look at the insert for your opportunity to win \$5000 off of next year's tuition – the drawing will be held at the Big Event! Buy your LIMITED chance at the Tuition Credit Opportunity, or TCO. See the form in Thursday folder.
- Encourage your children to enter the catalog cover contest. The guidelines are included in this week's Thursday folder, and the entries are due on Friday, February 18.

IDS YARD SALE - JANUARY 22, 2011 - 7:30 AM - 2:00 PM

– We're just in time for your annual Spring Cleaning! Clean out your closets, and bring in the items to us! This fundraiser will support the 8th grade Class of 2011 as well as help you make more space in your home! Make plans to stop by to shop, to take advantage of the Car Wash, Bake Sale, and Cook Out we are adding this year! There will be a white pick-up truck parked outside the front office every day starting Monday, January 10 for easy donations! Just pull up after dropping off your kids and unload your items! The truck will also be available during the day and at pick-up time. If you have any questions, please contact Julie Salek, Yard Sale Chair, at (813) 382-2525.



CAMPUS HIGHLIGHTS

BRAVO! IDS WARRIOR CHEERLEADERS really rocked the house at our traditional Annual Middle School IDS Spirit Rally!!! Middle School students, divided by grade levels, rallied as a group to show their spirit, lead by our incredible Cheerleaders!! Through cheers, games, and contests the whole building shook with excitement and enthusiasm. Our cheerleaders revealed their competitive routine for the 2010-2011 Season for the first time in public, and they wowed the spectators. Fun times were had by all, with sixth grade winning the coveted "Spirit Stick" for the second time this year!!!



During the holiday, the Warrior Competitive Cheerleaders led by **Coaches Jeanne Rivera and Chris Thomas**, went on to represent IDS at Orlando LIVE! They performed beautifully and scored well, earning the Champions award in their category. We are so proud of our girls for their determination, work ethic, and positive competitive spirit!! Go Warriors!!! Please join us as we show our stuff at the Florida State Fairgrounds Orange Jam Cheer and Dance Competition on January 23. We would love to have a huge contingency there to support IDS Cheerleaders and IDS Competitive Dance teams!!!

MARVIN HARVEY BASKETBALL SCHOOL OF EXCELLENCE: SESSION I FOR 2011 BEGINS: TUESDAY, JANUARY 18 - Independent Day School: Corbett Campus is proud to announce the first session of 2011 for the **Marvin Harvey Basketball School of Excellence** under the direction of **Coach Ivan Romero**. Classes are open to boys and girls from the entire Tampa Bay area from 1st grade through 8th grade.



Since August more than 50 boys and girls had the opportunity to benefit from this great program right here in Corbett Hall. Please see the registration form in your Thursday Folder with all of the options for classes for different ages and dates. You can also find the information at www.idsy.com.

THE SCIENCE FAIR IS HERE! - Science Fair Judges arrived yesterday with the tough assignment to select those who will represent IDS at the County Science Fair. Students have been working so hard to create high level projects and finally their hard work pays off as they are all showcased in the New Building in the Grand Room through Friday morning. The teachers stated, "We would like to congratulate all students for their dedication given to this long-term project! To us, they are all winners. Good luck judges, you have a challenge to pick a winner." **Parents are invited to view Science Fair boards on Friday, January 7 from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. in the Grand Room.**



SECOND ANNUAL SCHOOL-WIDE SPELLING BEE: On Tuesday, January 18, 2011, IDS will host the school spelling bee in the Farish Center for grades 2 through 8. Consider this: If you are good at gymnastics, you can compete in meets. If you are good playing an instrument or singing or dancing, you can go on stage and perform. If you are good in athletics, you can compete as part of sports teams. If you are good at test taking, you earn Duke Tip Recognition.



It all takes practice, practice, and more practice. So, if you are good at spelling and willing to practice, how about the opportunity to learn more, increase vocabulary by working out just like you would do for any area that you enjoy? The IDS Spelling Bee gives students their chance to stand on stage in the Farish Center and spell, spell, spell. The winner will go to the regional spelling bee contest. Parents are invited to attend as part of the audience in the Farish Center. The time is 9:00 am.

