

# Immaculate Conception School News

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## **\*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.

## **Pies on Parade Fundraiser!**

Yes that's right ICS is kicking off it's next fundraiser to benefit our great school and students! This time we are selling delicious Pies from Pies on Parade in Burlington, Iowa. These pies are the perfect addition to your holiday gathering and the pot pies make delicious dinners anytime! In your child's backpack, you should find an informational flyer and order forms. You will receive 5 fair share points per fruit/cream pie sold and 5 points for every two meat pies. Thank you 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.

## **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.

### **Hot Lunch is Free!**

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 until the end of December! No need to fill out a household eligibility form. However, at this time, beginning in January we will return to normal lunch prices.

### **Last Day for Shorts**

Please be reminded that the last day students may wear shorts to school is **Friday, October 16th**. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

### **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/immaculateconceptionsschool35>

### **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**

### **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!

## **Amazon Smile = Free Money For ICS!!**

**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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