



IMPORTANT DATES/UPCOMING EVENTS

- October 20 Picture Retake Day
- October 21 Festa Con Vino from 7:00 pm until 10:00 pm
- October 25 Pumpkin Carving from 3:00 pm until 5:00 pm
- October 26 First Trimester Progress Reports (Noon Dismissal-Parent/Teacher Conferences)
- October 27 No School- Parent/Teacher Conferences)

FROM THE DESK OF MR. KAPPERMAN

Dear Parents,

A reminder that Festa Con Vino is this weekend. It is one of the major school fundraisers that makes the operation of our school possible. The faculty, staff and students of Immaculate Conception appreciate your support for this event. I look forward to seeing you all there!

I will be testing the School Messenger emergency phone system tomorrow (before the snow that will eventually come) by leaving a reminder message about the event on Saturday night. If you do not receive a message tomorrow afternoon please let the office know. Thank you

The gymnasium was equipped with brand new daylight LED light bulbs yesterday to replace the less energy efficient and more yellow CFL bulbs that were previously installed. The difference is amazing!

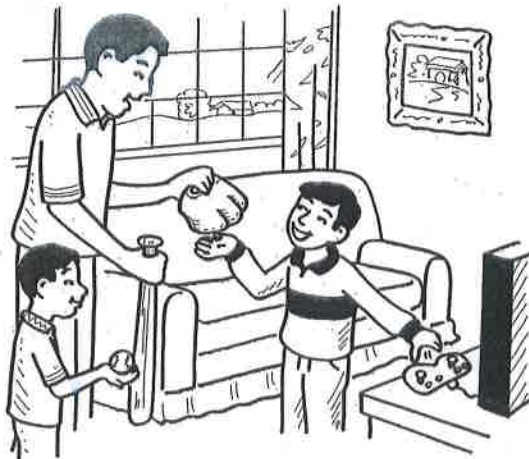
I kindly ask that you remind your children of proper cafeteria (dinner table) manners and behavior. Mrs. Davidson is going to be implementing more strict rules in the cafeteria to maintain order and safety during lunch times. Your support from home is appreciated.

Lastly, I am enclosing some helpful resources for families should you ever need to reach out for assistance in any number of situations. Please keep these resources handy in case you ever should need them.

What does respect look like?

Your youngster's daily dealings with adults and kids alike will be more pleasant if he speaks and acts respectfully. Try these tips for helping him learn about respect.

Respectful replies. Think about something that you and your youngster disagree on (say, whether his video game time should be limited). Model having a respectful discussion about it. You might say that his brain and body are growing and that he needs to run and play to stay healthy. Then, suggest a respectful response, such



as, "I want to be healthy, but I love video games." Have him brainstorm other situations where people have different opinions but still speak to each other with respect.

Everyday acts. When you mow the lawn or clean up after your dog, you can teach your child about respect for neighbors. Explain that keeping your

neighborhood clean and neat makes it nice for everyone. Ask him to think of other respectful things neighbors should do. If you share an apartment laundry room, he might say that you respect neighbors' time by removing your clothes when they're done so others get to use the washers and dryers.♥





Immaculate Conception School

October 19, 2017 Newsletter



GO
bulldogs!



10/22 29th Week in Ordinary Time

Justice Challenge: This Sunday's Gospel has Jesus reminding us to give to God what is God's. As Catholics, we are called to practice stewardship—to use our time, our resources, and our gifts and talents to build God's kingdom here on earth. Your challenge this week is to examine your efforts to tithe financially. How much of your money goes toward those most in need? In addition to your support of the local parish and the universal Church, to which charities do you contribute? If you don't have a favorite charity, consider making a Catholic organization your charity of choice. Catholic Relief Services, Catholic Charities, St. Vincent de Paul, and the Catholic Campaign for Human Development are a few of the many great Catholic organizations which exist to serve the most vulnerable in our world. Make them part of your practice of stewardship, and give to God what is God's.

Sincerely,

Scott C. Kapperman M.S., Ed.

ICS Principal



CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF BUFFALO

HOPE for all Seasons across Western New York ■ www.ccwny.org ■ 716-856-4494

Catholic Charities is honored to serve anyone in need, including past and present military members and their families.