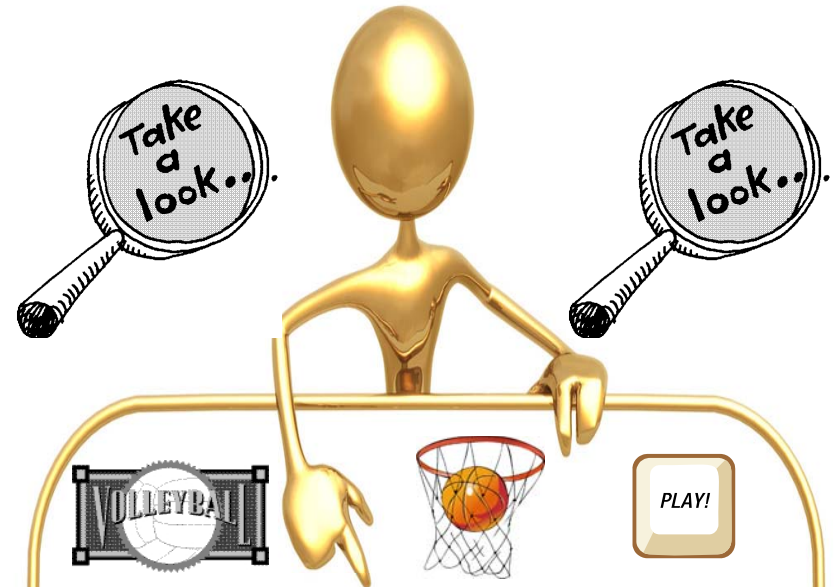
**Please see
"All School"
enclosures also
found in
Thursday Folder.**

**STUDENTS/FACULTY SPORTS CHALLENGE
SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**



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- **7:00 pm – 8th grade girls volleyball vs. faculty**
- **7:45 pm – IDS Dance Team Rocks the Hall!**
- **8:00 pm – 8th Grade Boys Basketball vs. Faculty 1st half**
- **8:20 pm - Half Time**
Big Shot & Hula Hoop Contest
Be the last person standing with your hula hoop
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Make the shot and WIN BIG!!!
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MARVIN HARVEY BASKETBALL SCHOOL OF EXCELLENCE at INDEPENDENT DAY SCHOOL: CORBETT CAMPUS

Superior basketball skill instruction

Marvin Harvey Basketball School of Excellence offers superior basketball Instruction.

The Marvin Harvey approach has constructed a distinct process that produces top athletes molding them from elementary through high school.

It is the systematic design of the program that perfectly combines all of the School's research, teaching tools, superior skill knowledge, basketball aptitude and proven methods that are revolutionizing the game of basketball.

ALL STARS BASKETBALL CLUB

The All Stars Basketball Club introduces the game of basketball to children of first and second grades, in a fun instructional way by applying the Academy's EXCLUSIVE New Fundamentals.

Tuesdays 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm
January 18th through February 22nd, 2011
\$150 per six weeks of training

110% BASKETBALL CLUB

The 110% Basketball Club, provides professional instructional development applying the Academy's EXCLUSIVE New Fundamentals. It is dedicated to introducing children from third to fifth grades to the game of basketball and the essentials that are necessary for player growth.

Tuesdays 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm
January 18th through February 22nd, 2011
\$150 per six weeks of training

ONE PER FAMILY



LOCATION:

INDEPENDENT DAY SCHOOL CORBETT CAMPUS

12015 Orange Grove Dr.

Tampa, FL 33618

www.idsyes.com

8-2-9 BASKETBALL CLUB

The 8-2-9 Basketball Club, is dedicated to the continuation of basketball development for children from sixth to eighth grades. Players start the process of mastering their high school and college basketball skills.

Saturdays 9:00 am - 10:30 am
January 22nd through March 5th, 2011
OFF Feb 12 due to Kagan's Training
March 5th 11:00 am - 12:30 pm
\$150 per six weeks of training

No refunds available after the first class

For more information please contact:

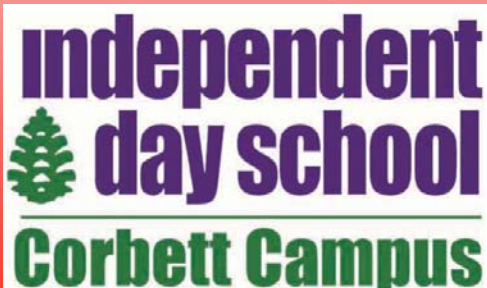
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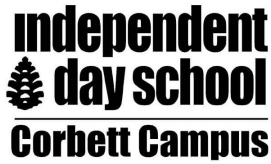
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***"There are two types of players;
Trained and Untrained." ~ Marvin Harvey***



Name: _____ Age/ Grade: _____
Home mailing address: _____
City / State / Zip Code: _____
Parent Name / Email: _____
Home / Cell Number: _____
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Learn technology that your kids already know.



For the first time ever, Mr. Mel is teaching adults what our kids already know about technology and social media. After focusing on corporate training for over 12 years, *The Melnick Group* is teaming up with Independent Day School: Corbett Campus to develop a series of workshops designed for the parents of Digital Natives. These monthly workshops, called *Mr. Mel's Meetups*, are scheduled to roll-out in January. Right now, though, you can go to www.mrmelsmeetups.com and tell Mr. Mel what you would like to learn. This will ensure that the curriculum is relevant and useful to you.



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Please go to *mrmelsmeetups.com* or return this form to Mr. Mel so he can follow up with you by e-mail.

