

Immaculate Conception School News

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Scholastic Book Fair

We are inviting all book lovers to this fall's Enchanted Forest Book Fair. Hop on your unicorn and invite all of your fairy or elf friends and families to Mary Twomey Hall to find your new favorite magical reading adventure. The book fair will be open during our Annual Chili Supper and during Parent Teacher Conferences. **Hours will be 7:30 - 9:30 a.m., 11-1p.m, and 3-5p.m. on 10/30 and 10/31. On Thursday, November 1st hours will be from 7:30 - 9:30 am, 11-12 pm, and 5-7pm.**

Parent-Teacher Conferences

The first day for conferences will be **Thursday, November 1**. November 1st is All Saints Day so we will have School Mass and have an 11:30 dismissal that day. The second day of conferences will be on **Wednesday, November 7th** and will also be an 11:30 dismissal day. Conferences will begin at 1 p.m. and are **by appointment only**. Conferences for grades Pre-K- through 3rd grade are mandatory. **Please contact school office at (309) 734-6037 to make your appointment.**

Halloween Festivities

On Wednesday, October 31, all students will participate in the Halloween Parade of Costumes beginning at 1:30 p.m. Parents/guardians are invited to attend. Seating begins at **1:15 p.m.** in the school gym after lunch cleanup. Students should bring their costumes in a bag and they will begin changing after their recess. **We remind parents that all costumes must be appropriate and not glorify the devil or evil. No play weapons. Halloween is the eve of All Saints Day celebrated by the Catholic Church on November 1st. We appreciate your support in ensuring costumes reflect our Catholic philosophy.**

Halloween parties will follow the Parade of Costumes in the classroom from 2-3 p.m. **Only parents who have completed safe environment are allowed to participate in those parties.** If you have not completed safe environment and are interested in doing so, please contact the school office. Thank you

Report Cards

Believe it or not, but you will find 1st quarter report cards in this week's blue folder. Please remember to sign and return only the envelopes that the report cards come home in. Signing these envelopes and returning them indicates that you have received them. If you have concerns with your child's grades please schedule a parent/teacher conference.

Dates to Remember

10/29- Teacher's Institute - No School

* ICS GBB Vs. Visitation (5:30)
* ICS BBB @ A-town (5:30)

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10/31 - Halloween

*Parade of Costumes@ 1:30 and Halloween classroom parties to follow
* **NO YOUTH GROUP**

11/1 - All Saints Day

*Rosary (8:40)
*Mass (9:00)
*11:30 Dismissal
*P/T Conferences 1-8p.m.

11/2 - No School

11/5 - Red Ribbon Week

*Girl Scouts (3-4:30)

11/6 - ICS Girls Basketball @ Laharpe (5:30)

*ICS Boys Basketball @ Williamsfield (5:30)

11/7 - 11:30 Dismissal

* P/T Conferences (1-5:30)

October Hot Lunch Cost
\$57.75

NJHS Conducts Pumpkin Decorating Contest

Members of the National Junior Honor Society are conducting their annual pumpkin decorating contest again this year. Students may bring in their decorated pumpkin beginning on **Tuesday, October 30th and must be turned in to school by 8:00 a.m. on Wednesday, October 31st.** Students are to write their name on a card and place it in front of their pumpkin. NJHS will judge the pumpkins before Mass and will announce the winners at the parade of costumes. Ribbons and prizes will be awarded. All pumpkins must be taken home Wednesday after school. Any pumpkins left at the school will be thrown away before the weekend.

More on the back....

Veteran's Day Program

Mark Your Calendars!! Friday, November 9th the ICS student body would like to invite all Veterans and their families to join them in the school Mass at 9:00 a.m. at Immaculate Conception Church. Following Mass, there will be a special Veteran's Day program in the school gym presented by the students. Invite your Veteran friends and family!!! God bless those who have served our country so well!!!

MASS is on the move!!

Mass will be moved from Wednesday, November 31st to Thursday, November 1st for All Saints Day. Also we will be moving Mass from Wednesday, November 7th to Friday, November 9th to honor our Veterans. Lastly we be having Mass on Tuesday, November 20th before students leave for Thanksgiving break. Please dress accordingly.

Boys Basketball Season Begins

The 7th and 8th Grade Boys Basketball team kicks off their season next week!! The boys will be playing at Avon against the A-town Tornados on Monday, October 29th. Jeremiah Bresnahan and Tanner Schreck will be coaching this season and are excited to get started.!

Free Elks Children's Orthopedic Clinic

The Illinois Elks Children's Care Corporation and the Galesburg & Kewanee Elks lodges with Dr. Steven Potaczek will be hosting a free Orthopedic Clinic on Tuesday, November 13th from 8:00 a.m. – 9:30a.m. at the Galesburg Clinic. The Clinic is located on 3315 North Seminary Street in Galesburg. For appointments please contact the Elks Children's Care program at 1-800-272-0074 weekdays from 9a.m. – 4p.m.

Baby, it's Cold Outside

As we head into November and the weather continues to get cooler I want to remind parents and students to dress appropriately. We will be going outside for recess for a little while longer, so please make sure students are bringing their coats, gloves, and hats as needed. Also please remember the new dress code regarding types of sweaters and sweatshirts that can be worn to school as well as on School Mass days. We appreciate your attention to this matter.

No Newsletter next week

Due to the short week there will not be a newsletter or blue folder next Thursday, November 1. Also please remember no school on Monday, October 29th as the ICS staff will be attending a Teacher's Institute. Have a great three day weekend!

Safe Environment, S2verify(fingerprint) and DCFS Background checks:

There may be some confusion with the Diocesan new policy. If you have previously did all 3 requirements(safe environment slide show, actual fingerprint, and DCFS) in the past you **do not** have to do these again. This is just the newer Diocesan process to go forward. If you need to complete these steps, please stop in the office to get the forms needed. There is a \$5 charge for this service. Also, if you are asked to drive for a field trip or event with children you will need to complete the Safe Driver webinar. The website for the Safe Environment and the Safe Driver is on the same website at <https://peoria.cmgconnect.org>

Enclosures: Report Cards, Activities Calendar, Lunch Menu, Red Ribbon Week Information, Monmouth College trick or Treat flyer