SERVICES PROVIDED IN ALL 8 COUNTIES

Allegany, Cattaraugus, Chautauqua, Erie, Genesee, Niagara, Orleans, Wyoming Counties

Adoption Counseling and Assistance ■ Advocacy and Referral – Linkage with appropriate services

Western New York Alzheimer's Caregiver Partnership (except Orleans Co.) – Education, respite and resources; Ph. 896-6388

Basic Emergency Financial Assistance ■ Counseling for Individuals, Couples and Families - Including trauma focused

Domestic Violence Victims' Counseling - Offered by all counseling offices ■ **Domestic Violence Program for Men:** Ph.: 896-6390

Encompass Health Home – Enrollment and care management for children; Ph.: 716-218-1400, x2012

Ladies of Charity – Volunteer service ministry coordinating variety of assistance programs for those in need; Ph.: 895-4001

Our Kids: Parent Education & Awareness Program – For those experiencing conflict around custody issues; Ph.: 896-6390

Parish Outreach & Advocacy; Ph.: 218-1450, x2005

COUNTY-SPECIFIC SERVICES

CATTARAUGUS & ALLEGANY

Family Services: Allegany Co.: 585-593-2015; Cattaraugus Co.: 372-0101

Kinship Caregiver Program – Assisting relative caregivers of children; **Support Groups** – Grief, Alzheimer's, Suicide Survivors and more

Multisystemic Therapy – Intensive family-based counseling program for teens; **Food Pantries** – Serving Franklinville and Wellsville areas

CHAUTAUQUA

Family Services: Dunkirk: 366-3533; Jamestown: 484-9188

Chautauqua County Outreach – Social visits to nursing home residents in Mayville and other areas

218-1450 x2005

WIC – Federal nutrition and education program serving women, infants and children across Chautauqua County

218-1484

ERIE

Information: 856-4494

Adoption & Foster Care – Foster/adoptive parent training & home studies; Support/advocacy through placement process. 856-4494 x360

Catholic Charities Service Corps – College graduates give 1 year service to non-profit program while living in community 218-1450 x2007

Chemical Dependency Treatment – Adolescent to adults' treatment for alcohol and/or substance abuse & mental health issues 895-1033

Food Pantries – Food & budget counseling assistance at four Buffalo locations, & Lackawanna and Getzville sites 218-1450 x2006

Immigration & Refugee Assistance – Case mgmt., employment & primary health care services for refugees; immigration svcs. 842-0270

Marriage Counseling – Professional counseling program at Amherst and Hamburg sites 839-4406

Mental Health Services – Psychiatric assessment, treatment of children & adults at several sites; Project HOPE for older adults 895-1033

Multisystemic Therapy – Intensive, family focused intervention serving at-risk youth and their families 204-0555

Older Adults – **Foster Grandparent Program; Telephone Assurance Program** to check on the homebound; **A Gathering Place:** social/activities program for those who may need assistance with activities of daily living; **Comprehensive Care** - Care coordination 896-6388

Parenting – **Incredible Yrs.:** Education-based group for parents of children with behavioral challenges; **Young Parents:** Home based support for parents of children under age 4 856-4494 x338

Preventive Programs – Range of family-focused programs for children and teens at risk of being placed out of the home 218-1450 x2048

School-Based Services – Provide social and emotional supports to improve students' ability to achieve academic success in public, charter and parochial schools 218-1450 x2021

Vision Military Program – Support to link past and current military members and families to community resources 877-8822 x2428

Visitation & Court Related Services – Therapeutic supervised visitation, monitored exchange & custody access/mediation 896-6390

WIC – Federal nutrition and education program serving eligible women and children at 11 sites across Erie County 218-1484

Workforce & Education – Education; pre-employment, attitudinal job readiness training, placement support & advocacy 893-3500

GENESEE, ORLEANS & WYOMING Family Services: Genesee: 585-343-0614; Orleans: 585-589-7477; Wyoming: 585-786-3440

Eastern Wyoming County Outreach – Helps meet visitation needs of those hospitalized and in skilled nursing facilities

Home Visitation – Volunteers visit homebound Genesee and Orleans County seniors **Friendly Phones** – Calls to homebound (Orleans)

