



Immaculate Conception School

March 8, 2018 Newsletter



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Bulldogs!

IMPORTANT DATES/UPCOMING EVENTS

March 8	Second Trimester Report Cards
March 9	9:30 AM Awards Assembly
March 10	Pot of Gold Fundraiser (7:00 pm)
March 14	Non-Violence Prayer Service in the Gymnasium (10:00 am)
March 15	Kindergarten Screening
March 16	Noon Dismissal (Faculty Meeting)

FROM THE DESK OF MR. KAPPERMAN

Dear Parents,

Spring Pictures Update: Spring Pictures will be rescheduled. Once Terry's Photo Studios provides a date I will pass that along to you.

Dress Code (Reprint): I have attached a copy of the full dress code for our School to my newsletter today. Please help us with enforcing the dress code by making sure your children are dressed properly before they leave for the school in the morning. This includes haircuts. Many students are out of compliance with haircuts and styles. Thank you for your assistance with this.

Accolades: Congratulations to Zachary Hawley for qualifying for the State finals in the Geography Bee competition. This contest is sponsored by the National Geographic Society. Zach was our school champion from our in-school contest back in December. Zach now has the opportunity to go to Albany in April for a chance to qualify for the national competition.

Gifted Day Off: The day off that was given to us from the Catholic School's Week gameshow will be on Friday, May 4th. This will give everyone a well deserved long weekend immediately following the New York State testing. Please mark your calendars accordingly.

Prayer Service: In the wake of the recent shooting in Florida, it has come to my attention that there is a national effort underway to encourage students to leave school at 10:00 am in Wednesday, March 14 for seventeen minutes to honor the seventeen victims. After consulting with local law enforcement and public school officials, Immaculate Conception School has decided to conduct a non-violence prayer service at that time.

Yearbook Orders Due: Reminder that ALL yearbook orders are due no later than Thursday, March 15th

Sincerely,

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

“The first step to acceptance is realizing that there are some things in your life that you cannot change.”

Uniforms and Dress Code

All students must be in uniform every day. There will be out-of-uniform days which will be announced during the course of the school year (a dress code for such days is included in this section). If there is a time when the prescribed uniform cannot for some legitimate reason be worn, a note from the parent/guardian must be written to the Principal. Students who are out of uniform without this excuse will be sent to the office and the parent will be called to bring the proper clothing.

School socks may be crew length or ankle socks. Socks should be navy blue or white. Socks should include no logo or writing.

Skirts should be no shorter than three inches above the knee.

Uniform Guidelines

SCHOOL DRESS CODE

UNIFORM AND DRESS CODE:

A. Uniform:

Boys:

- Shirts: White knit shirts with 2 or 3 buttons and collars (long or short sleeves).
- Pants: Navy blue dress pants (elastic cuffs, zipper trips, etc., corduroy not permitted) and belts
- Socks: White, navy blue, or black (no athletic or sneaker socks may be worn)
- Shorts: Navy blue walking shorts (available from Flynn & O'Hara or McKay's)
May be worn September through October 15th and May 15th through June.

Girls:

- Grades 1-4: Plaid jumpers with white Peter Pan collar blouses (no lace or ruffles); long or short sleeves (Navy blue dress pants from October 15-May 15)
- Grades 5-8: Plaid kilts (with kilt pins) with white button-down Oxford collar blouses; long or short sleeves.
- All Girls: White crew socks or navy, white or black knee socks or black or navy tights.
Sneaker or athletic socks may not be worn.
- Shorts: Navy blue walking shorts (available from Flynn & O'Hara or McKay's)
May be worn September through October 15th and May 15th through June.

Boys & Girls:

- Sweaters: Red crewneck or red V-neck cardigans or red button-down cardigans
- Sweatshirts: Grades 1-7: Red school sweatshirts or fleece may be worn in place of sweaters (purchased through McKay's).
Grade 8: *Blue sweatshirts purchased through the school.*
- Sneakers: Sneakers may be worn to school **ONLY ON DRESS DOWN DAYS.**
- Shoes: Dress shoes are to be worn with uniforms **EVEN ON GYM DAYS.** (hiking/snow boots are not worn during the school day).
DRESS SHOES ARE TO BE BLACK, BLUE, OR BROWN ONLY. Dress shoes are not to look like sneakers, and may not have a "high" heel.
Socks and back strap sandals may be worn with uniform shorts.
Clogs or similar shoes without a back may not be worn to school (for safety reasons)

NOTE:

- Flynn & O'Hara Uniform Company will be able to supply your needs (8B is our plaid). Their store is located at Georgetown Square, 5225 Sheridan Drive, Williamsville (Phone: 632-6581).
- McKay's will also be able to supply your needs. Their store is located at 851 Abbott Road, Buffalo (between Ridge Road and Mercy Hospital-next to Rite Aid) (Phone: 824-7900).

