

# Immaculate Conception School News

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## *Last Day for Shorts*

Please remember that the last day students could wear shorts was **Friday, October 16th**. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

## **Pies on Parade Fundraiser!**

Please remember all order forms and checks are due on *Monday, October 19th*. **Please make all checks payable to ICS**. Thank you again for your continued help as we try to fundraise under the current guidelines due to the pandemic. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact Mrs. Guerrettaz at 309.221.8586.

## *Parent-Teacher Conferences*

Parent-Teacher Conferences are right around the corner. Conferences will be *Wednesday, November 4th, 1:00 - 6pm and Thursday, November 5th, 1:00 - 5:30 p.m. by appointment only.*

**\*Due to current guidelines Parent/Teacher Conferences will either be done virtually or by phone.** ICS staff will be sending an email to parents next week with a Google Form that will need to be completed. This form will allow you to choose the date, time, and type of conference you would prefer.

**\*Please remember that Conferences for grades Pre-K- through 3<sup>rd</sup> grade are mandatory. Both days will be an 11:30 dismissal.** Reminder there will be **No School** on Friday, Nov 8th. Please remember when school is dismissed early at 11:30 a.m. that **No lunch** will be served.

## **Hot Lunch is Free for the year!**

During the COVID pandemic ISBE has extended the Seamless Summer Option to all schools that participate in the National School Lunch Program. What does this mean to your student? **They will receive hot lunch at ICS for free for the whole school year!** No need to fill out a household eligibility form. This program was just extended to the full school year this week!

## **ICS Halloween Activities**

In case you missed it last week ICS will celebrate Halloween on **Friday, October 30** in a fun and safe way for everyone. Please review the following notes

- On **Friday, October 30th 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. *Unfortunately, parents will not be allowed to be in the building as we continue to minimize people in and out of the building.*
- 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.

\*Please note if the weather doesn't cooperate we will not have the Parade of Costumes.

*Thank you for your patience and understanding!*

### **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 Wednesday, October 28th and must be turned in to school by 8:00 a.m. on Friday, October 30th.*** Students are to write their name on a card and place it in front of their pumpkin. NJHS will judge the pumpkins and will announce the winners in the newsletter and in each classroom. Ribbons and prizes will be awarded. All pumpkins must be taken home by Friday after school. Any pumpkins left at the school will be thrown away before the weekend.

### **ICS Book Fair October 22 - November 4**

Our Book Fair is online this year! 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 22***

***through November 4 and click "Shop Now" to get started:***

**<https://www.scholastic.com/bf/immaculateconceptionschool35>**

### **Cold Weather Apparel**

As we head into October the weather will be changing and the temperatures will be dropping. Please remember to send your child/ren with proper clothing to keep them warm and still able to follow the ICS dress code guidelines. *Uniform requirements allow for ¼ zips, crew neck sweatshirts, and sweaters in Royal Blue, Navy Blue, or White. Students need to wear a collared shirt underneath any of these options. Please remember hooded sweatshirts are not allowed to be worn Mon. - Thurs. If you have any questions please contact the school office.*

### **ICS Auction Update!!!**

The 2020 ICS Auction - ***Under The Big Top will be held throughout the first week of November and will be an online event format.*** Items will be available for viewing prior to the start of the online event, with social distancing practices in effect. Stay tuned for more information!

### **COVID reminders**

*If anyone in your household **has been tested for COVID** and is waiting on results the child/ren in that family needs to **stay home** until a negative test result is confirmed.*

For your reference, some of the common symptoms of COVID-19 are:

- fever of 100.4 degrees;
- loss of taste/smell;
- fatigue/achy muscles;
- sinus/nasal;
- sore throat;
- nausea/vomiting/diarrhea;
- cough; and
- shortness of breath.

If you or your child(ren) display(s) any of the symptoms stated above, or if you have any questions, it is recommended that you contact your physician/pediatrician for further instructions

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