Immaculate Conception School News

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Sports Leader Virtue of the Week

The virtue of Justice is the strength that consists in the constant and firm will to give God and neighbor their due. Our lives are full of relationships and so all of our actions impact others for good or evil. Justice guides and perfects our actions in relation to others

23/24 ICS Registration is open!

Registration for the 2023-24 school year is open! You will receive an email in the next day or so to begin the process! Registration is open for our current families before we open up to the public to ensure your enrollment if you choose to return. Please know we will cap classroom sizes as we have in the past. Please keep this in mind if you plan on returning to ICS next year. *The deadline to register for current ICS families is Friday, April 7th*.

Please know you can still register after this date, but if a class is already full you will be put on a waiting list. If you have any questions please feel free to contact Mrs. Steele at steeled@immaculate-conception.net or call the school office at 734-6037. Thank you.

*Also if you know anyone who would be interested in attending ICS in the fall, please direct them to the inquiry page on our website. <u>School Year 2023-24 new student inquiry</u>

LOST AND FOUND

There are a significant number of items in the lost and found. Some of these items have been in the lost and found since the beginning of the school year. You are welcome to look through these items to see if anything belongs to your child. The items are on the radiator vent right inside the main entrance to your left. All unclaimed items will be donated to Jamieson Center on March 10th. Thank you!

<u>SAVE the Date - ICS Auction 2023</u> Shamrocks and Shenanigans - March 18, 2023 Buy tickets to attend with the RSVP card <u>or</u> with the online link by March 9. All are welcome. Bring a friend! Items are added daily to preview in both the Silent and Live Auctions.

Auction Raffle Tickets

Please return sold and unsold raffle tickets and payment by Thursday, March 9. Contact Meghan Shroeder at <u>meghanschroeder@gmail.com</u> if you need more tickets. The Grand Prize of \$2500 will be 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.

ICS Spring Break reminder

Just a reminder ICS *will not* be in attendance on *Friday, March 10th and Monday, March 13th* for an early spring break. ICS will also not be in attendance on *Friday, March 17th* to prepare for the ICS auction being held in the ICS gymnasium on Saturday, March 18th.

Save the Date - Totus Tuus!

Totus Tuus is **June 25-30** this year. It is an exciting, week-long event for children in 1st through 6th grade (Mon-Fri day program) and junior high & high school (Sun-Thurs evening program). Last year we had over 90 children attend Totus Tuus - a record number! Make sure your kids get a chance to encounter Jesus, participate in the human sundae and marshmallow dodgeball, and grow in their faith. Look here for more info on registration soon!

Parish Mission Info. for School and Catechism

On March 19, 20, and 21 at 6pm we will have a powerful opportunity to encounter Christ in the Renewal Parish Mission. Childcare will be available. On Sunday the 19th the ICS choir will be singing the prelude and Junior High students will serve ice cream afterward in the Mary Twomey Hall. Please sign up at <u>www.immaculateconceptionmonmouth.flocknote.com/signup/114544</u> so that we have enough food and can provide childcare. This is open to *all* ICS and catechism families, including non-Catholics. For more info go to <u>www.icemonmouth.org</u>.

Knights of Columbus Blood Drive is back!

The Monmouth Council of the Knights of Columbus is teaming up with Immaculate Conception School again to host a blood drive on *April 10th in Mary Twomey Hall from 3:00 - 7:00p.m.* The first blood drive was such a success we thought we'd do it again! Please remember the more blood that we can donate the bigger the grant will be for ICS and the more people we can help. If you are interested please use the following link ImpactLife - Donor Portal (bloodcenter.org)

<u>'22-'23 Yearbooks</u>

22-'23 ICS Yearbooks are available for preorder online by going to the following link <u>https://ybpay.lifetouch.com/Order/SelectJob</u> The ID code for ICS families is **14677423.** Ordering is open until 5/5/23. If you have any questions please contact the office.

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 <u>www.cdop.org</u> 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: <u>online.factsmgt.com/aid</u>. 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 <u>**April 28, 2023**</u>. 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 <u>CMGConnect</u> to register, complete the "Safe Environment Training ", fill out a CANTS background check and criminal background check through <u>Selection</u>. 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 <u>fsimmons@immaculate-conception.net</u>. A volunteer requirement checklist and additional forms and

information is available in the school office.

Attachments:

March Lunch Menu

Church Bulletin