



Immaculate Conception School

January 4, 2018 Newsletter



IMPORTANT DATES/UPCOMING EVENTS

- January 5 School Mass @ 9:15 am (Feast of the Epiphany)
- January 12 Noon Dismissal (Faculty Professional Development)
- January 15 No School- Martin Luther King Day
- January 19 Dress Down Day and Hot Lunch
- January 28 Catholic Schools Week Opening Mass and Open House

FROM THE DESK OF MR. KAPPERMAN

Dear Parents,

As we begin a new calendar year at ICS I am excited for all of the great things that are planned for this month and beyond!

I kindly ask that you refer to the attachments with this newsletter for more information on some of these events.

Free Throw Basketball Contest: The Knights of Columbus will be sponsoring a free throw basketball contest on January 14th from 1:00 pm until 3:00 pm. The event is open to boys and girls that are between nine and fourteen years old. More details about this event will follow.

Catholic Schools Week 2018: Please read through the attachments to my Thursday newsletter this week for some pertinent information regarding Catholic Schools Week. This week is always a fun time to build community and take a little rest from all of the amazing academic accomplishments here at Immaculate Conception School! I am excited for some more new events that we are trying for the first time this year and some of our popular classic activities as well.

Thank you to all of the families that remembered me with thoughtful gifts during the Christmas season. Your generosity and is truly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Scott C. Kapperman M.S., Ed.
ICS Principal



Dear Parents and Guardians:

The Parish and School Administration of Immaculate Conception is excited to announce the beginning of the following School program for our students. This program will be presented to our students by Father Bob, Sister Judy, Denise York and myself on Wednesday, January 10th at 1:00 pm.

"Putting Prayer Into Action" Character Education Program

This character education program relies on a faith based approach at educating our children to grow up to be morally and ethically responsible members of society using the Fireside Catholic Youth Bible as the basis for the program.

The program will be rolled out as follows:

A character trait for the month will be selected and introduced using the Bible to provide examples and lessons of the trait in action. Our first trait will be respect. The remaining traits for the year are outlined below.

Each month we will celebrate the successes of putting our prayer into action to live out the trait of the month and introduce the next month's trait.

Examples from the Bible and our faith would be displayed throughout the school to remind/reinforce the trait.

In order for the program to achieve maximum impact it is important that a family component that extends outside of the school to the parents is present. This will be achieved as follows:

*Copies of the Fireside Catholic Youth Bible may be purchased on Amazon for your home if you would like one.

*A monthly "Family Task" for reinforcement of the trait for the month at home along with a coordinating scripture passage will be sent home.

In addition, "caught being good" cards would be handed out to all faculty to be submitted as often as possible to acknowledge children that are demonstrating the virtue each day. These children will be recognized on the school announcements

We know that this program will be successful as it engages faculty, students AND parents and relies on the perfect instrument for education in a Catholic school-the Bible. Further, it teaches our children to be morally and ethically good Catholics rooted in Bible values as we address bias and hatred at all levels.

Monthly Character Traits:

December: Advent

January: Respect

February: Acceptance

March: Love

April: Relationships

May: Tolerance

June: Choices

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	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)	ICS 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

January 2018 (Updated 1/4/18)

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 NO SCHOOL	2 School Resumes	3	4	5 9:15 am – MASS – Feast of Epiphany	6
7	8	9	10	11	12 NOON DISMISSAL Faculty Meeting	13
14	15 NO SCHOOL Martin Luther King Day	16	17	18	19 Hot Lunch Dress Down Day	20
21	22	23 7-8:30 pm – Parent Reconciliation Meeting	24	25 2 nd Trimester Progress Reports	26	27 9-10:30 am – Parent Reconciliation Meeting
28	29 Disney Day 1:15 – Game Show	30 Crazy Sock Day – Uniforms Required 9:15 am – CSW MASS & Grandparents Coffee Social 7-8:30 pm – First Eucharist Meeting	31 ICS Spirit Day 9:30 am – Milk for Health Magic Show 1:30 pm – Faculty vs Student VB Game Spirit Squad presentation	1 Dress for Skating 9:00 am – STREAM Olympics 1:00 pm – Ice Skating	2 Pajama Day 1:15 pm – School-wide Movie	3 11:00 am – Honor Flight Community Outreach Project

Hot Lunch

Friday, January 19, 2018

Menu: **Chicken patty sandwich**
 Potato chips
 Raw vegetables with dip
 Drink
 Dessert

Price: \$2.00

To order:

1. Complete order form below
2. Detach the form and return it with **cash only payment** (no checks please as I cannot cash them) no later than **Tuesday, January 16, 2018** in an envelope labeled "Hot Lunch" with your child's name and grade.
3. Each child needs an order slip.