NIAGARA

Family Services: Niagara Falls/North Tonawanda: 282-2351; Lockport: 433-0246

Children's Clinics – Psychiatric assessment, treatment & counseling: ages 3-18 N.Falls: 205-0825; N.Tona: 694-7749; Lkprt: 478-0315

Workforce & Ed. 893-3500; **Multisystemic Therapy** – Intensive family-based therapy for teens N.Falls/NT: 282-4991; Lkprt: 478-0035

WIC – Federal nutrition and education program serving women, infants and children across Niagara County 218-1484

MISSION

With a passion for health and compassion for all people, Encompass is committed to connecting children and their families to their chosen services and supports in a way that is respectful of their preferences, culturally sensitive to their needs and directed in a way to promote the most positive health outcomes for mind, body and spirit.

Connected & Responsive

Encompass is an evolving and growing network of over 100 care management agencies throughout 48 counties experienced in serving individuals through a diversity of services across all ages. It is led by Catholic Charities in each of five regions; Buffalo, Rochester, Syracuse, Albany and the Northern Region.

Find out more about how we can help you and who is on our team at our **website**:

www.encompasshealthhome.org

Referring Children to Encompass Family Health Home

Find the referral form on our website at:

www.ccwny.org

www.encompasshealthhome.org

For additional information, contact us in the Buffalo region:

Catholic Charities of Buffalo, N.Y.
Encompass Health Home
741 Delaware Avenue
Buffalo, NY 14209

ccb.encompasshealthhome@ccwny.org
1-716-218-1400



or contact the
Encompass Health Home Manager,
Catholic Charities of Broome County

Encompass Health Home
232 Main Street
Binghamton, NY 13905
encompasshealthhome@ccbc.net
1-844-884-4999



A collaboration of Catholic Charities
and partners across Upstate NY

CARE MANAGEMENT



A Passion for Health, Compassion for
People. Connect with Us!

Health Home Care Management

What is a Health Home?

A **Health Home isn't a home at all.** It consists of a network of providers, health plans and community-based organizations that work with you and your child to meet your child's needs. Whether it's physical/dental needs, mental health needs, or support making your lives better, we can help!

Why Encompass?

Encompass Health Home is a collaboration of **Catholic Charities** and their partners across Upstate New York managed by Catholic Charities of Broome County and supported by the Dioceses of Buffalo, Rochester, Syracuse and Albany. We have a 100-year legacy of service in Upstate New York and a team of skilled and dedicated staff working with children and families. We respect and value all families. Every family is unique and has strengths; together we work to help you achieve your goals.



Why is a Health Home Right for My Child?

Do you have a child with physical or mental health needs? Is your child struggling in multiple areas? Have you run into roadblocks trying to help care for your child and family?

Let our care managers help you! With Encompass, your care manager will help you and your child participate in an ongoing planning process that wraps services around your child and family in a way that makes sense and is comfortable for you. You'll figure out what works and what doesn't. You will have the support of your care manager 24/7.

We understand that everyone is different with different needs. **We want everyone to have a voice and a choice.** Your care manager will make sure your specific needs are met according to your preferences.

There are many ways a care manager may help you. Some of these include:

- Helping you take care of your family by making sure your child gets appointments with doctors, dentists, mental health providers or specialists and reminding you of your appointments
- Inviting everyone you consider important to keeping your child healthy, safe and on track to a meeting to talk about how we can all do this together
- Linking you and your child with others who have walked in your shoes and can let you know how they succeeded
- Helping you and your child talk to those you love so they better understand you and what you need
- Being available to help you and your child whenever needed, 24/7

Who Can Join?

- Is your child enrolled in Medicaid?
- Does your child have chronic health issues such as Asthma, Diabetes or Cardiac Disorders?

-OR-

Does your child have one of these diagnoses?

- HIV/AIDS
- Serious Emotional Disturbance (SED)
- Complex Trauma

- Are you having trouble meeting your child's health needs? Do you feel alone or in need of help?

For additional resources and a complete list of qualifying chronic conditions, see the DOH website for Health Homes Serving Children at:
https://www.health.ny.gov/health_care/medicaid//program/medicaid_health_homes/health_homes_and_children.htm





Immaculate Conception School

October 19, 2017

Dear Parent/Guardian:

The Diocese of Buffalo is working to fully comply with all the directives of the *Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People* implemented by the U.S. Catholic Bishops in 2002. In addition to training all adult staff and volunteers that work with children, the Diocese of Buffalo is also training children in sexual abuse awareness.

