



Immaculate Conception School

January 25, 2018 Newsletter



IMPORTANT DATES/UPCOMING EVENTS

January 28 Catholic Schools Week Opening Mass and Open House
(See attached February Calendar for CSW events)

FROM THE DESK OF MR. KAPPERMAN

Dear Parents,

Call for Volunteers: We are still in need of a few volunteers for the following days and events during Catholic Schools Week:

Thursday, February 1 (AM): STREAM Olympics (Contact Miss Bender)

Thursday, February 1 (PM): Ice Skating chaperones (Contact Laurie Warner)

Congratulations: The Immaculate Conception Lady Bulldogs are the 2017-18 Holy Family Division Champions after a hard earned victory last night over the Our Lady of Victory Valiants. Please join me in congratulating the girls. Their season will continue with a playoff run beginning February 24th.

Safety Concerns: There have been many stories in the news recently (two just this week) of terrible crimes occurring in our schools. As the administrator for this building it is my responsibility to ensure the safety of everyone while in the school. You entrust your children to me and I take that very seriously. Recently all school and parish administrators had to attend an active shooter and safety and security training at the University at Buffalo. Part of the training involved an in-depth evaluation of the safety and security procedures of each school within the Diocese of Buffalo. The good news is that we are much farther ahead of many schools in regards to our security. I have worked hard to update the safety plan, meet with local emergency service officials, install security cameras, train the school community on lockdown procedures etc. There are still several areas of concern that we are working to address. I will keep you updated on any changes that may need to be made after our meetings.

On the subject of building security, it is **imperative that ALL visitors report immediately to the office** once buzzed in. You will be assisted once you sign in at the main office. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation with this.

I look forward to seeing all of you at the open house on Sunday and celebrating our great school next week as we enjoy all of the Catholic Schools Week festivities.

Sincerely,


Scott C. Kapperman M.S., Ed.

ICS Principal

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK 2018 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
MORNING	MORNING	MORNING	MORNING	MORNING	MORNING	MORNING
9:30 AM: Mass 10:30 AM-1:00 PM: Open House in the school (Uniforms required)	Disney Day All students may dress in their favorite Disney apparel.	Crazy Sock Day 9:15 AM: Mass (Uniforms Required) Grandparents Coffee Social (after Mass)	I CS Spirit Day Students are to dress in ICS colors to show Bulldog Spirit! 9:30 AM Milk for Health Magic Show	9:00 AM: STREAM Olympics (Dress for skating!)	Pajama Day Students may wear pajamas to school (Must be appropriate!)	11:00 AM Honor Flight Community Outreach Project Student Council to host with Honor Guard at Aurora Theater
AFTERNOON	AFTERNOON	AFTERNOON	AFTERNOON	AFTERNOON	AFTERNOON	
	1:15 PM: Game Show (Hosted by Mr. K) (In the Gymnasium)		1:30 PM: Faculty versus Student Volleyball Game Spirit Squad Presentation	1:00 PM: Ice Skating **Hot cocoa will be served in the café upon returning to the school.	1:15 PM: School-wide Movie <u>Happy Feet</u> will be shown. Students may bring blankets and pillows to enjoy the show. Popcorn and water will be provided.	

The Response to Love Dinner Prep and Delivery will be on January 24th, 2018

February 2018

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	Disney Day 1:15 pm – Game Show in Gymnasium	Crazy Sock Day 9:15 am School Mass Grandparent Coffee Social	ICS Spirit Day 9:30 am – Milk for Health Magic Show 1:30 pm – Volleyball Game in the Gym	1 Winter Dress 9:00 am – STREAM Olympics 1:00 pm – Skating/ Boys & Girls Club	2 Pajama Day 1:15 pm – School-wide Movie	3 9:00 – 10:30 am – First Eucharist Parent Meeting
4	5	6 Teacher Appreciation Lunch	7	8	9	10
11	12 7:00 pm – Play Meeting in Library	13	14 9:15 am – Ash Wednesday Mass	15	16 NOON DISMISSAL Winter Recess Begins Faculty Meeting	17
18	19 NO SCHOOL	20 NO SCHOOL	21 NO SCHOOL	22 NO SCHOOL	23 NO SCHOOL	24
25	26 School Resumes	27	28			

Recommendations for Schools

- Each morning, all parents/caregivers should assess all family members and especially all school-age children for symptoms of influenza (fever plus cough, sore throat or runny nose) or other symptoms, such as vomiting or diarrhea that might be influenza.
- Each morning all school staff should assess themselves for symptoms of influenza.
- Students or staff with influenza-like illness (fever plus cough, sore throat or runny nose) should stay home and not attend school. All sick students and faculty, including those who are showing symptoms, should stay home from school until at least 24 hours after their fever is gone without the use of a fever-reducing medicine.

CDC General Prevention Guidelines

In addition to the flu vaccination, there are other important precautions you can take to help prevent the spread of the disease:

- Avoid close contact: Avoid close contact with people who are sick. When you are sick, keep your distance from others to protect them from getting sick too.
- If you get the flu, stay home: If possible, stay home from work, school, and errands when you are sick. You will help prevent others from catching your illness.
- Cover your mouth and nose: Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when coughing or sneezing. It may prevent those around you from getting sick.
- Clean your hands: Washing your hands often will help protect you from germs. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand rub.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth: Germs are often spread when a person touches something that is contaminated with germs and then touches his or her eyes, nose, or mouth.
- Practice other good health habits: Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces at home, work or school, especially when someone is ill. Get plenty of sleep, be physically active, manage your stress, drink plenty of fluids, and eat nutritious food.

Be assured of my prayerful best wishes for each of you especially during this flu season. It is my hope and prayer that by following the guidelines above, we may lessen the impact of this outbreak within the Diocese of Buffalo. Thank you for your immediate attention to this important matter!

Yours fraternally in Christ,



Most Reverend Richard J. Malone
Bishop of Buffalo



Pop-Up Book Fair

When: Friday January 26, 2018

Where: ICS Cafeteria

Have your children Preview or grab up a copy of the new titles we have out this time.

Fair will run from Friday during school and then on Sunday January 28th , during Open House.

*** Parent volunteers are always needed and welcomed.**