I received a lot of late orders for the December hot lunch. If your child does not turn in a completed order slip to the school office by Tuesday, January 16th, you will need to pack a lunch for the hot lunch. Any orders received after 3 pm on January 16th will be sent back to you. Any overpayment is considered a donation to the hot lunch program.

Workers: Please be in the kitchen by 9:30 am

Accurso, Cich, Hofer, H. Howard, J. Keem, Penfold, Stevens

Bakers: Baked goods should be on disposable trays labeled with your name. Please drop off baked goods in the kitchen by 9:30 am.

Acker, Bakowski, Becker, K. Bennett, Howe, Kern, Kupczyk, K. McDonald, Siener, Smith, Stine

Student Name: _____ **Grade:** _____

Additional chicken sandwich: \$1.00 Total: _____

Return by 3 pm, Tuesday, January 16, 2018
Questions? Call or text J'Neene Sexton at 680-2779

SAVE THE DATE

KICK OFF CATHOLIC SCHOOL'S WEEK IN THE SOUTHTOWNS AT OUR 7TH ANNUAL

SNOWBALL DANCE 2018

FRIDAY, JANUARY 26, 2018

SS. PETER & PAUL – 68 MAIN STREET, HAMBURG

GRADES 5 & 6 – 6:00-8:00 PM

GRADES 7 & 8 – 9:00-11:00 PM

GET YOUR
TICKETS NOW!

\$35

TO BUY
visit www.FRCDB.com/SNOWBALL

FOR QUESTIONS
please email Audra DiStefano at adistefano@buffalodiocese.org
or Joy Katra at jkatra@southtownscatholic.org

NON-STOP FUN
INCLUDING:

PIZZA, COOKIES,
& LOCAL DJ!

YOU CAN HELP US RAISE

\$25,000+

FOR CATHOLIC EDUCATION IN WNY





BISON

CHILDREN'S SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Giving Parents a Choice • Giving Children a Chance

A private scholarship fund providing tuition assistance for low-income families in the 8 counties of Western New York who want to enroll their children in private schools.

BISON Scholarship Quick Facts:

- Average scholarship \$1,300
- Max scholarship \$2,100
- Currently BISON has over 1,800 scholars in 70 different private elementary schools in Western New York.
- Each family must contribute toward their child's private education.

step one

Complete a **pre-application online at bisonfund.com** between January 1 - February 28. If you have any questions, you can call BISON at (716) 854-0869 ext. 1.

step two

Watch for notification after the **BISON Lottery** is held in March. Winners are notified by email and wait-listed families are also notified.

step three

If selected, complete the full application online. Enroll your child(ren) in the school of their choice and ask the school to complete the School Commitment Form.

step four

Once all the steps are completed, BISON will notify you of your scholarship amount. Watch for notices to annually renew your BISON Scholarship in February.



BISON Contact Information:

Cindy McDonald, Program Director (program questions)
Amy Popadick, Executive Director (fundraising questions)

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FAQ FOR FAMILIES

More detailed information can be found on our website at www.bisonfund.com

Who qualifies for a BISON Scholarship?

Residents of the 8 counties of WNY with children entering K-8th grade with a total family income within the eligibility scale (details online). You may only apply for your biological or legal guardian children.

How do new families apply?

New families must complete a Pre-Application Form electronically (online) on our website at www.bisonfund.com. The new family deadline is February 28, 2018. Preference is NOT given to early applications; however you must apply by 2/28 to be considered for the lottery. Families applying after the February 28th deadline will be placed on our waitlist.



How are BISON scholarship recipients chosen?

Scholarships are awarded using a lottery from all submitted Pre-Application Forms in March 2018. Lottery winners will receive an email with a link directing them to complete a full application in order to receive the scholarship.

How do I know if I won the lottery?

All applicants will be notified of lottery results by email in March 2018.

