



Immaculate Conception School

November 2, 2017 Newsletter



IMPORTANT DATES/UPCOMING EVENTS

November 9 Dress Down Day (\$1.00 to support the Bogoevski children for Christmas)

November 10 NO SCHOOL - Veterans Day Observed

FROM THE DESK OF MR. KAPPERMAN

Dear Parents,

I want to start this week's newsletter by thanking the Immaculate Conception School community for the patience and understanding that was required during our search for the new Sixth Grade teacher. The hiring committee has completed the process of interviewing and a new teacher has been selected. Please join me in welcoming Mrs. Lori Donnelly as the new Sixth Grade teacher. Mrs. Donnelly has been part of our school community for many years and has an excellent rapport with the faculty, staff, students and parents. We are truly blessed that she has accepted this position. Please feel free to congratulate Mrs. Donnelly the next time you see her.

Reminder!!!- As you are making room for the new toys and other gifts that will be entering your home this Christmas it is the perfect time to donate all your old and no longer used lego blocks to our STREAM Program. Please look in your closets and toy bins and if you have any that you can donate send them in. Thanks!

Felicia Mullane is looking for donations of unwanted or excess Halloween candy for use at the Christmas Bazaar. Please contact her to arrange for her to pick it up.

The Teams of Our Lady offers a program for Catholic couples that are struggling to stay married. This worldwide movement of couples dedicated to married spirituality meets monthly. If you would like more information please contact Mike or Emily Hoffman at 649-1783.

There is still time to get some School attire! The Immaculate Conception School Online Spirit Store is once again taking orders for the fall. Polo shirts, t-shirts and gym bags are available. Contact Mrs. Sexton if you require assistance with ordering.

11/5 31st Week in Ordinary Time

Justice Challenge: November is Native American Heritage Month. One of the most precious gifts which Native Americans have given to our country is their deep respect for God's creation. They remind us that nature is a gift from God to be treasured and protected. As Chief Seattle said in his eloquent address to the U.S. Congress in 1854, "Every part of this soil is sacred in the estimation of my people. Every hillside, every valley, every plain and grove, has been hallowed by some sad or happy event in days long vanished." Your challenge this week is to choose one action you can do to protect our planet. It might involve better recycling, or deciding not to drink bottled water. It might be taking a bus or walking instead of using your car for a quick trip to the store. Reduce your carbon footprint while honoring our Native American brothers and sisters this month. Learn more about how you can help the earth at www.catholicsandclimatechange.org. At the end of the week, make a commitment to protecting the environment by taking the St. Francis Pledge (www.catholicclimatecovenant.org).

Time for a story

Want to spend time with your youngster, build her reading skills, and help her learn to love books? You can do all three when you read aloud. Here are suggestions.

Read regularly

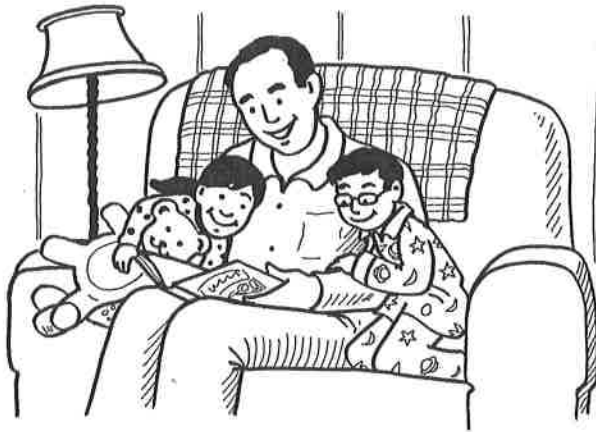
Try to read to your child every day. You might aim for 10–15 minutes of bed-time reading for a peaceful end to the day. Bring along a book, and read to her during a sibling's sports practice. Or curl up together with a book when you get home from work.

Take turns choosing books

Your youngster may want to hear old favorites again and again. Use your turn for new titles and variety (nonfiction, poetry).

