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# The IC Connection

*We give You glory, thanks and praise. Bless our work and guide our ways.*



### Home Language Survey

In your family envelopes you are receiving the Home Language Survey provided by the Monrovia Unified School District. Please take a moment to complete the survey and return to school no later than Wednesday, Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup>. Thank you for your immediate attention.

### Delinquent Tuition Payments

At the beginning of the school year, parent's signed the financial agreement that states, "they will be charged a \$50 late fee for payments that are 30 days past due." At this point we have given some families a 60 grace period and have not been charged the late fee on any invoices. Please make sure to send your tuition payments on time. Thank you for your immediate attention to this matter.

### Picture Day is Here!

*The student's pictures will be taken on Tuesday, October 15<sup>th</sup>. All students must be in formal mass attire for pictures. Please complete the order form and submit it to your child's teacher with check or money order made out to Lifetouch School Portraits.*



### Friday Mass

*Please make sure your child is arriving to school on time on a regular basis. The school bell rings at 8:00 a.m. All students must be inside the gate before 8:00 a.m. On Fridays, the entire student body attends mass. It is very important that all students arrive no later than 7:45 a.m. to ensure that each class is seated and ready to celebrate mass by 8:00 a.m. Parents, if you happen to arrive late, please enter through Shamrock and sit with your child until mass has finished.*

### Important Dates:



- Oct. 4<sup>th</sup>: Blessing of the Animals
- Oct. 7<sup>th</sup>: Student of the Month Assembly
- Oct. 8<sup>th</sup>: Morning assembly in the Parish Hall at 8:00 a.m. Fr. Ken will speak on behalf of the missions to the student body.
- Oct. 11<sup>th</sup>: No School! Teacher training on Common Core
- Oct. 14<sup>th</sup>: No School! Columbus Day, Observed.
- Oct. 15<sup>th</sup>: Picture Day! Smile! Full Mass Uniform
- Oct. 17<sup>th</sup>: MCA Cathedral Mass Grades K-8<sup>th</sup> will attend. P.T.O. Board Mtg. at 7:15 p.m.
- Oct. 19<sup>th</sup>: Halloween Social 6:00p.m.-10:00 p.m.

### Sports News

OCT 3 – GIRLS VOLLEYBALL GAME @ ICS

OCT 8– GIRLS VOLLEYBALL GAME @ ICS

OCT 10 – GIRLS VOLLEYBALL @ ASSUMPTION 4:45

OCT 1 – BOYS FOOTBALL @ ANNUNCIATION 4:00

OCT 2– BOYS FOOTBALL @ ANNUNCIATION

OCT 8 – BOYS FOOTBALL @ ANNUNCIATION

OCT 10 – BOYS FOOTBALL @ ANNUNCIATION


## Message from the Principal ...



***"Worship the Lord in the splendor of his holiness."***

***1 Chronicles 16:29***

*Each of us has our own personal walk with Jesus. As we continue to do God's will we must remember to place Jesus in the center of everything. As the students continue to study about Jesus and pray daily they are continuing to strengthen their prayer lives. I want to congratulate all the students who earned the "Student of the Month" Award for the month of September, 2013. These students will be honored and recognized at the Student Council Assembly on Monday, October 7, 2013 at 8:00 a.m. Parents are welcome to come out and witness this lovely event. Bring your cameras!!*

Grade	Student of the Month
	
Transitional Kinder	Nelly Bautista
Kindergarten	Ileana Parra
1 <sup>st</sup> Grade	George Khazaal
2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade	Brandon Qamar
3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade	Norman Khazaal
4 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Miguel Garcia
5 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Rowisa Valarao
6 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Bryan Cruz
7 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Julia Pascua
8 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Mark Lopez

## Message from the Vice Principal ...

*This Friday we celebrate one of the most beloved saints, Francis of Assisi. He lived the Gospel by identifying himself with the poor, embracing outcasts and enemies, and celebrating the goodness of God present in all creation. In honor of St. Francis and his journey of peace, let's bring power and goodness to the words that we speak to one another - in our families, with our children, in our community, with our neighbors, friends, and colleagues.*

*God Bless,*

*Mrs. Stacy Bradshaw, Vice Principal*

### *The Power of our Speech*

*Martin Pable, O.F.M.Cap., is a retreat director, spiritual director and member of the Association of Christian Therapists. <http://www.americancatholic.org/Messenger/Oct2000/Feature3.asp#F2>*

*Let's begin with our words. I don't think most of us are aware of the impact that what we say can be used to build up or tear down. The Letter of James is so insightful about the power of human speech. The author compares the tongue to the rudder of a ship: a small member, but able to give direction to a much larger body. Sadly, the human tongue often loses control. James laments the fact that it is easier to tame wild animals than to tame the tongue. He notes that, with our tongues, we bless God, yet at the same time curse our fellow human beings, who are made in the image of God. "This need not be so," he says (James 3:4-10).*

*What words do people need to hear? "I really love you. I like the way you handled that situation. I was proud of you tonight. I'll stand by you. I'll pray for you. I'm really glad you're part of our family. Do you need to talk? You look stressed out—can I help? Thank you for taking care of that." You get the idea. Such simple words, but what power they have.*