

Immaculate Conception School News

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Sports Leader Virtue of the Week

This week our strength building on the virtue of PRUDENCE is UNDERSTANDING. The strength to know what is the right thing to do in each situation

Catholic Schools Week

1/29 - Sunday - Celebrating Your Parish & Families

- All families are invited to our Student-led Mass at ICC this Sunday at 10:00 am!
- Following Mass the Knights of Columbus will host a spaghetti lunch in the ICS gym, Free will donations are welcome to assist our Youth Group and Damascus Camp attendees. Hope to see you there!

1/30 - Monday - Celebrating Your Community (Dress like a SuperHero - not every hero wears a cape)

- ICS students need to dress like a superhero! Not Captain America, maybe a Police Officer, Firefighter, Nurse, etc. Those everyday heroes in our community that make it what it is.
- Our ICS Choir Perform will perform at two local nursing homes in the morning
- Let the Quarter Wars begin! ICS students bring in quarters only to donate to Right to Life. The winning class gets donuts.
- Students make THANK YOU posters for nearby friends/businesses/community offices and kids deliver!

1/31 - Tuesday - Celebrating Your Students (Dress Down Day, Pajama Day (Preschool - 3rd) (4th- 8th dress in comfy clothes)

- Students will use Graham crackers and frosting and build a church and students will get to enjoy a Classroom movie and popcorn in the afternoon!

2/1 - Wednesday - Celebrating Vocations (Dress - Mass Attire)

- We will have a guest celebrant, Father Luke Spannagel for School Mass
- After Mass Father Spannagel will speak to grades 2nd - 8th about the Eucharist
- In the afternoon our ICS elementary students will get to enjoy a Carnival run by our Middle School students.

2/2 - Thursday - Celebrating the Nation Dress - (Dress - Red, White, and Blue)

- ICS Students and staff will wear their Patriotic colors as we celebrate our nation!

- In the afternoon ICS students will show off their talents as we bring back the ICS Talent Show! Parents are invited to enjoy the show. A start time will be determined once we have the number of acts confirmed. *Be on the look for a start time by Wednesday, February 1. Double check with your student to make sure you have permission forms signed.*

2/3 - Friday - Celebrating Faculty, Staff, and Volunteers (Spirit Wear)

- Students and staff need to wear their ICS Gear as we celebrate our great facility and staff!
- Our 6th-8th students will head to Burlington to see American Underdog with the 6th through 12th graders from BND at the Capitol Theatre!
- All are invited to join us for Adoration at 2:15!

PTO is Sweet on Valentine's Day

Love is in the air! Valentine's Day is just around the corner and everyone loves the delicious caramels from Maude Specklebelly's! These delicious treats will arrive boxed and ready to give to that special someone. Order forms will be sent home with students today and **are due back on January 30th**. Orders will be available for pick up on February 10th. Order forms also attached below if they didn't make it home.

'22-'23 Yearbooks

'22-'23 ICS Yearbooks are available for preorder online by going to the following link
<https://ybpay.lifetouch.com/Order/SelectJob>

The ID code for ICS families is **14677423**. Ordering is open until 5/5/23.
If you have any questions please contact the office.

The ICS 3 on 3 Tournament is BACK!

Get your team together! Mark your calendars for **March 4, 2023** and plan to be at the Huff Center! Open to girls and boys ages 3rd Grade to High School. Each age group is limited to 12 teams. The registration links are live.

We will also need many volunteers to help run this big event. Look for sign up sheets coming soon.

[GIRLS 3 on 3 Registration](#) [BOYS 3 on 3 Registration](#)

[MC Sport ICS 3 on 3 T-shirt Shop](#) open to all, not just 3 on 3 participants.

ICS Uniform Resale Shop

Uniform pants too short? Need an extra uniform shirt? Let's help each other out!

Check your youngest child's backpack for an ICS Used Uniform Resale Shop form. Mark the size, color, and style needed and return it to school. Orders will be filled and sent home with your child. You only pay a free will donation after you have received your items.

- Contact Meghan Schroeder at meghanschroeder@gmail.com with any questions.

ICS Auction

The 2023 ICS Auction Committee is looking for item donations or underwriters! Want to help but not sure what to donate? Email ccmcvey@immaculate-conception.net for some ideas or to donate to some larger items.

The ICS 2023 Auction is right around the corner! Save the date for March 18, 2023. Do you have a vacation home, timeshare, or season tickets to collegiate or pro sports games? Would you be willing to donate an overnight package or game tickets to the 2023 Auction? Do you own a business that would like to be an auction sponsor? You can even make a donation to the ICS Scholarship fund to help those families in need of financial assistance.

If you are interested in making a donation please email ccmcvey@immaculate-conception.net with questions or donations. Thank you!!

SAVE the Date - ICS Auction Shamrocks and Shenanigans - March 18, 2023

Raffle Tickets

Look for Auction Raffle Tickets to be coming home in the next week with your youngest student. The tickets are \$20 each and come in a book of 5. Families earn Fair Share points for selling the tickets. The Grand Prize of \$2500 is drawn at the ICS Auction on March 18. You do not need to be present to win. Thank you for your help with this ICS fundraiser.

Tax Returns

Tax season is quickly approaching. If you need to get a Tuition and Fees statement that you paid to the school, please log in to your FACTS account. Below is the link for instructions on how to print.

[Tax Payment Summary Directions](#)

Spalding Scholarship

Tuition assistance scholarship grants from the endowment fund established as a result of the Diocese of Peoria ROOTED IN FAITH Campaign and named in honor of Archbishop Spalding, the first Bishop of Peoria, will be available for the 2023-2024 school year for students enrolled in or intending to enroll in grades Kindergarten through 12 in any Catholic school located in the Diocese of Peoria whose families are active members of a Catholic parish in the diocese. All grants will be based on financial need objectively assessed.

Information about the grants and application materials may be obtained from any Catholic elementary or secondary school in the Diocese of Peoria or on the Diocesan website www.cdop.org under **Catholic Education** and then under **Financial Assistance**. Consult the detailed protocols and procedures and checklist for all requirements necessary to be eligible for an award.

Parents must apply online at: online.factsmgt.com/aid. Families of students currently receiving grants are reminded that all grants are for one year only, and anyone seeking to renew a grant for the 2023-2024 school year must reapply.

*Deadline date for the completed application is **April 28, 2023**.* Notification of grant awards will be made in June of 2023.

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

[February Lunch](#)

[School Academic Calendar](#)

[Church Bulletin](#)