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Thought for the Week

"Love is the only force capable of transforming an enemy into a friend."
– Martin Luther King, Jr.

Mission Statement

As educators of Immaculate Conception Catholic School, we believe that the purpose of a Catholic education is to provide a foundation in the Scriptures, Traditions and ongoing teachings of the Catholic Church. We develop faith based, spiritual, life-long learners who exemplify the pursuit of excellence in all opportunities found in our global community.

Immaculate Conception Catholic School Schoolwide Learning Expectations-Elementary School

What students should know, understand and be by graduation:

1. A Faith Filled Active Catholic who:
 - a. Talks to God
 - b. Learns about the life of Jesus
 - c. Helps by doing good deeds
 - d. Makes good choices and is nice to everyone
2. An Academically prepared Person who:
 - a. Puts forth good effort in everything
 - b. Works well alone and with others
 - c. Thinks before making choices
 - d. Uses computers for making learning fun
3. An Effective Communicator who:
 - a. Can speak well in front of others
 - b. Uses complete sentences and good grammar when speaking and writing
 - c. Uses computers and the internet for learning
4. A Critical Thinkers who
 - a. Understands information learned
 - b. Thinks before doing something
 - c. Practices what is learned
5. A Responsible Citizen of Global Awareness who:
 - a. Follows and respects rules
 - b. Gets to know one another
 - c. Cares for God's creation
 - d. Helps others in the community
 - e. Treats everyone fairly-*Do unto others as you would have them do unto you*

Principal's Message

Happy New Year!

I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and restful break! Now that the holidays are behind us we look forward to a new year filled with many activities and events. Next week on January 15th at 7 pm will be our second mandatory PTO meeting. All parents are asked to attend this important meeting. Agenda items include the following:

- Nominations fro the 2015-2016 PTO Board
- Taste of the World Country Assignments
- Marketing the School
- WCEA/WASC

Parents who do not attend the meeting will be issued a \$25.00 fine.



LA ARCHDIOCESE'S FIRST WALK FOR LIFE
ARCHBISHOP GOMEZ INVITES YOU... and thousands of people from throughout Southern California on January 17, 2015

To OneLife LA, the first-ever large-scale event in downtown LA promoting the beauty and dignity of every human life from conception to natural death. Beginning at 10:00 am at La Placita Olvera, we will walk through LA (about ¾ mile) and end in Grand Park with a famly-friendly picnic with music, entertainment, speakers, food trucks, and exhibits from local organizations serving those in need. Don't miss out on this historic event!

Please call Maria at (626) 358-3554 if you would like to join IC's Respect Life Ministry on this special walk for Life.

Save the date! 1.17.5
Proclaim life. Defend Life. Embrace Life.
onelifela.org

Mini Calendar

Wednesday, January 7	Room Parent Meeting 7 pm
Thursday, January 8	Monthly Awards Assembly 8 am Girls' Basketball vs. Holy Family @home 3:45 pm
Friday, January 9	Mass at 8 am Church Uniform 12-noon dismissal 12:30 pm Faculty Meeting
Monday, January 12	School Board Meeting at 7 pm
Tuesday, January 13	Room Parent Bake Sale Girls' Basketball vs. Holy Angels away 3:45 pm
Wednesday, January 14	PTO Board Meeting at 7 pm WCEA/WASC Accreditation Team initial visit
Thursday, January 15	Girls' Basketball vs. Assumption BVM @home 3:45 pm PTO General Mandatory Meeting 7 pm
Friday, January 16	Mass at 8 am Church Uniform 12-noon dismissal 12:30 pm Faculty Meeting
Saturday, January 17	Girls' Basketball vs. St. Phillip Apostle away 3:45 pm
Sunday, January 18	OneLife LA Walk and Celebration begins at 10 am at La Placita Olvera Grade 4 Faith Family hosted Mass at 10 am - Church Uniform
Monday, January 19	Martin Luther King Jr. Day- No School
Tuesday, January 20	No School Girls' Basketball vs. St. Rita away 3:45 pm
Wednesday, January 21	Girls' Basketball vs. St. Elizabeth @home 3:45 pm



Catholic Schools Week 2015 – Catholic Schools Communities of Faith, Knowledge and Service

Immaculate Conception Catholic School will join other Catholic schools around the country in celebrating Catholic Schools Week. The theme for this year's celebration is - Catholic Schools Communities of Faith, Knowledge and Service. The school has scheduled several activities for the week of January 25th that include our annual Open House and Book Fair. This year we are instituting the Immaculate Conception Catholic School Alumni of the Year Award. The award will be presented during the Catholic Schools Week Mass on Sunday, January 25th. Please see the January calendar for a list of activities scheduled for Catholic Schools Week.



Book Fair is Back!

Catholic Schools Week will be held during the week of January 25th. The Book Fair will begin on Sunday, January 25th and conclude on Thursday, January 29th, and be open during recess and lunch. We are in need of student and parent volunteers to assist with the Book fair. Please contact the school office or Mrs. Valdez in the library if you would like to help.

A Catholic Education is an advantage for Life!



WCEA/WASC Accreditation

Immaculate Conception Catholic School will undergo accreditation next month. Catholic schools within the Archdiocese of Los Angeles are accredited by the Western Catholic Educational Association (WCEA) and the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC). For the last two years the school has been working on a self-study- [Improving Student Learning](#) (ISL 2012). This protocol is criteria-based and leads the school to examine specific aspects of school life and the extent at which they are met in this time in the school's history. These aspects include:

- Catholic Identity (measured by prayer life, sacramental life, service projects, and the permeation of Catholic values in all aspects of school life)
- Organization for Learning (how the school is governed and administrated)
- Curriculum and Instruction (what is learned and how it is taught)
- Support Services (Academic Counseling, Assisting Students with Special Needs, Spiritual Counseling)
- Resources (Financial and Human Resources)

The school community then prepares for a three-day visit by an accreditation team composed of Catholic school educators. The Visiting Team spends three days with the school community after review of the Self Study document. During the visit, the Team visits classrooms, investigates the written evidence of responses to the WCEA/WASC criteria, holds interviews with the members of the school community, and prepares a written report on its findings during the three-day visit. The Team also writes a recommendation of an Accreditation Status based upon factors relative to the school community's successes and growth needs to the WCEA Commission. In May of each year, the Commission votes for an Accreditation Status for each school.

Next Wednesday, January 14th, the Visiting Team will come for a pre-visit to our school. They will meet the faculty and staff, tour the school and receive a copy of the self-study. The Team will return for the accreditation visit on February 10th through February 12th. Parents who would like to read the self-study are invited to come to the office to review a copy.

Faith Family Mass

Our next Faith Family Mass is scheduled for Sunday, January 18th at 10 am. It will be hosted by grade 4. All Immaculate Conception Catholic School students are asked to attend and wear their church uniforms.



Basketball Season is here!

Please plan to support our girls' and boys' teams. The girl's games are listed in the Mini Calendar.