Name _____

E-Mail _____

Topics you would like to learn about: _____



LIVE AND SILENT AUCTION FOR INDEPENDENT DAY SCHOOL MARCH 19, 2011

We appreciate your support of this annual event to benefit the students of Independent Day School. The funds raised from this event, including the proceeds from the auction, will have a direct impact on our students. All donations received by **February 25, 2011** will be acknowledged in the 2011 Big Event Souvenir Auction Catalog. To make your donation, please fill out the form below and return it to Independent Day School. All services, trips, etc. should be valid for at least one year after the auction, through 2012. All items and services donated to the auction are tax-deductible as permitted under the Tax Reform Act of 1986. A letter acknowledging your gift will be provided for your tax records upon request. If the item is to be delivered or collected after receipt of this form, please include the name and contact information of the participating donor in order for the purchaser to collect the item after the event. Thank you for your support!

Please Print:

Donor/Company Name: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Item Description:

(Describe fully, as you would like to have item appear in catalog)

Specific Instructions or Restrictions/Exp. Date: _____

Item Value: _____

Contact name and number: _____

Authorized Signature: _____

IDS Use Only:

Item Secured Storage Location: _____ Category# _____

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Yellow to Inventory

Pink to Donor

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Save \$5,000 on 2011-2012 Tuition!

You could be the very lucky recipient of the PFA sponsored annual Tuition Credit Opportunity, or TCO, which will be chosen on March 19, 2011 at this year's Super Hero Spectacular Big Event. The winner will automatically receive a credit of \$5,000 towards his or her child's 2011-2012 tuition. Only 100 tickets will be sold, so be sure to act quickly.

Here are some details on how the very popular raffle for the TCO works:

- Funds raised from the sale of Tuition Credit Opportunities will be split two ways: \$5,000 will be automatically applied towards the tuition of the child whose family wins the TCO. The balance will be added to the net proceeds of "Superhero Spectacular." These proceeds go to support the PFA Fundraising efforts to give our students the very best!
- You may purchase TCOs from now up to and including the night of the Big Event on March 19, 2011. Only 125 TCOs will be sold. By purchasing two, you are able to increase your chances of winning and get a value price on the tickets!



# of TCOs	Purchase Amount
1	\$100.00
2	\$175.00



- There can only be one winning TCO for the year; however, if you share the cost of a TCO ticket with a friend and that ticket wins, the tuition credit can be split. (Just make sure that all purchasers' names are on the TCO purchase form.) For all remaining participants, the cost of the ticket is tax deductible. (Please consult your personal tax professional.)
- You will be contacted by phone if you are elsewhere the night of the Big Event, although you will definitely enjoy yourselves if you are there!
- Fill out the form below, include your check payable to IDS, and either mail it to IDS-attn: TCO or return it in your child's Thursday folder by Thursday, March 17, 2011. Ticket(s) purchased prior to March 4 will be included in your child's Thursday folder the following week. Tickets purchased after March 17th will be in your registration packet at the Big Event. Anyone who plans to be elsewhere that evening can pickup their ticket(s) in the school office.

✂ ✂ **PLEASE CUT AND RETURN TO IDS** ✂ ✂

Name(s): _____

Address/ City/ Zip: _____

Best Phone No. to Reach You: _____ Email Address: _____

Please check the option that applies: ONE (1) TCO ticket at \$100 OR TWO (2) TCO tickets at \$175

Enclosed is my check for \$ _____



It's Super Hero Time IDSers! Get Ready:

2011 Big Event Catalog Cover Contest!

Have YOUR drawing printed on the front of 600 catalogs for this year's Big Event! The theme this year is so much fun to draw! It is called "Superhero Spectacular!" The cover will be in FULL COLOR! Read through the few rules listed and get started on your drawing today! Include anything fun and superhero-ish in your artwork, and remember to have fun! The first place winner will receive a \$25 gift certificate and his or her artwork will be printed on the cover of every catalog. The second place winner will receive a \$20 gift certificate, and all entries will be displayed in the catalog! Get started now!

**IDS-CC SUPERHERO
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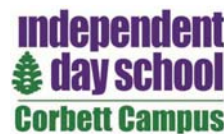
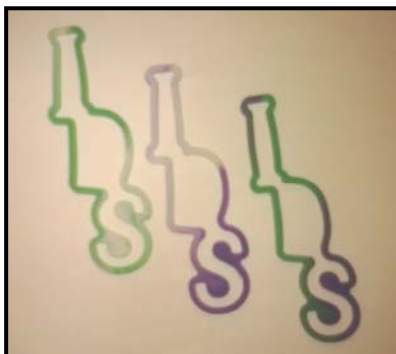
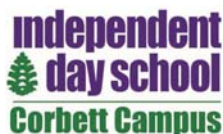
Criteria for Contest Submissions!

