



INDIAN SCHOOL

2011/12

Year in Review

Making Red Cloud's Vision a Reality

The mission of Red Cloud Indian School, a Catholic Institution administered by the Jesuits and the Lakota people, is to develop and grow as a vibrant Church, through an education of the mind and spirit that promotes Lakota and Catholic values. This year, by fostering new and continued partnerships and innovation, Red Cloud's faculty, students and staff have continued to make its mission a reality. Through a strong academic curriculum and a broad range of social, cultural and spiritual programs, Red Cloud is supporting the Lakota leaders of tomorrow to become agents of social change on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation and beyond. We invite you to read some of the highlights from this year, and we extend our deepest gratitude for your support.

July

Four Red Cloud High School alumni meet with U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder and thirty-two States Attorneys as part of a discussion between members of the Oglala Sioux Tribe and the U.S. Department of Justice.

August

Pastoral staff and lay ministers plan for a year of classes devoted to sacrament preparation for young people, as well as preparing adults for the Rite of Christian Initiation. This intensive spiritual formation culminates in the Easter celebration.

September

The Heritage Center at Red Cloud Indian School is identified as a national leader by ArtPlace, an innovative public/private partnership designed to fuel economic development through the arts.

October

Members of Creighton University's faculty arrive at Red Cloud to work closely with their mentees on the college application process through a unique partnership between the institutions.

November

Through NASA's Journey into Space Program, Red Cloud elementary and middle school experience the Journey Museum's Geodome—a traveling planetarium—and learn about the wonders of the solar system.

December

Working with students at the South Dakota School of Mines and Technology, eleven Red Cloud High School students build and program a desktop computer from the ground up as part of the American Indian Science and Engineering Program.

January

Fourth graders from Red Cloud and Our Lady of Lourdes experience a live orchestra at the Black Hills Symphony Safari concert in Rapid City. Following their trip, students reflect on and write about their favorite instruments in the orchestra.

February

Members of the eighth grade classes at Our Lady of Lourdes and Red Cloud Elementary become "high schoolers for a day" and attend classes at Red Cloud High School in algebra, biology, composition and Lakota language.

March

Red Cloud students write a one-act play focusing on the devastating results of alcohol sales in nearby Whiteclay, Nebraska. Using a street theatre platform, they conduct an unannounced performance of the play in the high school commons.

April

As graduation approaches, Red Cloud students learn of their acceptances to some of the nation's top universities, including Duke, Creighton and Stanford. Three Red Cloud seniors are awarded the prestigious Gates Millennium Scholarship.

May

The Smithsonian's National Museum of the American Indian borrows the Heritage Center's prized top hat, which once belonged to chief American Horse, to showcase as part of its "Song of the Horse Nation" exhibit.

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June

Under Secretary for Rural Development Dallas Tonsager visits campus to see firsthand how USDA grants are funding critical infrastructure projects, from an upgraded heating system to the Wellness Center.

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