

# Immaculate Conception School News

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## ICS Halloween Activities

As we continue to navigate a school year like none other we hope to continue as many traditions that we can in a safe manner. So this year on ***Friday, October 30*** we will celebrate Halloween 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!*

## ICS Regional Championship Shirts

*Six in a row! The ICS Boys Baseball team won their 6th IESA 1A Regional Championship last Saturday with a win over ROWVA! To commemorate this accomplishment ICS will be selling Regional Champion Baseball apparel. Please see the link below for cost and order information. Please make checks payable to ICS. Thank you!*

*Check your child/ren's backpack for the order form. Please fill out one per family. All orders and money are due on Tuesday, October 6th by noon.*

## Diocesan Survey

The Office of Catholic Schools has developed a survey to gather information regarding the perceptions of school families about our school. Data from these surveys will provide the Diocese with a profile of each school community's particular strengths, as well as areas for further improvement. In addition, the survey

results will provide summative information to assist the Office of Catholic Schools in understanding the opinions and perceptions of Catholic school families across the Diocese as a collective whole. The feedback will assist individual schools and the Office of Catholic Schools in the identification of priorities for short- and long-term planning.

The **deadline to complete the survey is October 15, 2020**. Thank you again for taking the time to let the Diocese of Peoria and ICS know how we are excelling and where we can improve.

### **Catholic School Climate Survey**

### **Picture Retakes Monday, October 5th**

Students that were absent from school on picture day, will get their picture taken and if your student needs a retake they must return the order packet Monday. The student being photographed will be allowed to dress up for their picture but must change into their school uniform after pictures.

Pictures were distributed last Friday, if you didn't receive your order please let us know. If you didn't get a chance to order pictures, you may still do so by following the link you can place your order with your proof ID code at [mylifetouch.com](http://mylifetouch.com).

### **FACTS ISD lunch accounts**

Please be reminded that when making payments to your students lunch account that you are in the current school year 2020-2021.

### **\*Not in Compliance – Excluded from School\***

**Physicals and Immunizations for grades PreK, kindergarten, and sixth grade are due by October 15, 2020.** Eye exams for students in kindergarten are also due by October 15, 2020. Dental exams are required for kindergarten, second, and sixth grades. ***The State of Illinois requires that students not be allowed to attend school after October 15, 2020, if the school has not received proof of physical Immunizations or an approved scheduled appointment.*** Thank you in advance for getting these to us. Please contact the school office or the school nurse, Mrs. Patti Parkins RN, if you have questions.

### **School Entry requirements**

If you have a student that is new to our school. Please be reminded that we need a copy of the official county Birth Certificate and a current School Physical Examination. A dental exam is required for Kindergarten, 2nd Grade & 6th Grade. Eye exams are required for Kindergarten before October 15th.

Also, if your student needs an inhaler or takes a required medication prescribed from a doctor, we will need to have this information from their doctor. This form can be found on Parent Portal under resource documents.

### **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.*

### **Are you receiving text messages from ICS?**

As you may have noticed ICS sends text messages as a way of communication for upcoming events and school reminders. We have currently updated our database as of noon Friday. If you are not receiving any of these text messages please make sure to log in to your FACT SIS account and make sure your phone number is correct. We want to make sure everyone is receiving updates! If you have any questions please contact the school office.

### **Thank YOU!!!!**

Thank you to all families who participated in the Meat Sticks and Mums Fundraiser. It was a huge success and will be back next year! We appreciate your efforts as we continue to raise money for ICS.

### **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 close of the online event, with social distancing practices in effect. Stay tuned for more information!

### **Amazon Smile**

**ICS can get money every time you shop on AMAZON..... But, you have to make sure you are set up!!!**  
*AmazonSmile customers can now support the Church of the Immaculate Conception in the Amazon shopping app on iOS and Android mobile phones! Simply follow these instructions to turn on AmazonSmile and start generating donations. (it's an easy and FREE way to support ICS- tell your family and friends)*

- 1. Open the Amazon Shopping app on your device**
- 2. Go into the main menu of the Amazon Shopping app and tap into 'Settings'**
- 3. Tap 'AmazonSmile' and follow the on-screen instructions to complete the process**

If you do not have the latest version of the Amazon Shopping app, update your app. Click [here](#) for instructions.

Please note: When looking for the charity by name- we are listed as  
Church of The Immaculate Conception, Monmouth, IL - all proceeds go directly to the school!

### **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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