Student uniforms are to be worn at all times unless otherwise stipulated. A uniform exchange day will be held in June.

- B. **Grooming:** It is expected that students will be clean and have neatly arranged hair. Boys' hair must be above the shirt collar. Extreme styles or colors will not be permitted for either boys or girls (including shaved designs). Make-up, hair extensions, temporary tattoos, and nail-polish may not be worn during the school day.
- C. **Jewelry:** Small earrings may be worn by girls but no long dangling earrings or hoops. Boys may not wear earrings. Necklaces, for example with religious medals, may be worn. Other ornamentation or body piercing is not permitted. Students may not wear any jewelry to gym classes or when participating in sports events. The Principal may determine whether a particular hair style, hair color, article of clothing or jewelry is appropriate for school.
- D. **Other:** Electronic devices or cell phones are not to be used in the school. Our school is not responsible for lost, stolen, or damaged items. No trading cards or other such items are permitted in school. Electronic devices may not be taken on class trips. Students will be asked to drop off their electronic devices to the teacher in the morning and pick them up at dismissal time.
- E. **Uniforms and School Pride:** Uniforms, including sweatshirts and sweaters, should be clean, fit properly, kept in good repair, and replaced when outgrown.
- F. **Dress Down Day Code:** Students may wear: jeans, tennis shoes, short socks, shorts no shorter than three inches above the knee, skirts no shorter than three inches above the knee, skorts, sweatshirts, and jogging suits.
- Students may not wear: flip-flop sandals, no open back shoes, tank tops, t-shirts with inappropriate writing or design, tennis shoes that convert to roller skates, biker shorts, pajama pants, make-up, low cut blouses/tops, clothing that is extremely tight, or hats. **GOOD RULE: IF YOU THINK YOU SHOULDN'T WEAR IT, YOU SHOULDN'T.**

Religious Education Office
510 Oakwood Avenue
East Aurora, New York 14052
655-0067

March 2018

Dear Parents and Students,

You are invited to a seventh grade Parent/Student Workshop. The workshop will be presented on **Tuesday, April 10 and Thursday, April 12 7:00-8:30pm** in the cafeteria. You may choose the evening that is most convenient for your family. Each student **must** be accompanied by a parent (no siblings please). Both parents are welcome.

This workshop is offered for students attending Catholic School and Faith Formation. It is a great opportunity to spend quality time with each other. The theme for this year is Jesus and His Friends. We look at the qualities needed in true friendship and how Jesus chose his friends. Mrs. York and I encourage you to attend the workshop. Parent/Student Workshops are given in grades 7-10.

Sincerely,

Sister Judy
Mrs. York

This letter is for all 7th and 8th graders involved in, or wanting to be involved in this year's play, Treasure Island.

Hello,

We are about a week into the rehearsals for our play. I understand that not everyone was able to get a part due to the small number of speaking roles in this year's play. Because of this, we have decided to make a few changes to the script. We will be adding to a scene in the first act for the pirate to have some stage time, calling it a "pirate party" and here the pirates/townspople will be mingling in front of the Spyllass Inn. We will also be adding a scene, right before they reach Treasure Island. Any "nonspeaking" pirate that wants a speaking moment will need to come to rehearsal Tuesday, March 13th so I can get a number and write in a scene. I cannot push that date any farther back as we do need to keep moving forward in rehearsals to get our blocking set. Please email me with any questions or concerns. We would like to include as many of the kids as possible, so please join us next week so we can continue to move forward.

I also would like to mention that rehearsals are not optional. If you cannot attend for any reason, I need to know. When students are late or missing, it disrupts the rehearsal flow, and they miss out on important information. If a student has an issue making it to rehearsals, I need to know so we can decide how to best move forward. We would like to make the end product of this show the best we can, and in order to do that, we need full attendance at every rehearsal.

I am glad we are going to be able to get more of the students involved, and I am excited to see where things go from here.

