

Immaculate Conception School News

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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

Altar Servers sign up

(5th - 8th Grade Only)

Monsignor Mack and Fr. McShane invites the 5th - 8th Grade students who are interested in being altar servers to fill out the included electronic form and choose your preference. ***Please select your choice of Mass times and sign the permission request by September 28th.*** A server schedule will begin the weekend of October 3rd.

Your student will need to wear a mask at all times during Mass. If you have already filled this out please disregard.

[Altar Server Permission Request](#)

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.*

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 an 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.

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 login to your FACTSIS 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.

School Treats

I have had a few questions in regards to bringing treats to school for a student's birthday, etc. At this time we ***are not allowing treats*** to be sent into school with students. I believe with the current guidelines and procedures it's the best decision at this time. We will revisit this possibility in the future. I appreciate your understanding of this decision.

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!

YMCA After School Care Survey

If you didn't fill out this survey last week the Warren County YMCA is offering an After School Program and wants to know what you think? Please see the attached form to give the Warren County YMCA Academy and ICS school an idea of who would be interested in sending their child(ren) to the YMCA Academy After School Program if we offered transportation. Please see the link below if you are interested.

[YMCA After School Survey](#)

Box Tops for Education

Did you know that you can earn money for our school while you shop for groceries? Box Tops for Education has been around for many years. Now they are going digital. All you need to do is download the App and scan your grocery receipts and it automatically sends it to the school. Click on the link to get started today. Each participating product earns the school \$.10, some are doubled. [Box Tops for Education](#). Please send in to the office any clipped box tops you may have before October 1, 2020.

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!

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.

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

[Church Website and Bulletin](#)

[October Lunch Calendar](#)

[ICS Calendar](#)

