

# Immaculate Conception School News

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## **ICS Chili Dinner & Trunk or Treat Information**

A family favorite, the Annual Chili Dinner and Trunk or Treat, is next week!

Join us on Friday, October 27th, from 5 - 7pm for fellowship and fun! Chili Dinner tickets went home on Thursday (10/5) and more are available in the school office upon request.

Please return the unsold tickets and money to the school by October 25th.

If you signed up for a shift or donation on your Fair Share contract someone will be reaching out to you.

We always welcome more workers to set up, serve, and clean up.

The Book Fair will also need volunteers. Look for volunteer information on that next week, too.

Don't forget, having a ***decorated trunk earns 50 Fair Share points***, too! Please email Mrs. Lucinda Ricco at [lucinda.ricco81@gmail.com](mailto:lucinda.ricco81@gmail.com) if you have any questions or want to earn Fair Share points at this event.

***If you would like to earn some fair share points volunteering at the Book Fair please use the link below and pick a time that works for you!***

**[BookFairvolunteerform](#)**

## **NJHS and Student Council Conducts Pumpkin Decorating Contest**

Members of the National Junior Honor Society and Student Council are conducting their annual pumpkin decorating contest again this year. Students may bring in their decorated pumpkin beginning **Monday, October 23rd, and must be turned in to school by 8:00 a.m. on Thursday, October 26th, for judging.** 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 23rd!**

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!

## **Red Ribbon Dress Up Days for Oct 23-27**

**Manic Monday** - Come in your wackiest clothes, accessories, and hair!

**Tractor Tuesday** - It's harvest time, dress for farming!

**Warm Wednesday** - Bring your favorite hoodie or sweater to wear after mass.

**Thursday Night Football** - Dress for your favorite sport, team, or athlete!

**Friday** - Come in costume for class Halloween parties!

### **ICS Halloween Activities**

We look forward to celebrating Halloween this year on **Friday, October 27th**.

Please review the following notes...

- On **Friday, October 27th**, 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.
- On Halloween, **Tuesday, October 31st**, students will be allowed to dress down and wear their favorite Halloween / Fall apparel.

### **Parent/Teacher Conferences**

With the end of the 1st Quarter, it is time to schedule parent/teacher conferences. The conferences will be Wednesday and Thursday, November 1st and 2nd, beginning at 1:00 pm each day. Parents will need to sign up for a time with your child's teacher using a google form that we will send out early next week.

### **1st Quarter Report Cards**

1st Quarter Report Cards were **emailed** this afternoon, Friday, October 20th. If you have any questions please feel free to contact the school office.

### **Donuts With Dad**

Calling all Dads... We recognize the importance of time with Dad and want to offer a time to curate memories and conversations that will last a lifetime!

The PTO will be hosting complimentary donuts, coffee, and juice from 7:30-8:00 a.m. in Mary Twomey Hall the 3rd Wednesday of each month for all ICS students and their dads. (Dad can't make it? Send your student with Grandpa or the influential man in their life.)

***We look forward to seeing you for the first Donuts with Dad on November 15.***

### **WIRC Project Santa Program**

WIRC-CAA is a social service agency based in Macomb and their programs extend throughout several counties in western Illinois, including Warren County. Since 1983, the mission of the Project Santa program has been to provide a happy holiday full of gifts, food and clothing to children of eligible low-income families in need. On average, this program spends \$100 on each child, including toys and clothing. Also, each family receives a holiday meal to prepare at home.

Attached is this year's application packet. Parents can also sign up through the website at <https://wirpc.org/projectsanta/> or by calling WIRC at 309-837-2997.

The application deadline is Friday, October 31st.

### **Apple Cider Donuts and Thrushwood's Meat Sticks**



There is still time to order Tanner's Apple Cider Donuts and Thrushwood Farm's Meat Sticks. Pick up will be November 6 at ICS. Fair Share points are earned by ICS families for all donuts sold. Use the QR code above or [ICS Fall Fundraiser](#). Thank you for supporting the ICS Fall Fundraiser. Please share!

### **Veterans Day Survey**

Please look for the red paper coming home with your youngest ICS student. We want to honor our Veterans so please fill out the Veterans Day Survey and return it to school by Thursday, November 2, 2023. Thanks!

### **All the YMCA attachments!**

The Warren County YMCA has a lot of activities coming up! Take a look at all the attachments below and take advantage of these opportunities.

### ***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](mailto:fsimmons@immaculate-conception.net). A volunteer requirement checklist and additional forms and information is available in the school office.

### **Save the date!**

Veterans Day Program - November 10th

Santa Breakfast - December 3rd

Christmas Family Movie Night - December 19

Growing Together - ICS Auction 2024 - April 13, 2024

[November Lunch](#)

[Church Bulletin](#)