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Greetings, royal Imperial students, families and faculty!

Spring is bringing life to campus! New calves and lambs are in the pastures. Blossoms and leaves are on the trees. This morning we had quite the audio and visual performance as a powerful storm crossed campus, showering us with an inch and a half of rain. Storms are forecasted for this evening, some of which are predicted to produce tornados. Extreme weather events not only remind us of God's power but also our need for His divine protection. Remember to pray for the buildings, technology, plants and trees, livestock and, certainly, God's people on both campuses.

Spring also brings Celtic Throne! Yesterday was their debut in downtown Edmond at a local arts festival. It was a promotional street performance which means it was a significantly abbreviated set without the costume changes and effects. It was a treat to attend and makes one eagerly anticipate the full show! The expanded summer tour will be ramping up in June. Perhaps it will be at a theater near you! You can check out tour schedule at *www.celticthrone.com*.

Next week is finals. You're on the home stretch! Don't just drag yourself through these last few days. *No good competitor slows down when he sees the finish line.* "Finish strong," Gary Ryan Blair said. "It's the exact same mentality of a distance runner sprinting to the tape, a boxer looking for a knockout, and a salesperson grinding out the last quarter to exceed their annual quota." Given all the work you have put in throughout the year, it is worth devoting extra effort at the end: It will have an outsized impact on what you gain from your classes and on your grades. End this year with an exclamation point!

You can find the finals schedule attached. If a student has a gap in his schedule, he should come to the office for a study hall. If he finishes early for the day, he may leave early but we ask that you please notify Mrs. Hilliker in the office that you will pick him early or, if your student has his own wheels, that you approve for him to drive home. We don't want students roaming the school or campus unsupervised. We also want to make sure you know where your student is during the day.

We are excited to give you details about the event added to the Imperial graduation weekend: the IA family get-together! It will be on Tuesday, May 17, at the softball field on campus. The event will run from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Besides softball, we will make use of the tennis, pickleball and basketball courts—corn hole too. We will grill burgers and dogs and offer a side or two. To cover the cost of the meal, we will charge $5 per person ages 3 and up. This is open to ALL immediate and extended families of IA students local and online. If you plan to attend, please notify Ms. Lorenz in the IA office at bjlorenz@hwacollege.org.

The Choraliers will perform special music this Sabbath. The dress is navy and highlights of any shade of blue (e.g., boys in navy or dark suits, white shirts and a predominantly blue tie). Have your child arrive at 11:45 a.m. The sound check begins at 12 noon.

To keep everyone in the loop, here is list of upcoming activities:

- Sabbath, May 7—Choraliers perform special music
- Tues., May 3 – Armstrong College recital at 7 p.m.
- Tues., May 10—Honors recital featuring the school ensembles
- Wed., May 11—Elementary field trip to the Science Museum Oklahoma
- May 10-12—Finals for grades 7-12.
- Thurs., May 12—Last day of classes
- Sabbath, May 14—Armstrong Youth Chorus and Orchestra perform special music; the orchestra backs up the first three hymns.
- Sun., May 15—AC Graduation in Armstrong Auditorium at 3 p.m.
- Mon., May 16—IA Grad Gala (see below for more details) runs from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.
- Tues., May 17—Grad rehearsal for seniors at 10 p.m.
- Tues., May 17 – IA family get-together; 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the softball field
- Tues., May 17—IA Graduation at JAFH; doors open at 6:30; ceremony begins at 7 p.m.

I'll leave you with the words of Julien Smith: "No one has a problem with the first mile of a journey. Even an infant could do fine for a while. But it isn't the start that matters. It's the finish line."



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