

Ron Burke '60, who is a member of the Scholarship Committee, paid a weeklong visit to Irvington High in October (all the way from his home in California). He found the administrators and teachers very accommodating and he was able to meet with many students. He was hosted by Vice Principal John Amberg . He spent one day touring the high school and meeting with teachers, counselors and students. He met with Athletic Director Dan Sanacore who spoke about the athletic program and the new field. It has really given a lift to the players as well as the students.

Ron spoke to the Future Business Leaders club after school hours. Their advisor, Joe Amano, said that they had about a half an hour for Ron to speak but he ended spending two hours with them. He was surprised to find out that there are a lot of students in the club and he was pleased to see how interested they were in his business. One of the students called him aside and mentioned how much they wanted to start their own business. Their family was not being very supportive and thought that they shouldn't aim so high. Ron told the student not let anyone tell you it can't be done. Set your own life plan and seek out successful people to help with the plan!

On Friday Ron spoke with members of the senior class about our scholarship program. Their questions were interesting specifically regarding the mentoring and entrepreneur portion of the talk. He also was able to have meetings with both the Principal Sandra Boone-Gibbs and Superintendent Neely Hackett. On Saturday Ron attended the first football Homecoming Game in the new stadium. He was joined by Arthur "Sam" Sudfield '57 and Clara Roth '59 and was also able to talk to Mayor Tony Voss.

Hopefully this is the beginning of more interaction with our Alma Mater!