

Alumni Update!!



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Blessed Christmas from ICCS!!

*Where has the year gone? We know that so many of you are preparing for major events in your lives as the journey continues! It's a wonderful time here at ICCS as we've just celebrated the feast day of Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception. This is a short Alumni update to wish you a most blessed Christmas and to invite you to the **Annual Alumni Basketball Night in January**. Tickets are enclosed. Come for a night of fun and renewal of old friendships right here in the gym where many of you spent so much time. Please get on our alumni e-mail list (iccsalumni@gmail.com) and send in the latest news as your fellow ICCS friends would like to know where you are and what you are doing. May God's blessings continue to follow you.*



Bret Metzler

Alumnus **Brett Metzler ('07)** is loving Saint Joseph's Seminary College! Brett began his seminary studies this fall in St. Benedict, Louisiana after spending his freshman year at Texas A&M. University where he was very active in the largest Catholic Young Adult community in the nation at St. Mary's Parish in College Station. He is playing football and loving his classes, with his favorite being his Catholic Identity class. His major is Philosophy and Liberal Arts. Brett is our first ICCS alumnus to head to the seminary. Brett and his family attribute his interest in the priesthood to the nurturing by so many people in his life, including the priests who were his role models in this diocese and at Texas A&M, his parents, St. Mary's Aggie Catholics, and Our Lady's School. He'll be at home for Christmas break when he hopes to come by his old elementary school to talk with students, teachers, and others. Please keep Brett, all of the seminarians and priests in our nation and throughout the world in prayer as they continue to help us nurture our faith lives!

ALUMNI BRIEFS!!

****Samantha Nicholas Rhodes (first ICCS promotion class '02)** is graduating this month from the University of Kentucky in Lexington, the same university where her father, the late Jerry Nicholas, graduated. Her high GPA placed her among the top of her graduating class. Her degree is in Special Education with a concentration in working with children who have severe disabilities. She married Brian Rhodes in August. Samantha's sister, Sara Nicholas is a senior at Assumption Catholic High School. She plans to attend Central



Michigan with a full scholarship in field hockey and academics. Brother Jared is a Freshman at St. Xavier High School where he is on the wrestling team. Best wishes from Our Lady's School!!

****The Combes family** sends greetings from the East Coast. Bertina writes: "**Ashley ('09)** and I were talking about her ICCS volleyball days yesterday. I was in DC for the DeMatha championship game with Good Counsel. Unfortunately, Julius' team lost. I've attached a picture. Keep us on the email list. I hope all is well with ICCS."



Samantha Rhodes

ICCS Alum Teacher **Mary Weirsch became Mrs. Ruppert recently. She is teaching at St. John's in North Richland Hills. Remember the Spanish Chicken Dance?

Ashley and Julius Combes

****Luis Pineda ('12)** (photo below) "had a blast" at Marine Military Camp, <http://www.mma-tx.org/>, a camp emphasizing leadership and team-building skills. He was assigned to Platoon 1001 with Echo Company.



**Many of our ICCS alums are continuing their love of the play, which they began here at Our Lady's School during One Act Play competition.

Madison Bruno ('12) (photo right) dropped by recently to visit with ICCS

Art Teacher Tina Jezek, eighth grader Gabriella Castillo and other folks.

Madison has worked technical support and helped with the sets this year to several Denton High School productions. Mrs. Jezek's son, **Jason Jezek ('11)** recently played the lead to the DHS production *Dracula*, and has worked with *Holes* and the December production of *The Christmas Carol*. Mrs. Jezek has been splitting her time helping with the DHS sets while also Co-Directing this year's ICCS One Act Play with Mrs. Denise Williams. Other ICCS grads active with the DHS Thespians include **Riley Fran Sallas ('12)**, **Reagan Krueger ('12)**, and **Laura Garrett ('12)**.



This year's cheerleading director Mrs. Leesa Musacchio has been receiving some welcome assistance from ICCS alum **Hannah Thies ('10)** (pictured left). The cheerleaders have been keeping up the spirit of Our Lady's School as the Lady Knights garnered the NTIL Volleyball Championship while the Academic Team are NTIL Academic Champions for the 12th year!

Elizabeth Drybread ('03) (pictured right) became Mrs. Matheny recently with Father Tim

Thompson as celebrant in Immaculate Conception Catholic Church. The couple reside in Oklahoma. Bridesmaids included **Kathy Estill ('03)** and **Angela Schad ('03)**.



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