



Immaculate Conception School

October 4, 2017 Newsletter



IMPORTANT DATES/UPCOMING EVENTS

- October 5 No School-Faculty Professional Development Day
- October 6-9 No School-Columbus Day (Observed Monday)
- October 10 8th Grade trip to Corning
- October 13 Hot Lunch and Free Dress Down Day
- October 17 School Mass at 9:15 am

FROM THE DESK OF MR. KAPPERMAN

Dear Parents,

As promised I met with Sister Judy, a representative from the East Aurora Police Department DARE Division and a couple members of a diversity awareness group to plan an assembly for our students in grades five through eight. They will be addressing tolerance and how to handle differences. The focus for this presentation will be "All Are Welcome". The date and time will be shared as soon as I hear back from the organization planning the event.

Thank you to all of the parents that volunteered at Hamlin Park for our Harvest Hike. All the proceeds from the event will be going to assist victims of the catastrophic hurricanes that devastated parts of the United States through Catholic Charities USA. Our children raised \$5,061 so far with some pledges still outstanding. Great work everyone! Thank you also to Mrs. Benzin and the Girls Scouts that attend Immaculate Conception for helping to organize this event. Seeing many community members and organizations come together to help those in need is a priceless lesson in community service and compassion.

Immaculate Conception School's Friday STREAM academies will be starting up again very soon. This year we have some old favorites and some new academies in the line-up. Some of the academies included in this rotation are Lip Balm, Debate Team, Holy Lego, Rockin' Roller Coaster, and Design with a Message to name a few. Please monitor your email for requests from Miss Bender for volunteers to come in and help.

I appreciate the care and concern that everyone has been exercising in following the traffic flow pattern for morning drop offs. Please remember to drive slowly as there are many pedestrians and tight corners in our lots and I do not want anyone to get hurt. The safety of everyone in the parking lots takes everyone working together.

10/8 27th Week in Ordinary Time

Justice Challenge: October 7th is the memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary. When Pope John Paul II added the Luminous Mysteries to the Joyful, Sorrowful, and Glorious Mysteries, he did so to engage us more deeply in the events in the life of Christ. The Pope believed that meditating on Jesus' life can help us be better disciples. Your challenge this week is to look at the Gospel through the lens of justice. See if you can come up with five times when Jesus fought for justice for those whom society shunned. Then pray the Rosary, using each of the five Gospel stories as the reflection leading into a decade. If you don't have time for a whole Rosary, then choose one story of justice in Jesus' life and pray one decade. In either case, open your heart Jesus' call to you to be just and to advocate for justice for all God's people.

I hope everyone enjoys our extended Columbus Day weekend and the beautiful weather that is predicted with family and friends. Take some time to thank God for all the wonderful things you enjoy together.

Sincerely,



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



October 2017

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2 1:15 – 2:45 Harvest Hike	3 Harvest Hike (rain date)	4	5 NO SCHOOL (East Aurora Conference Day)	6 NO SCHOOL	7
8	9 NO SCHOOL Columbus Day	10 8 th Grade Trip to Corning 7 – 8:30 pm – Parent Reconciliation Meeting	11 10:00 am – Fire Prevention Assembly (K-4)	12	13 Hot Lunch Dress Down Day STREAM	14 9-10:30 am – Parent Reconciliation Meeting
15	16 1:00 pm – Gr. 3 Zumba Activities	17 9:15 am – SCHOOL MASS Teacher Appreciation Lunch 7-8:30 pm – Parent/Student Workshop	18 Fall Book Fair Gr. 6 Field Trip to Burchfield Art Center Gr. 3 Field Trip to Tift Nature Preserve	19 1:00 pm - Zoomobile 7 – 8:30 pm – Parent/Student Workshop	20 Picture Retake Day STREAM	21 Festa Con Vino
22	23 Grades K & 1 Field Trip to Kelkenberg Farm	24 7 th Grade Retreat 8 th Grade Field Trip to Roycroft Inn 4 th Grade Field Trip to Tift Nature Preserve 7-8:30 pm – First Eucharist Parent Meeting	25 3:00 – 5:00 pm - Pumpkin Carving	26 1 st Trimester Progress Reports NOON DISMISSAL Parent/Teacher Conferences	27 NO SCHOOL Parent/Teacher Conferences	28 9-10:30 am – First Eucharist Parent Meeting
29	30 10:30 am – Gr. 4 Lego Adventure	31 1:15 pm – Halloween Parade				

FESTA CON VINO

- ✚ We are in need of people to help in the kitchen for Festa preparations. Please consider offering your time to support this fundraiser for Immaculate Conception. We are in need of kitchen assistance on ***Thursday October 12th*** from 10-2 (preparation), ***Friday October 20th*** 10-4 (preparation) and on ***October 21st***
- ✚ Also remember to send in your **\$5.00 per family** for food expenses by October 9th
- ✚ If you have an extra gift card that you would like to donate for the cost of food and products we would appreciate that as well!

Please contact the office to sign up or contact Tricia at
984-1503

Thank you for volunteering to help make Festa Con Vino
2017 a huge success!

Tricia Kawado

(Mother to Jonah grade 7 & Alaura grade 2)

Festa Food Chairperson

176 Catholic Dioceses in the United States



Ten Dioceses

with the **Largest Enrollments:**

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| Los Angeles | Cincinnati |
| Chicago | Brooklyn |
| New York | St. Louis |
| Philadelphia | Boston |
| Cleveland | New Orleans |

6,429
Catholic schools
5,224 elementary
1,205 secondary



Nearly 1.9 Million
Total Catholic School
Student Enrollment

1,309,429

in Elementary/
Middle Schools

569,395

in Secondary Schools

78.4%

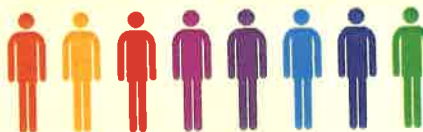
of Catholic schools serve
students with special needs.

National Secondary School Graduation
Rate in Catholic Schools is **99.3%**

Based on the average public school per
pupil cost of **\$11,066**, Catholic schools
provide more than **20 billion** dollars
a year savings for the nation.

STUDENT DIVERSITY

20.7% are racial minorities,
16.8% are Hispanic/Latino



Non-Catholic Enrollment is
345,327
(18.4% of Total Enrollment)

20 new schools opened;
96 consolidated or closed.

1,739 schools have
a waiting list for admission.

Coeducational schools
comprise **98.6%** of
elementary and **70.0%** of
secondary schools. At the
secondary level, **12.7%** of
the schools are male and
17.3% are female.

29 states and the District of
Columbia have legislation that
provides some form of financial
assistance to parents to help
them choose a private or faith-
based education for their children.
Currently there are **61 publicly-
financed programs** (vouchers,
scholarships, education savings
accounts and tax relief) assisting
more than **1.5 million families**
with financial resources that
enable them to exercise choice
in their selection of a school for
their children.

Every Catholic school student
receives a faith-based,
academically excellent
education that forms them
in mind, body and spirit.

Full-time equivalent professional staff numbered **152,883:**

97.4%: Laity

(Lay women: 75.3% Lay men: 22.1%)

2.6%: Religious/Clergy

(Sisters: 1.6%; Brothers: 0.5%; Clergy: 0.5%)



The
student/
teacher
ratio is
12:1.

