



## Immaculate Conception School News

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November 13 - November 18	November 20 - November 26
<p>Monday, November 13</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ICS Boys Basketball @ LH/DC (5:30)</li> </ul> <p>Tuesday, November 14</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ICS Girls Basketball @ A-town (5:30p.m.)</li> <li>ICS Boys Basketball Vs. Cambridge (5:30)</li> </ul> <p>Wednesday, November 15</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Rosary 8:40/Mass 9a.m.</b></li> <li>Youth Group (3-4p.m.)</li> </ul> <p>Thursday, November 16</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Chess Club (3-4:30p.m.)</li> <li>ICS Boys Basketball @ Sherrard (5:30)</li> </ul> <p>Friday, November 17</p> <p>Saturday, November 18</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>7th IESA Girls Basketball Regional           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Starts at 10:00a.m. @ ICS</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>Monday, November 20</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>7th IESA Girls Basketball Regional Semifinals @ ICS (5:30p.m.)</li> </ul> <p>Tuesday, November 21</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Rosary 8:40/Mass 9a.m.</b></li> <li><b>2:00p.m. Dismissal</b></li> <li>7th IESA Girls Basketball Regional Championship @ ICS (6:00p.m.)</li> </ul> <p>Wednesday, November 22 - Sunday, November 26</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>NO SCHOOL - Thanksgiving Break</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Happy Thanksgiving!</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

**\*November Hot Lunch Cost \$40.80 Per student**

### Pastor of the Year!

On behalf of Immaculate Conception School and Immaculate Conception, St. Patrick's, and St. Theresa churches we would like to congratulate Monsignor Mack on receiving the 2017-2018 Office of Catholic Schools Distinguished Pastor Award! Award winners are chosen based on their outstanding support, true commitment, and passion for Catholic education. This honor is long overdue and well deserved. Monsignor will be recognized at the Diocesan End of the Year Celebration with Bishop Jenky on May 9th. Be on the lookout for more information as the school and parishes plan our own celebration to honor this great accomplishment!

### Stockings for Soldiers

We are excited to have Immaculate Conception School students, grades PreK- 8, participating in a school wide service project called *Stockings for Soldiers* this Christmas season. We have set a goal of filling 50 stockings to be shipped to our military service members who are bravely serving our country. We need your help! We have compiled a list of requested items. Each class is assigned specific items to donate. **Items are due Monday, November 13th**. the list went home two weeks ago and can be found on the ICS Facebook page. Thank you in advance for donating!

### Scholastic Book Fair

Thank you to everyone who came to the Scholastic Book Fair last week! All of your purchases helped to make this a very successful book fair! Your purchases enable us to get books left on the teacher's wish lists, which means more books for the students to choose from to read.

Thank you to Josie Lair for chairing the book fair this year, and thank you to the book fair volunteers: Lindsey Higgins, Stefani Gillen, Miguel Nava, Emily McVey, and Donna Bradford, for all their help running the fair, Mitch Peterson for training the volunteers how to use the register and for stepping in when help was needed, Mr. Frakes for making sure we had everything we needed, and to Monsignor Mack, Father Tom, and the ladies in the Parish Office for allowing us to have the book fair in the Mary Twomey Hall during the week.

### **NJHS says thanks**

NJHS would like to thank everyone who participated in our Pumpkin Decorating contest! What wonderful creations! The winning pumpkins were: from grades PreK-2--Kane Johnson; from grades 3-5--Cameron Skees; from grades 6-8--Leslie Quintana; and most creative from all grades--Addie Ballard. Thanks to all for helping us celebrate Halloween!

### **Online ICS Store back in time for Christmas Season!**

The ICS online store is open until **Tuesday, November 14th!** Go to <https://goics2017.itemorder.com/sale> to check out all the new styles and items available. Orders will be shipped to school for free, unless you choose to have it shipped to a different home address, and should arrive before Christmas break depending on the availability of the items ordered.

### **SANTA SHOP LOOKING FOR DONATIONS**

Every year we have a Santa Shop that opens the day of the Santa Breakfast & allows students to purchase inexpensive gifts for their loved ones. All the proceeds are donated back to the school to help purchase needed items.

We are looking for donations of new or gently used items for this year's Santa Shop. These donations can be anything from coffee cups, store bought candy, Christmas items, baby items, games, toys, jewelry (we ask that pierced earrings be new), flashlights, dishes, coloring books, homemade craft items, etc. We are also looking for donations of gift wrap, bows, name tags, gift bags of various sizes, & tissue paper.

All items can be brought to the school & left for the Santa Shop Coordinator. If you have any questions please feel free to contact the school office. Any items you can donate will be greatly appreciated!

### **Santa Breakfast Vendors Needed**

Save the date for our annual Santa Breakfast on Sunday, December 3rd. We hope you can join us for a delicious breakfast and a visit with Santa Claus. We would like to welcome any ICS parents or family members who are involved in direct sales to set up a vendor booth during Santa Breakfast. If you are interested, please contact Lucinda Ricco at 309-221-6869 to reserve a spot and for more information.

### **MASS before Thanksgiving!!**

Please remember **we will be having Mass on Tuesday, November 21 before students leave for Thanksgiving break.** Please dress accordingly. Students will be allowed to dress down on Monday, November 20th.

### **No School Thanksgiving Break**

Just a reminder - there is no school on the Wednesday prior to Thanksgiving, November 22. School resumes Monday, November 27. Thanksgiving vacation runs November 22-26. **Also please remember that on Tuesday, November 21st we will have a 2:00 dismissal and we will not be having the After School Program.**

### **Totus Tuus Co-Directors Needed**

Immaculate Conception Church is looking for volunteer Totus Tuus Co-Directors. The Totus Tuus parish summer catechetical youth program is a week-long "parish mission" for Catholic youth entering grades 1st through 12th. Totus Tuus aims to assist parents and parishes in the evangelizing and catechizing of their youth by supplementing the work they are already doing.

The Directors will be the main contacts for the parish with the diocesan office and with the Totus Tuus team leader and is responsible for promoting Totus Tuus at the parish and school, registering/scheduling Totus Tuus annually, and registration of participants, among other responsibilities. The Directors would need to be a practicing Catholics, have strong interpersonal and organizational skills, the ability to work with and motivate others, and be able to manage volunteers. Persons of interest should contact Monsignor Mack to discuss the role further at the parish office (309) 734-7533.

### **Jump Simulation launched STEM Saturdays**

Jump Simulation launched STEM Saturdays earlier this year to get middle and high school aged children interested in the medical industry. The 2018 Winter STEM Events Series will focus on standard and emergency medicine, biomechanics and how it relates to the human body, and how electronics are used in medicine.

You can register now at [jumpsimulation.org/STEM](http://jumpsimulation.org/STEM) More information is also available by contacting the events team at [events@jumpsimulation.org](mailto:events@jumpsimulation.org) or by calling at 309-677-0810.

**Enclosures:** Lunch Menu & Activities Calendar, Santa Breakfast Donation sheets and Letter