Let her participate

Ask your child to turn the pages while you read. Also, she can finish sentences that rhyme or fill in words she knows. Go slowly so she has time to understand



the story and look at the illustrations. She'll enjoy read-aloud time more if she plays an active role.

Be playful

You can use different voices for different characters (a high, squeaky voice for a mouse or a deep, booming voice for a horse). Or substitute your youngster's name for the main character's name, and use family members' names for other characters.

Note: You don't have to be an expert reader—your child will love it when you read aloud because it's *you*.♥

Have a blessed week!

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Scott C. Kapperman

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

November 2017

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|--------|--------|---|---------------------------------------|---------------------|--------------------------|--------------------|
| | | | 1 9:15 am – All Saints Day Mass | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| 5 | 6 | 7 Election Day | 8 | 9 Dress Down Day | 10 NO SCHOOL | 11 Veterans Day |
| 12 | 13 | 14 9:30 – 11:30 am – Diversity Assembly | 15 | 16 | 17 Thanksgiving Feast | 18 |
| 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 Noon Dismissal | 23 Thanksgiving | 24 NO SCHOOL | 25 |
| 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | | |
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Christmas Bazaar

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3
9 A.M. - 2 P.M.**

Pancake breakfast 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Pictures with Santa • Handmade Crafts •
Theme Basket Raffle • 50/50 Drawing •
Gifts and Holiday Decor • Silent Auction •
Kids' Games and Activities

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"KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS" POSTER CONTEST ENTRY FORM

THIS SECTION TO BE COMPLETED BY ENTRANT

I wish to enter the KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS "KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS" POSTER CONTEST in the age division (as of Nov. 1st) checked below. I realized that my entry becomes property of the Knights of Columbus Supreme Council Office.

- AGE 5-7 DIVISION (GRADE K-2)**
- AGE 8-10 DIVISION (GRADE 3-5)**
- AGE 11-14 DIVISION (GRADE 6-8)**

COUNCIL NUMBER _____

Name of Entrant _____ Date of Birth _____

Street Address _____

City _____ State/Province _____ Postal Code _____

Telephone Number _____ Signature of Applicant _____

THIS SECTION TO BE COMPLETED BY PARENT/GUARDIAN

The undersigned hereby request and approve the Entrant's registration and participation in the KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS "KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS" POSTER CONTEST. In consideration of such registration and participation, the undersigned hereby agree to hold the Knights of Columbus Supreme Council and any of its subordinate units and their officers, members, agents and employees, blameless and without liability, and hereby agree to release, indemnify and hold harmless all of the above mentioned from any and all claims and expenses resulting from or relating to Entrant's said participation. The Entrant may compete in only one council-level contest. **Entries become the property of the Knights of Columbus Supreme Council which retains exclusive rights to use said entries in future promotional materials, with creative credit given to the artist.**

Witness _____ Father/Guardian _____ Date _____ Mother/Guardian _____

SCORE SHEET

THIS SECTION TO BE COMPLETED BY K OF C OFFICIALS

Scoring instructions: A 100-Point Scoring System is used to determine winners.

| Competition Level | Slogan 30-points | Artistic Merit 30-points | Overall Impact 40-points |
|----------------------------------|------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Council Total: _____ | | | |
| District/Regional Total: _____ | | | |
| State-Level Total: _____ | | | |
| International Level Total: _____ | | | |

Information on Rules and Judging are on other side of this form.



RULES

- Poster must reflect the theme of ***KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS***.
- Each poster should be the original work (including concept, layout, slogan and any visual images) of a single person.
- Poster must be approximately 11x17 inches in size. If pastels, chalk or charcoal are used, the poster must be laminated or covered with clear plastic. Posters may be in color or black and white.
- Each poster must be submitted with a Knights of Columbus "Keep Christ in Christmas" Poster Contest entry form. The name and age of the person entering the poster should be included on the back of the poster.
- All entries become the property of the Knights of Columbus Supreme Council. **Posters will not be returned.**

JUDGING

Judging should be done by teams composed of students, Knights, teachers, administrators, Chaplin, Pastor, etc. In keeping with the theme of giving young people the opportunity to develop their own feeling towards Christmas and our savior Jesus Christ, it's important young people are included in all phases of the judging process.

