

The Immaculate News



If your 4th-8th grade student is interested in learning to play an instrument, you are invited to attend our band open house on Wednesday, Sept. 17th, 7pm in the auditorium



Frequently Asked Questions

Q: Does my child need to be able to read music to join?

A: No, the director will teach your child how to read music, how to play the instrument, and how to handle and care for the instrument.

Q: What's the ideal age for my child to begin band?

A: Fourth grade is an ideal age to begin band. Children in fifth and sixth grades are also at great ages to begin playing a musical instrument.

Q: How did you determine the instrument that was recommended for my child?

A: After an instrument demonstration, your child was asked to think about which instruments s/he preferred. Various factors are considered - the shape of the mouth and teeth, the ability to coordinate the facial muscles, and physical size for potential wind players. For potential percussionists, factors such as hand/eye coordination and rhythmic memory are considered. With these factors and your child's personal preference, a recommendation was made to help you and your child choose an instrument that they will be successful in learning to play.

Q: I don't have an instrument. Will my child be provided with one?

A: Families are asked to provide students with an instrument. If you do not have an instrument, Schmitt Music has several options to help you acquire an excellent student model instrument at a reasonable cost.

Welcome Back!

Put away the beach balls and sun-block, it's time for new pencils, notebooks, uniforms and fun! Immaculate Conception School wants to welcome all students, staff and parents to a brand new year. We hope you all had wonderful experiences this summer. The theme for this year is "ICS Celebrates Service". This year promises to be a great opportunity for us to share our faith through service!

Look Who's New

There are several new people around Immaculate Conception this year. One person that all the students have seen is our new Kitchen Manager, John Newkirk. He spends his days cooking up delicious food for our school, and lists cooking and baseball as some of his favorite activities. Mr. Newkirk says that he has enjoyed meeting the staff, students, and parents. "They're GREAT!"

Another person that is new this year is our Extended Day Director, Ms. Jodi Burnish. When she is not working at Extended Day, you might find Ms. Burnish working in her flower garden, or caring for her pets. She has 2 mini-lop rabbits named Nibble & Posie, and a puppy named Ivy. "My favorite thing about ICS is the way the children treat each other so nicely. They are like a family. I also like the way God is brought into the classrooms each day."

Read about other new staff persons in future newsletters

Upcoming Calendar Events

Friday 9/12-Marathon Pep Fest

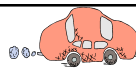
Wed 9/17-Parent band meeting 7pm

Friday 9/19-Birthday Sundaes served to students with Aug & Sept Birthdays

Friday 9/26-No School

Saturday 10/4-Marathon

ICS is looking for a few people to help serve school lunch to our kids! The hours are 10:45—12:45. Days are flexible. This is a fun way to visit with your student while contributing needed volunteer hours to our school. Call the school office for details.
763-788-9065



Carpooling

There is a family who recently moved to Blaine that has two children attending ICS this year. They are interested in making arrangements with other families to share driving responsibilities. For more information, call Matt or Jennifer Bingle at 763-432-2141

VIRTUS Training Sessions

In order for ANY parent to assist in the classroom, during lunch, on fieldtrips, coach, or anything related to the school, you MUST attend a VIRTUS training session. If you were unable to attend the session held at ICS on September 9th, MANY additional sessions are available. Go to www.virtusonline.org/virtus Then click on registration to find the alternative dates for this essential training session for ALL volunteers.



ICS is collecting Box Tops for Education. They are the little pink "coupons" that you can find on General Mills cereals, Betty Crocker, Pillsbury and lots of other products. They are even on Kleenex, Cottonelle, Ziploc, Saran Wrap and Viva! Each Box Top is worth 10¢. During the 2007-08 year our school earned almost \$1,000 from Box Tops, and we'd like to do even more this coming school year. Can you believe our school can make money on something that is normally thrown in the trash? Please don't throw away any Box Tops you have. Save them, and send them in to school. It will help Home & School provide many fun extra programs for the students at ICS. Look in the Thursday communicator envelopes throughout the year for additional information on specific Box Tops promotions & contests.

Historical Society

How many generations of your family have attended ICS? Do you have stories, pictures, yearbooks, or any class memorabilia that you would like to share? We are looking to you, the members of our Parish and school community, to help us create a recorded history of our school. Our goal is to compile a complete history to be published in a book and / or video to commemorate the upcoming 75th Anniversary of ICS in 2014.

Our current inventory includes: yearbooks from 1975 through 1976, principal's albums dating from 1973 to 2006, a tape of ICS 50th Anniversary celebration, recordings of music recitals from 2001, 2003, and 2004, and a number of items on loan from Sister Clarinda and Father Lavin. We even have the original Record of Minutes dated January 1924. This only scratches the surface. We need more! If you can help, please call the Parish Office at (763) 788-9062 or email us at icchurch@immac-church.org. Check out our display in the Parish office.

Archbishop Nienstedt invites all to Blue Mass

Archbishop Nienstedt has invited students, parents and faculty members of the Archdiocesan Catholic schools to join him for a Mass of Thanksgiving and Remembrance, commonly called a Blue Mass, to thank and honor civic servants who look after our public safety. The Mass will be held Saturday, September 13, 2008, at 10:00 a.m. at the Cathedral of St. Paul. We often take for granted the safety and support that law enforcement and emergency personnel provide for us. So on the seventh anniversary of the September 11th events, we will recognize and show our appreciation to all those who serve our community and also remember those who lost their lives in the line of duty.

A short reception will follow. All faiths are welcome — bring your family and friends!!! For more information call 651-291-4488.

Is your child's class doing something special? Do you want others to know about it? Additional ideas for articles featured in The Immaculate News are always welcome! Please email icschool@immac-church.org with your suggestions



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