



## **PRINCIPAL CORNER for November 9<sup>th</sup>** **Developing Strong Writers**

Our 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> grade teacher Mrs. Amy Lee-Despard receives various letters, calls and in-person visits from her former students each year. Last year, we had eleven graduates who are now 9<sup>th</sup> graders at the following schools: Forest Ridge Academy, Holy Names Academy, Eagle Harbor High School, Bainbridge High School and North Kitsap High School.

Citlaly Mares attended SCCS from Preschool through 8<sup>th</sup> grade; she now attends North Kitsap High School. Her two younger brothers are presently students at SCCS. Last week, Citlaly sent the following note to Mrs. Lee Despard:

**Dear Ms. Lee,**

**I just wanted to let you know that high school is very fun and not too challenging so far. On Friday, my AP History teacher told us we had to complete an essay during the class period, and while everyone panicked, I soared right through it thanks to your phenomenal teaching (and because I remembered A.N.T.) :).**

**I miss you a lot. I'm grateful for everything you've taught me.**

**Citlaly Mares**

**Note:** A.N.T. stands for: Attention getter, Necessary information, and Thesis.

Our big four skills of Communication, Collaboration, Critical Thinking and Creativity are all developed as students write daily for a variety of purposes. Citlaly's confidence and capacity as a strong writer are the result of daily writing throughout her entire tenure as a student at SCCS.

With joy,  
Susan Kilbane