JANUARY 2015



IMPORTANT DATES:

Catholic School's Week 1/25 - 1/30

Father/Daughter Dance 2/7

> Family Mass 2/8

President's Day No School 2/16

Ash Wednesday 2/18

Immaculate Conception Catholic School

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PTO President: Raymond Aguirre

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.

2nd Annual Food Festival • March 15, 2015 A TASTE AROUND THE WORLD

This is wonderful and amazing event which will feature food from different parts of the world. Each classroom has chosen their country during the general meeting and

now this is where everyone comes in. This event will require volunteers from set up to chairperson of a committee and this will be a great way to get your parent hours. We will be using Volunteerspot for sign ups and there will be meetings prior to the event which you are all welcome to come, a school reach will be sent out to everyone with the information. At this time, we are looking for people to spearhead some committees and they are listed below.

- International Day Coordinator
 - Event (Big) Sponsor Coordinator
 - 50/50 Raffle Booth Coordinator
 - Bar Booth Coordinator

Please contact Ray Aguirre at (626) 482-2146 or pto@icschoolmonrovia.org. Thank you for your help.

VOLUNTEER HOURS

As a member of Immaculate Conception School you are requested to perform hours for our three major PTO events, Monte Carlo, A Taste Around the World Food Festival, and IC Fiesta. The PTO has implemented the Volunteerspot website to make it easier for everyone to sign up for these events. If there are any questions or concerns please send an email to pto@ icschoolmonrovia.org and/or you can reach out to any of the PTO board members. An invoice will be sent out next month for any hours not fulfilled. If you have hours, please turn them in as soon as possible to the office.

PICTURES NEEDED

We are in need of pictures from the many events that have happened during this school year. These pictures are for the IC Yearbook; please send them to razo2004@ msn.com

CEF APPLICATION AVAILABLE NOW

The CEF application is now available for tuition assistance for the next school year. Please turn in as soon as possible to the office.

PTO IS LOOKING FOR PEOPLE WHO WANT TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE AT IC SCHOOL – JOIN NOW AND GET INVOLVED!!!





IC CATHOLIC SCHOOL'S WEEK ACTIVITIES:

Sunday, January 25 - FAMILY MASS Family Mass & Open House/Book Fair, starts at 10am

Monday, January 26 - SCHOOL IS ALL WORK Career Day: Dress in your desired career attire. Parent Appreciation Day.

Tuesday, January 27 - WHERE EVERLASTING FRIENDSHIPS BEGIN Twin Day: Coordinate with a friend or two for matching attire. Pastor and Principal Appreciation Day. Book Fair open during recess and lunch.

Wednesday, January 28 - PREPARING YOU FOR THE NEXT STEP College Day: Wear your favorite college attire. Teacher Appreciation Day. Book Fair open during recess and lunch.

Thursday, January 29 - BEGINNING OF A BRIGHT FUTURE Neon Day: Wear bright or neon colored clothes. Student Appreciation Day. Book Fair open during recess and lunch.

Friday, January 30 - CELEBRATE OUR FAITH & COMMUNITY Community Outreach Day: Parishioners and Community Appreciation Day

SCHOOL REGISTRATION

School registration is fast approaching for the next school year. Please go to the Gradelink website to register for next school year. Don't forget that you can view the grades of your child in Gradelink. If you forgot your username and/or password please contact the office.



IC SCHOOL CAR MAGNETS & FACEBOOK

Parents, did you get your car magnets in last month's bulletin? If you did, get it onto your car, truck, van or motorcycle and show off your IC School spirit.

Stay tuned for more IC School promotions and contests in future newsletters. Please make sure to LIKE us on Facebook:

facebook.com/ICSchoolmonrovia & facebook.com/ICSchoolEvents

ORDER SCRIP! DON'T FORGET TO BUY SCRIP FOR YOUR SUPER BOWL OR ACADEMY AWARD VIEWING PARTY & HELP SUPPORT OUR IC SCHOOL! Hi IC Parents! We hope the New Year is treating you well! This section we will focus on how Parents' guidance and support plays a crucial role in helping kids do well academically. Below are a few ways parents can put their kids on track to be successful students.

1. Attend Parent Teacher Conferences - Kids do better in school when parents show interest and are involved in their school life. Attending parent teacher conferences is another way to stay informed. These offer a chance to touch base with your child's teacher and discuss strategies to help your child do his/her best in class. Meeting with teachers also lets your child know that what goes on in school will be shared at home. Don't forget- parents can request meetings with teachers, the principal or other school staff any time during the year.

2. Support Homework Expectations - Make homework a PRIORITY!

Create an effective study environment that is well lit, comfortable, quiet and has the necessary supplies. Help your child interpret instructions, answer questions and by reviewing work. However, please resist giving answers and doing work for them. Learning from mistakes is part of the process and you do not want to take this away from your child. Homework reinforces and extends classroom learning and helps kids practice study skills. It also helps them develop a sense of responsibility and work ethic that will benefit them beyond the classroom.