I received a Scholarship award email ... now what?

In your award email, there will be a link that will take you where you need to go to complete your Full Application. Click on the link and follow the application steps. The deadline to complete the application is April 30, 2018. Please be sure to include all your income sources including your FEDERAL 1040 tax return, child support, business income, public assistance, food stamps, Social Security income, unemployment insurance, worker's compensation and financial assistance from family & friends. Select your school (a complete list can be found on our website) and contact the school to complete the School Commitment Form. After receipt of all the required documents, your scholarship will be calculated based on your household size and income, as well as tuition amount. You must requalify annually to continue with BISON.



I received an email that I'm on a waitlist ... now what?

Unfortunately, there are always more applicants than available funding. We keep waitlist names for the academic year hopeful that additional funding becomes available. If you are not taken off the waitlist, you will need to resubmit a Pre-Application next year to be considered.

Why do families have to pay part of the tuition?

One key component of educational success is parental involvement. Making a financial sacrifice is a strong incentive to becoming and remaining, involved. BISON scholarships are a hand-up, not a hand-out. BISON families are required to pay a minimum of \$500 each year.



What if I am not satisfied with my child's school?

You are free to transfer your student to another private school. Your scholarship will transfer with you unless you are delinquent with tuition payments or a child is asked to leave. Contact the BISON Fund office if you decide to transfer and we will walk you through the next steps.

Can the scholarship be used for Pre-K or High School?

No. Children must be at least 5 years old by 12/21/18 and entering kindergarten through 8th grade to be eligible for a BISON scholarship.



ST. THOMAS MORE GUILD, INC.

AN ORGANIZATION FOR LAWYERS IN THE DIOCESE OF BUFFALO, NEW YORK



The St. Thomas More Guild announces its 12th annual scholarship for students attending Catholic elementary and high schools during the 2018-19 school year.

One **\$850.00** scholarship will be awarded to a student attending a Catholic elementary school, and one **\$1,500.00** scholarship will be awarded to a student attending a Catholic high school. The scholarship contest rules and application are attached. We encourage all eligible students to apply.

St. Thomas More was a lawyer who lived during the reign of Henry VIII of England and rose to the position of Chancellor. He lived by the principles of honesty, integrity, dedication to his profession, his family and above all, his Catholic faith. He was martyred for refusing to turn his back on that faith. The St. Thomas More Guild is an organization of Catholic lawyers that try to emulate those principles.

If there are any questions about the scholarship or procedures, please feel free to contact David Mineo at (716) 639-0058 or see our website www.stthomasmorewny.org

Michael McCabe, President

Scholarship Chairman:
David C. Mineo

SCHOLARSHIP CONTEST RULES

1. The contest is open to all students currently in grades 6-11 who will attend in the 2018-19 academic year a Catholic school located in the Diocese of Buffalo.
2. All scholarship applicants must submit an essay on the following topic:

St. Thomas More was known as "A Man for All Seasons". During his life he was a scholar, an author, a lawyer, a politician, a teacher, a husband and a father. In all of his activities, he was motivated and guided by the unfailing moral compass in his life, his Catholic faith.

Identify someone that you consider to be a modern St. Thomas More and explain why you chose that person and what makes that person a modern day St. Thomas More.

3. The essay must be typed. The maximum length of the essay is 500 words.
4. The application must accompany the essay. The current grade of the student should be placed in the upper right hand corner of the first page of the essay. The essay must not contain the writer's name or school.
5. The Scholarship Application and essay must be mailed to:

St. Thomas More Guild, Inc.
P.O. Box 35
Buffalo, New York 14201-0035
6. The application and essay must be postmarked on or before March 31, 2018.
7. Winners will be contacted after April 30, 2018.
8. The essay will be judged according to the grade level of the student and the judges will not know the identity of the applicant during the judging process.
9. Scholarship awards are paid directly to the school.
10. The awards will be presented at the annual luncheon which will be held at the Buffalo Convention Center on May 30, 2018.

**ST. THOMAS MORE GUILD
SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

Name of Student _____

Address _____

Telephone _____

Name of Parent/Guardian _____

Address _____

Telephone _____

School currently attending
and grade level _____

School you will attend
next year (if unsure,
list all possible schools) _____

Academic average _____

Describe your community service activity _____

Student's signature

Parent/Guardian signature