Sexual abuse awareness training mandated by the Diocese of Buffalo will be conducted at our school. The training is a way for your child to learn to recognize and respond appropriately and assertively to issues such as improper touch, tricks used by sexual predators, and Internet safety.

Your child will not be exposed to specific sexual language or depictions of graphic situations. A copy of the diocesan approved lesson plan for your child's age group is available at school.

If you **do not** wish for your child to participate, please sign the release below, detach it, and return it to school by October 26, 2017.

Sincerely,

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

I ask that my child/children _____
be excused from attending the Sexual Abuse Awareness session at Immaculate Conception School. I understand that it is my right and responsibility as a parent under guidelines of the Catholic Church to do any such instruction myself.

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date

510 Oakwood Avenue • East Aurora, New York 14052

Phone: (716) 652-5855 • Fax: (716) 805-0192



Immaculate Conception School

Dear Immaculate Conception Parents,

GO-FIGHT-WIN! The ICS Cheerleading Spirit Squad is back again this year! The team will consist of 4th through 8th graders, no prior cheerleading experience required. Practices will be once a week on Fridays after school. Team members will learn cheers, chants and a pom routine. The team will focus on cheering fundamentals (jumps, formations, synchronization, etc). The team will cheer on the boys' and girls' basketball teams at home games, and be part of ICS Spirit Day during Catholic Schools' Week. We will also do a community service project during the holidays.

There are **no mounts** or "pyramids" per Diocesan regulations. The team is open to boys and girls. If your child is interested, please complete the form below and send it into the office in an envelope labeled "ICS Spirit Squad" before November 3.

Thank you,

J'Neene Sexton (680-2779)

Immaculate Conception School

Yes, my child is interested in participating in the 2017-18 cheerleading team!

Student Name _____ Grade _____

E-mail _____



BISON
CHILDREN'S SCHOLARSHIP FUND
Giving Parents a Choice • Giving Children a Chance

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.





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)

(716) 854-0869 ext. 1 | cmcdonald@bisonfund.com
(716) 854-0869 ext. 3 | apopadick@bisonfund.com

Food Collection for Thanksgiving

**“I was hungry and you gave me to eat.
I was thirsty and you gave me a drink.”
Matthew 25:35**

As we move into fall, we must remember there is no season for hunger and need. This year we will be distributing to various organizations. Your donations are greatly needed and appreciated.

Please bring in the items as soon as possible. Thank you!

Grade 1: Tuna helper, tuna fish, mac & cheese, peanut butter and jelly

Grade 2: Cereal, oatmeal, pancake mix and syrup

Grade 3: Stuffing, rice, pasta products, coffee, juice, cocoa, tea bags

Grade 4: Canned fruit, apple sauce, cranberry sauce, fruit cocktail,

Grade 5: Canned vegetables, soups, baked beans, beef stew in cans

Grade 6: Ketchup, mustard, mayo, salad dressings, cooking oil

Grade 7: Spaghetti and sauce, Ravioli, Spaghetti-O's

Grade 8: Cake mixes, biscuit mix, cookie or brownie mix, Jell-o or pudding

Items need to be in by November 9th.

FINAL WINE WHINE!!!

**WE ARE STILL IN NEED OF BOTTLES OF WINE
TO STOCK THE WINE TENT
AT THIS SATURDAY'S
FESTA CON VINO**

**If you have already donated wine, THANK YOU!
Your help is very much appreciated!**

If you have yet to donate, there is still time.

**Unopened bottles of wine may be left at:
428 Fillmore Avenue, East Aurora
(tan house, located between N. Grove and Maple Street, directly
behind the East Aurora Main Street School)**

**Due to proximity to the Middle School, please leave donations at the
side door, out of view from the street.**

**Alternatively, call or text Thérèse Cich at
864-6296 to arrange for a pick-up.**

**Wine bottles may also be dropped off at the school Friday or Saturday
during set-up for Festa.**

NO WINE WILL BE REFUSED!!!