

Immaculate Conception School News

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ICS Chili Dinner & Trunk or Treat information!

The Annual Chili Dinner and Trunk or Treat are back!

Join us on Friday, October 28th, for fellowship and fun for the whole family! The parking lot will be filled with decorated cars handing out treats and we will be serving a chili dinner in the gym. The Cake Walk will also be back! We are looking for dessert donations! Chili Dinner tickets went home with students today. More tickets are available in the school office. We always welcome workers to set up, serve, and clean up. If you already signed up for a shift or make a food donation on your Fair Share contract, someone will be reaching out to you. The Book Fair will also need volunteers. It will run from Oct 28-Nov 3. Please sign up to make food donations or to help using this [ICS CHILI DINNER SIGNUP](#). The opportunities for Fair Share points are endless! Please email Mrs. Lucinda Ricco at lucinda.ricco81@gmail.com if you have any questions.

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 **Monday, October 24th and must be turned in to school by 8:00 a.m. on Thursday, October 27th.** Students are to write their name on a card and place it in front of their pumpkin. NJHS will judge the pumpkins Thursday and we will announce the winners Friday morning at Prayer Circle. Ribbons and prizes will be awarded. All pumpkins must be taken home after school on Friday.. Any pumpkins left at the school will be used for the Chili Dinner and thrown away that night after the event.

Red Ribbon Week starts October 24th

Red Ribbon Week is almost here! We will use the next few weeks as an opportunity to talk to students about wise choices and we hope you do as parents - when teens constantly learn about the risks of using drugs from their parents, they are 50% less likely to use drugs!

The week of October Spirit Days for the week of October 24th

Monday - Class Color Day: Wear your assigned class color!

PreK3: Green

PreK4: Orange

Kinder: Black

1st: Red

2nd: Red

3rd: Black

4th: Green

5th: Black

6th: Black

7th: White

8th: Blue

Comfy Tuesday: PreK-5th: Bring your favorite stuffy, and wear pajamas or something comfy!

6th-8th: Put on your best “Zoom Meeting” apparel - business on top, comfy on the bottom!

Accessories Wednesday: Bring your favorite accessories to wear with your mass uniform!
(Please wait until after mass to accessorize).

Trojan Thursday: Wear blue and your ICS gear for some School Spirit!

Halloween Friday: Come in your Halloween costume for class parties!

Parent/Teacher Conferences

With the end of the 1st qtr, it is time to schedule parent/teacher conferences. The conferences will be Wednesday and Thursday, November 2nd and 3rd, beginning at 1:00 pm each day. The conferences will be conducted in-person and you will need to sign up for a time with your child’s teacher using the google form. The signup link was emailed to you directly last Friday, 10/14/2022 from Mrs. Steele.

1st quarter Report Cards

1st Quarter Report Cards will be **emailed** this afternoon, Friday, October 21st. If you have any questions please feel free to contact the school office.

ICS Halloween Activities

We look forward to celebrating Halloween this year on **Friday, October 28**. Please review the following notes

- On ***Friday, October 28th ICS will have an 11:30 dismissal.***
- Parents need to send their child/ren in their costumes. ***We remind parents that all costumes must be appropriate and not glorify the devil or evil. We prefer 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 activities will take place in the morning. Classroom teachers will be in touch with room parents to inform them of safety protocols and procedures in regards to treats.
- If the weather allows we will have the ICS Parade of Costumes outside. ***Students will parade around the block at 11:10.*** Parents, Grandparents, etc. are welcome to park along the street and take pictures. Please keep in mind when parking that we will have dismissal directly after the parade so please make sure you park somewhere so traffic will not be blocked. If the weather doesn’t cooperate we will have the Parade of Costumes in the gym.
- **Monday, October 31st** will be a dress down day! Wear your favorite Halloween shirt or fall attire.

ICS Book Fair October 28 - November 3

It’s time for the ICS Scholastic Book Fair! Support our school and help your child discover new books, favorite characters, complete series, and more! You'll love the fun new option to shop for Book Fair exclusives directly from the interactive booklist and enjoy free shipping on book orders of \$25+. Every purchase benefits our school and helps develop a love of reading. Visit our Book Fair Homepage anytime between ***October 28th through November 3rd and click “Shop Now” to get started:***
<https://www.scholastic.com/bf/immaculateconceptionschool35>

Music Trivia

Thank you to all who put their teams together for a night of fellowship and fun! Thank you also to all of those who donated Silent Auction items. It was great to be together for this event again.

Congratulations to the winning team, Never Gonna Quiz You Up!

Play the ICS Fall 50/50 Raffle

The Summer 50/50 Raffle winner has generously donated their winnings back to ICS! Thank you Kunkle Family! We begin the Fall 50/50 Raffle online with \$500 in the pot. The winner will be drawn the Sunday after Thanksgiving. Use this link to play FallRaffle2022.givesmart.com
All proceeds will be used to offset the cost of new lockers in the main hall.

Safe Environment for School Volunteers

We would like to thank all the parents and families who quickly completed their Safe Environment training. If you haven't completed this please take time to do so. Create an account [CMGConnect](#) to register, complete the "Safe Environment Training", fill out a CANTS background check and criminal background check through [Selection](#). There is a \$6 processing charge plus fees for each selection background check that each participant will be responsible for. These are all requirements by the Diocese to be a volunteer on a field trip or class room parties. Also, from time to time, ICS might need a few drivers to transport children. If you think you will be available to do this you will also need to complete the safe environment Driving Course in CMG Connect.

If you are interested or have any questions please contact Mrs. Simmons at fsimmons@immaculate-conception.net. A volunteer requirement checklist and additional forms and information is available in the school office.

Attachments: Spanish Newsletter

[October Lunch](#)

[School Academic Calendar](#)

[Church Bulletin](#)