Best regards,

Theresa Marr-Sexton

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Common Sense on Cyberbullying

What's The Issue?

Cyberbullying is defined as repeatedly sending or posting cruel messages, images, or videos about someone else using the Internet, cell phones, or other digital technologies. Kids may call each other names, spread rumors, post threats, or purposefully make others feel uncomfortable or scared. Cyberbullying is especially disturbing because it is constant, inescapable, and very public. It can happen anytime at school or at home and can involve large groups of kids.

Why It Matters

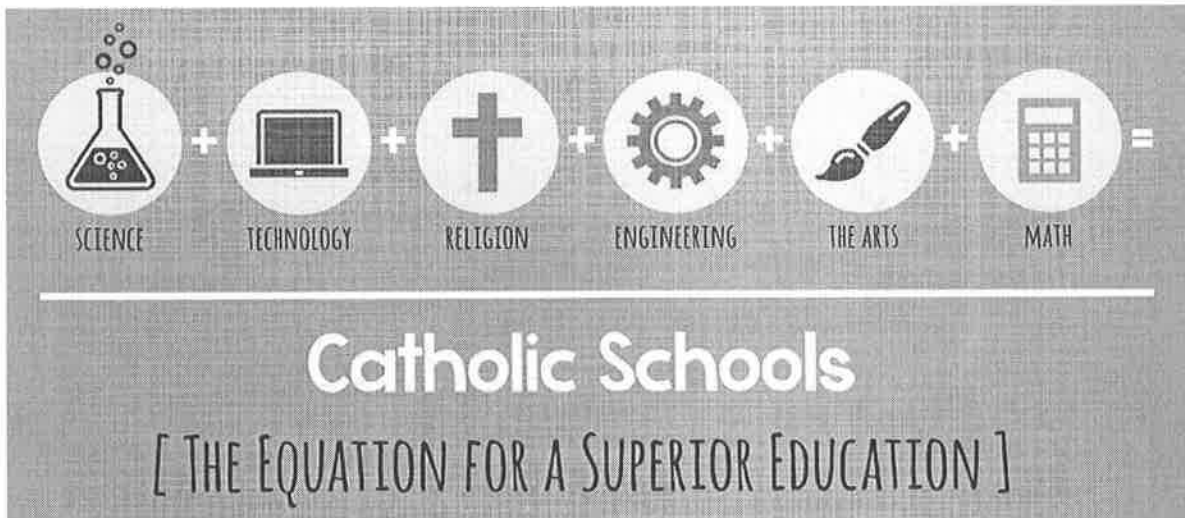
Younger kids are starting to use online communication and at the same time they are exploring ways to test other people's reactions. For instance, kids who send a mean message might not fully understand how another person might react to that message. Cyberbullying behavior also usually happens when adults aren't around. So parents and teachers often see only the anxiety or depression that results from their kids being hurt or bullied. Parents can help by becoming aware of the issue, learning to identify the warning signs of bullying, and helping kids to understand how to be respectful to others online.

Common Sense Says

- Make a list together of how talking online is different than talking face-to-face.** Help kids consider why it might be easier to say things online you wouldn't say in person, and how this may be good sometimes and problematic at other times.
- Practice writing a text or an online message to a friend.** Model for your child how to be kind and polite when using cell phones or the Internet. Discuss how to read the "tone" of a message before you send it, and how to avoid mean language or behaviors.
- Make sure they talk to someone (even if it's not you).** A child should tell a parent, teacher, or trusted adult if he or she is being bullied online. Tell your child that this isn't tattling; it's standing up for him- or herself.
- Advise them on how to handle cyberbullying.** Even though they might be tempted to, your child should never retaliate against a cyberbully. They can stop the cycle by not responding to the bully. Also remind them to save the evidence rather than delete it.
- Point out that it's important to stick up for others,** online as well as in the real world. Discuss ways they can support friends who are bullied and report bad behavior they see online.

Immaculate Conception School
Family Directory

I will be sending out the Family Directory next Thursday, March 15, 2018. Please call the office or email: pharmon@icschoolea.org if you want your information excluded from the directory.



STREAM Poster Contest

*Do you have a talent for creativity and design?
Do the STREAM activities at Immaculate Conception excite you?
Do you like to win awesome prizes?
Then this contest is for you!*

Students K-8 are eligible for this contest and one winner will be chosen K-2, 3-5, and 6-8 for a total of THREE winners. Posters will be displayed around Immaculate Conception.

