# Resurrection COLLEGE PREP

## Upcoming Events

A Night at the Races February 3, 2024 RES Cafeteria

Student Services presents FAN-sponsored Attention Span: Find Focus, Fight Distractions February 13, 2024 6:30 p.m. @ RES Library

Bandits & B.U.D.S. Dance February 23, 2024 7:00 pm RSVP Today!

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**February 2, 2024 | President Update** Dear Parents and Guardians,

I hope this message finds you well. As we continue our partnership in forming the young women entrusted to our care, I am providing a brief update on the latest developments and upcoming events.

Buildings and Grounds: There are three updates to provide on our Fire Alarm, Campus External Lighting, and Security.

#### **Fire Alarm**

As previously communicated to parents on January 11, 2024, we took our fire alarm system offline for essential maintenance after identifying internal component failures. We immediately informed the school community and began the work with our fire monitoring provider on the necessary repairs. We also engaged our insurance provider and the Chicago Fire Department for guidance on steps to take as the situation unfolded. We implemented our "fire watch" protocol following that guidance.

To date, we have maintained regular communication with the Chicago Fire Department. Our "fire watch" plan is still in effect, following the continuous consultation of the CFD. Identifying the initial malfunction's root cause and the appropriate remedy has taken about three weeks. As of today, we anticipate system replacement and a return to operational status by 2/23/2024. We will continue to operate as we have since January 11.

#### **Campus External Lighting**

Our initiative to enhance campus external lighting continues. We are actively addressing outdoor building lighting concerns by collaborating with a skilled electrician, and we anticipate the necessary corrections to be completed within the next month. In the fall, we took significant steps to improve our parking lot lighting situation.

We initiated replacing inoperable parking lot lights with energy-efficient solar-powered alternatives. Three of these lights were successfully installed in October, improving visibility and safety in our parking area.

We have exciting plans to continue enhancing our parking lot lighting infrastructure in the Spring of 2024. Late last week, we finalized plans for moving ahead with a two-tier lighting initiative that involves the addition of several new lights in the student parking lot. The project time for this is projected to be 12 weeks.

#### Security

Audit: We partnered with industry leader Paul Timm and his Allegion security team to conduct a thorough security and door audit of our school building in the summer of 2023.



This audit resulted in a comprehensive review of our current security measures and provided valuable recommendations to enhance the overall safety of our school.

GardaWorld: We are pleased to announce a new partnership with GardaWorld, a leader in security services, as part of our ongoing commitment to enhance the safety and well-being of our students and staff. This collaboration represents a proactive step in strengthening our campus security infrastructure.

GardaWorld will provide daily on-site security at our school, operating from 7 am to 7 pm. This initiative further reinforces our secure learning environment, ensuring that our students and staff can focus on educational excellence in a safe setting.

In addition to their daily presence, GardaWorld will also offer their expertise during special events such as school dances. Their involvement during these occasions is intended to bolster our security measures, ensuring that these events are memorable and secure for everyone involved. We view this partnership as an integral part of our commitment to maintaining a safe, secure, and supportive educational environment. It reflects our dedication to being proactive and vigilant in all student and community safety aspects.

Increased Surveillance Support: In the realm of surveillance, we have updated our school's camera system, allowing our administration and on-site security personnel to monitor our campus from both on-site and remote locations.

We have also expanded our camera coverage by replacing outdated cameras and adding ten internal cameras to improve on-site monitoring and safety for our community.

Next week, we will have more updates on the ongoing projects and the fitness center renovation! Until then, feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns at Rpiwowarski@reshs.org