A **100 point scoring system** will be used to determine the winner.

30 Points: Slogan — How clearly is the theme presented?

30 Points: Visuals — How well do the visuals convey the message?

40 Points: Overall impact — How effective was the poster in capturing your attention and causing you to reflect on the topic?

Council's Contact Information



Who can join? Any Catholic couple, you don't have to belong to Immaculate Conception parish: Newlyweds, Have Kids in School, Empty Nesters, Retirees.

What is a Team? A Team is made of 5 to 7 couples who meet monthly for a shared meal and light sharing, followed by a time of prayer and then discussion of a study topic.

Where does Teams exist?

Teams of Our Lady is a worldwide movement of married couples from France that exists in many surrounding parishes like St. Bernadette's, St. Vincent's , Queen of Heaven, and Sts. Peter and Paul.

When is a new Team starting?

We have some interested couples and once there is enough for a Team or two, the first Meeting will be soon. New Teams don't start that often, so if you wait it could be a while.

Why should we join?

We are Mike and Emily Hoffman. We have 5 kids, three currently at ICS: Mariel (6th), Sienna (4th) and Rosalie (K). We have been on a Team at our parish, St

Bernadette's, for the last 14 years. Teams of Our Lady has made our marriage stronger through greater communication. It has drawn us closer to God as the third person in our marriage. Also, it has established deep and fulfilling friendships with other Catholic couples who are now some of our best friends. We are busy people, but Teams equips us to handle the pressure and to prioritize what is important.

How do we join?

If you would like more information or would like to sign up, call Mike and Emily Hoffman at 649-1783. Email mhoff99@yahoo.com.



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To the Parents, Friends
and Families of
Immaculate Conception School

Dear Friends,

What do you think of when you picture a guardian angel? A winged figure standing behind you as you go about your day? Someone from a TV show? Or maybe to you a guardian angel is someone you know that provides you regular support - like a parent, neighbor or friend.

To the 232 students at Immaculate Conception School, a Guardian Angel is someone who is literally helping them build their future. Guardian Angels help students realize the Immaculate Conception experience by helping them with need-based scholarship and tuition support.

Guardian Angels are parishioners, alumni, grandparents, godparents, parents and families who would like to make sure a Catholic education is in reach for all children. They are members of our immediate and surrounding communities who understand the special value that ICS brings to our sons and daughters.

Last year the Guardian Angel Program had one of its best years yet, raising over \$18,000. Every dollar was utilized to help new and returning families attend Immaculate Conception School. We have always been overwhelmed by the generosity of our Angels and hope that with this year's campaign we will again be blessed with the funds we need to help families in the coming year.

Countless students have benefited from the support of our Guardian Angels. Every contribution means a lot. We would like to invite all of our friends and families to make a gift to the Immaculate Conception School Guardian Angels Program. Sponsorships in the amount of \$100 or more can be pledged now and paid off monthly, quarterly or all at once. Please complete the enclosed pledge card and return it to Immaculate at your best convenience.

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Immaculate Conception School stands out as one of the top private & public schools in WNY because of its high academic standards, values-based education, and caring & safe environment. But it also stands out because of you. We look forward to your support and thank you for your consideration.

If you have any questions or would like to make special arrangements please contact Catherine Lundie (catherine.lundie@liamstine.com or 716-525-3653 phone/text) or Julie Benzin (julie.benzin@outlook.com or 716-570-9147 phone/text). Or you can call the rectory at 716-652-6400.

Thank you!

Yours in faith,

Catherine Stine

Catherine Stine
Guardian Angel Co-Chair

Julie Benzin

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Guardian Angel Co-Chair



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The Guardian Angel Program

Yes! I would like to help the students of Immaculate Conception!

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip code _____

Phone _____

Please accept my pledge of:

- \$100 \$250 \$500
 \$1,000 Jubilee Donor Other \$ _____

Enclosed please find my check.
Please make your payable to Immaculate Conception School

I would like to make regular pledge payments.
 Monthly Quarterly

This contribution is in Memory of Honor of