



The Immaculate News



**Thanks, Muchas gracias, do jeh xie xie, THANK YOU, děkuji, tak kiitos
Merci, danke, gracias, Mahalo**

Because we reached our Marathon goal of \$33,330 the students will be able to have a "Marathon T-shirt" day tomorrow, October 24th. Students may wear their marathon t-shirt from this year, or any of the previous years. Uniform pants, or blue jeans that have no holes or rips may also be worn.

A big thank you goes to all Immaculate Conception students, parents, grandparents, teachers and friends. It is because of all your hard work that Marathon 2008 was so successful. A special thank you goes out to all the parents that donated their time preparing food or working outside along the marathon route. We also want to extend a special thank you to Ms. Runyon and Mrs. Duffy for coordinating this years event, and to the Knights of Columbus, for keeping our kids safe on the streets.

"Immaculate Conception Celebrates Service!"

Immaculate Conception students are again this year providing a very valuable service. They are offering their friendship to the residents of Crestview Senior Community. Please make sure your student returns their permission slip so that everyone can participate in this important project.

Welcome Ms. Stonestrom!

ICS is pleased to welcome the newest member of our kitchen staff, Ms. Amanda Stonestrom. She will be helping Mr. Newkirk in preparing lunches each day. She has a degree in Dietary Managing and has worked in kitchens for many years. She has many hobbies which include gardening, reading, and cooking. Her favorite food is spaghetti, and her favorite place to be during lunchtime is ICS.



Don't Forget

Christmas is only 63 days away!

Poinsettia orders are to be turned in by this **Monday, October 27th**. Plant pickup is December 10th.

Last Call...

Our school directories will be coming out soon. The deadline for any changes in address or home phone number is October 31st. Call the school office, 763-788-9065 with any changes or questions.



Our turkey is getting warmer, and much more colorful! But we still have a ways to go. In addition to non-perishable food items, and personal care products (shampoo, toothpaste, soap, etc) we are accepting frozen turkeys and hams during our food drive. (Many local grocery stores have a buy one get one free promotion for these items). Mr. Newkirk will store them in the freezer. These items will be very appreciated by families during the Thanksgiving Holiday.

"On Tuesday October 7th, our 6th grade class went to the Cathedral. To our amazement the Cathedral was filled with, like, a million people. There we prayed the Sorrowful Mysteries and had a short Mass. The Mass was said by the Arch Bishop, and we were in the front row! With nervous smiles we continued on with the Mass. After that slightly nerve racking day, we reflected on how well we behaved, and how fun it was."

Let's Go Again!!!

From: Connor Duffy and Collin Myhre 6th Grade

Halloween "Celebration" at ICS The practice related to the "celebration" of Halloween during school has been at the lower grades Pre-K and K. These students would dress up (costumes-no guns, anti-Catholic themes, no violent characters, etc...) and at the end of their school day march around the school. In other grades (no costumes are worn) teachers set aside a small amount of time to have a few snacks, play a few games, or at the middle level a dance. These practices have minimized the "celebration" of Halloween at ICS. These "minimal" practices are what I want to continue at ICS. I can not find any policies that indicate how ICS should address Halloween. It seems it has been left to individual teachers or administrators. In some Catholic schools, they focus more on All Saints Day and supportive or related themes. In the future ICS needs to review its practices in a policy format to have a consistent response to this time of the year.

Congratulations! ICS received today the following certificate from the Minnesota Non-Public School Accrediting Association (MNSAA):

MNSAA certifies that Immaculate Conception School, Columbia heights, K-8 is recognized by the Association as an accredited school and is entitled to the rights and privileges of an accredited school as defined by the Constitution, By-Laws, and Policies of the Association.

Currently, the faculty, staff, and many parents are preparing for the on-site MNSAA visit in late April. Our current work will develop our strategic plan and direction for the next seven years.

-Mr. Krainz

As our first Box Tops for Education submission deadline approaches, ICS Home & School would like to thank everyone for collecting box tops. We would like to especially thank Mrs. Eliason, and Mr. & Mrs. Lasser for spending many, many hours sorting, bundling, and preparing them for submission. **THANK YOU!**



Our school can earn up to \$20,000 per year from the Box Tops coupons you clip!

Go to btfe.com for a current complete list of participating products, and to learn about the many ways to earn bonus box tops for Immaculate Conception School!

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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