

Thursday Thoughts
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Principal

I want to thank all of our students, parents, faculty, and staff for your prayers and support during my time of recovery from surgery this past January 15th. The surgery went very well and the pathology report was good. I returned to school last week on a limited basis during Catholic Schools Week for a couple hours for the Mass on Tuesday and a couple of hours on Jimmy Cordle Day on Wednesday. On Friday I over-extended myself a bit due to the early dismissal but was able to regain my strength over the weekend. This week I have tried to spend a couple hours each day at school as my strength will allow me. I will gradually be building back up to full time in the next few weeks.

There are a lot of people to thank for keeping things running smoothly in my absence. Our faculty and staff have really stepped up to the plate and I thank them for the work they put into making our celebration of Catholic Schools Week so successful. Our secretary, Mrs. Beiter, has gone over and above the call of duty in making sure early dismissal days went as smooth as possible and that parent questions have been addressed. Our Advisory Board has done an outstanding job of preparing for our Open House on February 21st and has put in extra time in the areas of marketing and recruitment for the 2010/2011 school year. A special thanks to John Baughman for his presence in our buildings during my absence. His presence and support during my days of recovery have been greatly appreciated.

If there was a year to invest in an all-school emergency call system this was the year! I hope that you are finding the calls dealing with delays and closings beneficial and that this will enable you to better prepare for such emergencies. Our voice mail system still needs some fine tuning and this should be done early next week.

Until next week . . .