Contest Rules Apply:

- *Your Poster needs to be at least 8x10
- *All of the acronyms of STREAM must be present on your poster
- *Creativity, neatness and spelling will all be considered
- *Have fun with it!

Posters are due to Miss Bender no later than April 13th

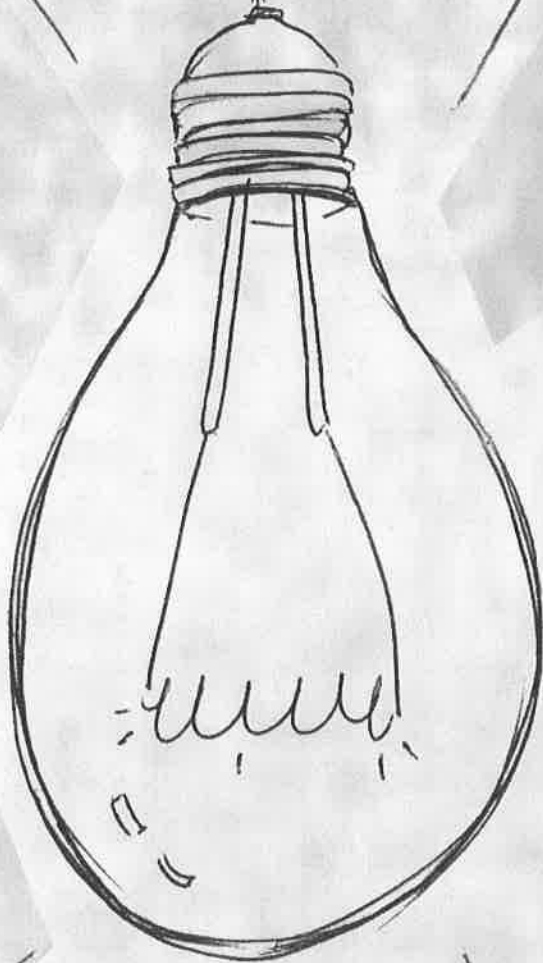
Creativity in Action!

The INNOVATION GAMES

Sat. May 5, 2018

Hosted by Holland Jr/Sr High School

103 Canada Street, Holland, NY



Free Event! All are welcome!

10am-2pm

Chicken BBQ, Snacks, Drinks available!

Participants include East Aurora Chamber of Commerce, local businesses and schools such as Holland, Ormsby, East Aurora, Pioneer, Immaculate Conception, Iroquois and more!

Come celebrate S.T.E.A.M. Education with us!

Tech Projects
Science Center
Student Art Show
Trebuchets
TARC Rockets
Robotics

Concrete Canoe Presentation
Bomb Squad Presentation
Egg Drop and Launch
Chalk Art Design Competition
Chopped Cooking Contest
Cast Metal Sculpture Pours

Sumo Robots
Bridge Building Contest
Baja Car Presentation
CO2 Car Races
3D Printing
and more!

Facebook: *Holland JSH Tech*

Email: *Holland Innovation Games@gmail.com*



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
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Fish prepared by

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7th Grade**

Kirsch's Sugarhouse

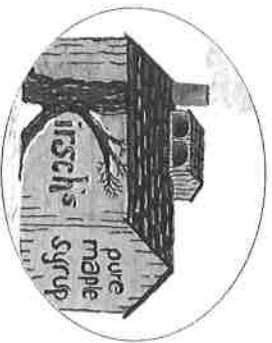
MAPLE WEEKEND EVENT

- Tour our sugarhouse and woods (weather permitting)
- Sample our maple products
- Support Immaculate Conception School – mention you are there to support ICS and from your purchase of each gallon of maple syrup, we will donate \$10; and with the purchase of each half-gallon, we will donate \$5 to ICS.

Maple Weekends:

March 17th & 18th & 24th & 25th

10 AM – 4 PM



Kirsch's Sugarhouse

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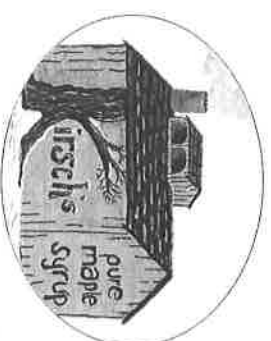
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