



IMPORTANT DATES/UPCOMING EVENTS

- March 23 7th Grade Fish Fry at 4:00 pm
- March 28 Living Stations at 9:30 am
- March 29 Easter Recess Begins
- April 9 School Resumes
- April 11-12 NYS ELA Testing

FROM THE DESK OF MR. KAPPERMAN

Dear Parents,

Supervision at Events (Reprint): Please! Please! Please! When at ANY after hours event at the School, be sure that you are supervising your children so that we can keep them safe and out of trouble. Your assistance with this is greatly appreciated!

Thank You! The Home School Association would like to congratulate Kim Lorenzo and Becky Davidson! In addition to the \$25,000 Pot of Gold made from ticket sales, an additional \$1,831.00 was made from the fantastic party they threw. This is an increase of \$754.00 from last year's event. Thank you both very much for all of your hard work!

Accolades: Congratulations to the following students who will be performing in the 2018 Western New York Catholic School Honor Band Concert on Saturday, March 24th at 7:00 pm at Mount Saint Mary Academy in Kenmore:

4th and 5th Grade Cadet Band:

Quinn Martin, Samantha Miller and Ariella Punaro

6th-8th Grade Concert Band:

Melina Courtney, Samantha Emke, Mariel Hoffman and Natalie Kupczyk



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

Family routines increase your child's social-emotional health



There's nothing boring about routines. In fact, they can help your child succeed in preschool and beyond!

According to research, children who follow at least five positive family routines have stronger social-emotional health (SEH) than those who don't. And the better your child's SEH, the better able he is to form relationships, grasp emotions, and do well in school.

Routines help young children feel secure and figure out their place in the world. They also provide kids with structure. Routines don't need to be complicated. Simple, steady rituals are all it takes.

Here are three common routines that may benefit your child:

1. **Eating together.** Sharing daily meals with your child is the most basic household ritual you can adopt. It

doesn't have to be dinner, either. If breakfast or lunch fits your schedule better, make that your daily shared meal. It's the routine—not the menu—that matters most.

2. **Sharing stories.** Whether it's a fairy tale at bedtime or a picture book each morning, start a reading routine with your child. In addition to improving his emotional health, it will boost his word smarts, too.
3. **Playing.** It doesn't matter what you play—just that you play regularly. From "weekend puzzle night" to Tic-Tac-Toe Tuesday, find a playtime routine that works for you family and follow it. Who knows? You may end up loving it as much as your child does!

Source: E.I. Murnitz and others, "Family Routines and Social/Emotional School Readiness Among Preschool-Age Children," *Journal of Developmental & Behavioral Pediatric*. Lippincott-Williams & Wilkins.



Immaculate Conception School

Dear Parent or Guardian of Students in Grades Three through Eight:

Beginning in April, our elementary and middle school students will be taking the 3-8 NYS Assessments in ELA, Math and Science. To help students prepare for these tests, I want to share with you some important tips to make your child feel as confident and comfortable as possible on testing days.

Reading and writing on a regular basis is one of the most important factors for success on any assessment, regardless of the content area. The more a child reads and writes the more likely they will be to reach their highest potential on any test. Encourage your child to read different kinds of texts to help them increase their vocabulary development and become familiar with different styles of writing that will help them to become stronger students overall.

Some students become anxious when tackling standardized tests. While it is important to acknowledge the value of a test, it is equally important to remind them that a test is simply one measure of performance. The more relaxed and prepared a student is about an exam, the more likely they are to perform their best and truly demonstrate their best learning.

There has been much publicity recently about state testing and the Common Core and there is a lot of misinformation being presented. The Common Core State Standards adopted by the Board of Regents in 2010 emphasize critical thinking, careful reading of fiction and nonfiction, writing with evidence, effective communication of ideas, and real-world problem solving in mathematics.

While testing has become an integral part of students' education at every level, we recognize the concerns you may have about the upcoming testing and want to not only alleviate any fears your child may have, but also any concerns you may have about the use of these assessments in placement or grading.

We do not use these assessments as a sole determination in any type of program placement. We simply look at them as another measure of performance we have, in addition to many other valuable measures. Each child is unique; we look at the whole child in school, not how they perform on any single assessment. We certainly do not want any of our students to stay home simply to avoid taking one of these tests for fear of this.

If you have any questions about other ways you can assist your child at home or questions about the testing, please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher or reach out to me directly. Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

Mr. Scott C. Kapperman M.S., Ed.

Principal

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SEVENTH GRADE

 **FISH FRY** 

4 - 7 p.m. FRIDAY, MARCH 23

Dine-In* or Take Out

Fish.....\$12

Breaded Shrimp.....\$12

Chicken Fingers.....\$8

**All meals include dessert, roll and butter,
French fries and coleslaw**

***Dine-in includes drink**

**Immaculate Conception School
510 Oakwood Ave., East Aurora**

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**Immaculate Conception
7th Grade**

Hot Lunch Friday, April 20, 2018

Menu: **Goulash** (elbow pasta and ground beef in marinara sauce)
Roll
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, April 17, 2018** in an envelope labeled "Hot Lunch" with your child's name and grade.
3. Each child needs an order slip.

Any orders received after 3 pm on April 17th will be sent back to you. Any overpayment is considered a donation to the hot lunch program.

Workers: Please be in the kitchen by 9:00 am

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

Dvorak, Friol, Kern, K. Nuttle, Siener, Smith, Stine

Student Name: _____ **Grade:** _____

Additional serving of goulash: \$1.00 Total: _____

Return by 3 pm, Tuesday, April 17, 2018

Questions? Call or text J'Neene Sexton at 680-2779



Dear Elementary and High School Principals and Art Teachers,

**PLEASE JOIN US AS WE CELEBRATE
"GOD'S TAPESTRY OF TALENT"
AT THE 28TH ANNUAL DIOCESAN ART EXHIBITION**

*When: Monday, May 14 – Thursday, May 17, 2018
2:30 – 5:30 pm each day*



Opening Reception and Ice Cream Social



Monday, May 14, 6:30 – 8:00 pm

*Where: St. Mary School-Swormville
6919 Transit Road, East Amherst, NY 14051*

*What: Students from around the Diocese will have their artwork on display,
including a special High School exhibit area.*

*On Opening Night, children may create edible "art" at the ice cream social
and contribute to a Group Project.*

*New category this year: Art Alive! Students will include themselves within the art
piece by performing in the recreation of their chosen work of art.*

St. Mary's School is pleased to welcome you to the 28th Annual Diocesan Art Exhibition. Endorsed by the Department of Catholic Schools, this is a great opportunity to publicize our Catholic Schools and to support our wonderful Fine Arts programs at all levels. All participants will receive certificates and ribbons. Children will be able to participate in a group art project during the Opening Reception. Display space has been expanded to accommodate larger collections highlighting each school! We will also have a designated area for the high schools to showcase their work. We hope this will inspire our younger artists. *Art Alive* will be displayed during the Opening Reception on Monday, May 14th.

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