3. Send your child to school ready to learn - healthy breakfast and enough sleep!

A nutritious breakfast fuels kids and prepares them for the day. Kids who eat breakfast have more energy & do better in school. Boost your child's attention span, concentration, & memory by choosing foods rich in whole grains, fiber, and protein, & low in added sugar. If running late, send along fresh fruit, nuts, yogurt, or half a peanut butter and banana sandwich.

Sleep, sleep! Kids need the right amount of sleep to be alert & ready to learn all day! A consistent bedtime routine is important, especially on school nights. Tip: limit stimulating diversions right before bed, such as TV, video games, and Internet.



4. Teach Organizational Skills - When kids are organized, they can stay focused instead of spending time hunting things down & getting sidetracked. Check your child's assignment book and homework folder every school night so you're familiar with assignments and your child doesn't fall behind. Designating bins for important papers and tossing those no longer needed helps. Also, having your child create a To- Do lis is also a great idea! No one is born with great organizational skills — they need to be learned and practiced.

5. Teach Study Skills - Be sure to know when a test is scheduled and help your child study ahead of time rather than just the night before. Teach your child how to break down large tasks into smaller, manageable chunks so preparing for a test isn't overwhelming. Remember that taking a break after a 45-minute study period is an important way to help kids process and remember information. Introducing your child to study skills now will pay off with good learning habits throughout life.

6. Get Involved - Whether kids are just starting kindergarten or entering their last year of elementary school, there are many good reasons for parents to volunteer at school. It's a great way for parents to show they're interested in their kids' education. Parents can get involved by:

- Being a classroom helper, room parent, or PTO board member
- Organizing and/or working at fundraising activities and other special events
- Chaperoning field trips
- Attending school board PTO and/or room parent meetings
- Giving a talk for career day

7. Take Attendance Seriously - Sick kids should stay home from school if they have a fever, persistent cough, are nauseated, vomiting, or have diarrhea. Kids who lose their appetite, are clingy or lethargic, complain of pain, or who just don't seem to be acting "themselves" should also take a sick day. Otherwise, it's important that kids arrive at school on time every day, because having to catch up with class work and homework can be stressful and interfere with learning. Avoid late bedtimes, which can result in tardy and tired students. A consistent sleep schedule can definitely help.

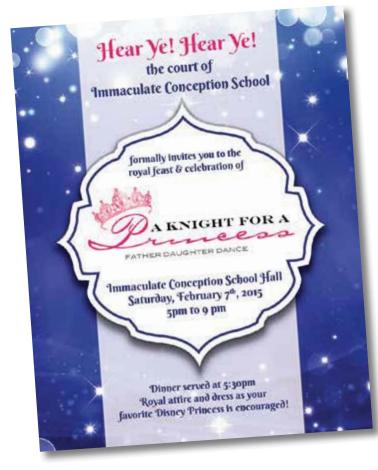
8. Make Time to Talk About School - Make time to talk with your child every single day, so he or she knows that what goes on at school is important to you. When kids know parents are interested in their academic lives, they'll take school seriously as well. Communication is key. The way you talk and listen to your child can influence how well your child listens and responds. It's important to listen carefully, make eye contact, and avoid multitasking while you chat. Be sure to ask questions that go beyond "yes" or "no" answers. Creating an open line of communication and trust between you and your child is invaluable. These early years of schooling are an important time for parents to be informed and supportive about their child's education and can help develop a solid foundation that can last a lifetime.

Do you have tips to share with our board? We would love to hear from you! Please email PTO@icschoolmonrovia.org to let us know what healthy tips works for you and your family!

Regards, Bobbie Hernandez

DISCLAIMER- we are not nutritionists or health professionals just busy parents who love sharing tips! Please use your best judgment to decide what works best for your child.

Sourced from: KidsHealth.org, greatschools.org, education.com



A NIGHT for a PRINCESS - Father/Daughter Dance

Time sensitive! We need all RSVP's turned in by Friday 1/30/15. We have a limited number of pre-sale tickets. Door price will be \$50 per couple and additional child will be \$20. Please be on time attending event so the little princesses won't have to miss any of the entertainments and activities.

Formal wear for dads and daughters are encouraged to dress in their favorite Disney Princess dress or any comfortable dress she wishes, it's her night!

Picture booth with Queen Elsa/Princess Anna backdrop and a 3D Olaf for princess to pose with. \$20 per picture order, all picture orders must be pre-order and paid in advance. No picture orders night of event. All picture sales will benefit school.

This is an IC School social event, all prepaid reservations and pictures will help finance the dance and to ensure a successful fun evening for all dads and their little princesses. For more info email Charsey at luv2beemom@gmail.com

2015 IC SCHOOL DECATHLON TEAM - GO GRIZZLIES!!!



- 1st Row: Justin Reyes, Hannah Cericos, Rowisa Valarao, Mariana Brana, Jose Reyes, Berndien Balagauan
- 2nd Row: Carla Galdamez, Gabby Atencio , Casey Reynolds, Aaron Garcia, Edward Bautista, Jay Loquiere, Ashley Bautista