1. The design must fit the Superhero Theme and include these three elements: IDS-CC, Big Event 2011 and the words "Superhero Spectacular"
2. Your entry must be on a white sheet of 8½" x 11" paper.
3. Do your personal best, using as many colors as you like!
4. All entries must be submitted by Friday, February 18, 2011. Please indicate artist's name, age and class on a *separate* sheet of paper, and include it with your entry when it is turned in. Return it in your Thursday folder or to the main office.
5. Be creative and have FUN!!!

IDS Silly Bands Order Form

ONE PER STUDENT

THEY'RE HERE! The very highly anticipated IDS Silly Bands are in! Order yours now and show your school spirit while also supporting the Eighth Grade Graduating Class! These Silly Bands are available in one of three different color tie dye combinations! Get yours TODAY! Supplies are limited!



Student's Name: _____ Homeroom: _____

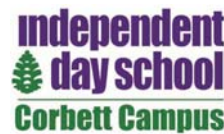
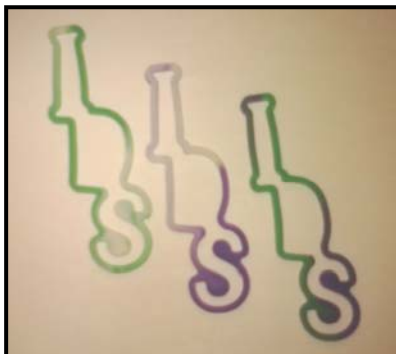
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- Yes, I would like _____ IDS Silly Bands in PURPLE/WHITE TIE DYED.
- Yes, I would like _____ IDS Silly Bands in GREEN/PURPLE TIE DYED.

I have included a check or cash payment of \$1.00 PER Silly Band.

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WEEKLY SPORTS UPDATE

January 10-14

Daily Sports Hotline: 961-3087, ext. 399



Date	Time	Team/Sport	School	Location	Pick-Up	Comments
Mon. 1/10	4:00	Girls B-Ball-Green Team	AHN	AHN	7:00	
	5:00	Girls B-Ball-Purple Team	AHN	AHN	7:00	
	3:00	Boys B-Ball-Silver Team	Practice*****	Middle School Gym	5:00	****Change from the
	4:00	Boys B-Ball-Green Team	AHN****	Corbett Hall	5:00	original schedule
	5:00	Boys B-ball-Purple Team	AHN	Corbett Hall	6:00	
	4:00	Cheerleading	AHN	Corbett Hall	6:00	Study Hall 3-4
	3:00	Wrestling	Practice	Dean Dining Hall	5:00	
Tues. 1/11	Off	Athletes' Day Off	Off			
Weds. 1/12	3:00	Girls B-Ball-Green Team	Practice	Middle School Gym	4:30	
	3:00	Girls B-Ball-Purple Team	Practice	Middle School Gym	4:30	
	3:45	Boys B-Ball-Silver Team	CDS	Corbett Hall	4:45	
	3:00	Boys B-Ball-Green Team	Practice	Forest Hills	5:00	
	4:45	Boys B-Ball-Purple Team	CDS	Corbett Hall	5:45	
	Off	Cheerleading	Off			
	3:00	Wrestling	Practice	Dean Dining Hall	5:00	
Thur. 1/13	4:00	Girls B-Ball-Green Team	Odessa Christian	Corbett Hall		
	Off	Girls B-Ball-Purple Team	Off			
	4:00	Boys B-Ball-Silver Team	Odessa Christian	Odessa Christian*	6:45	*Check Directions
	Off	Boys B-Ball-Green Team	Off*****			****Change from original
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Fri. 1/14	3:00	All Girls B-Ball Teams	Practice	Middle School Gym	4:30	
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	3:00	Wrestling	Practice	Dean Dining Hall	5:00	
	Off	Cheerleading	Off			
Sat. 1/15	TBA	Cheerleading	Sleep-over	8th Grade Common	TBA	


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DIRECTIONS

ACADEMY OF THE HOLY NAMES: Take the I-275 South to the Howard/Armenia exit. Take the second left, (Armenia Ave.), which is one way to the left, and go about one (1) mile to the light at Kennedy Blvd. Go right on Kennedy Blvd. Then, go a short distance, and turn left onto MacDill Ave. (light). Go about two (2) miles until you go under the Crosstown Expressway. The next light is the school crosswalk light. Turn right at that light and that will take you into the school and gym.

ODESSA CHRISTIAN SCHOOL: 6100 Memorial Hwy, Tampa, FL. 33615

South on Orange Grove Dr. / Right on Lake Carroll Way / South on Dale Mabry Hwy / West on Hillsborough Ave / Left onto Webb Rd / 2nd Right toward County Road 576 / Left at CR 576. School will be on the right. **Phone: (813) 792-1825**