



Immaculate Conception School

September 20, 2018 Newsletter



IMPORTANT DATES/UPCOMING EVENTS

- September 21 FREE Dress UP Day and Hot Lunch and Picture Day
- September 24 Band Begins
- September 28 NO SCHOOL- Bi-annual Convocation
- September 29 Festa Con Vino
- October 1 Paula Bogoevski Memorial Walk
- October 2 Paula Bogoevski Memorial Walk (Rain Date)/ Grade 8 Parent and Student Workshop

FROM THE DESK OF MR. KAPPERMAN

Dear Parents,

The following notices must be printed annually in the parent newsletter:

- 1). **Fire Inspection:** "Notice is hereby given that the annual inspection for the 2018-19 school year at Immaculate Conception School for fire hazards which might endanger the lives of the students, teachers, and employees therein has occurred and the report thereof is available in the main office of the School for inspection by all interested persons."
- 2). **AHERA:** (Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act) We are notifying you that according to AHERA regulations we are required to have an asbestos plan in place. If any parent, teacher, or employee wishes to see this plan, a request can be made to the school office where the plan is filed.
- 3). **Attendance Policy:** New York State law requires that all children between the ages of six and seventeen attend school. Absence for the following reasons is excused by law: sickness or death in the family, religious observances, quarantine, required court appearances or attendance at organized clinics. Examples of unexcused absences include family trips or vacation, job hunting, employment, shopping and hunting. A child whose parents expect him/her to be in school is truant if he/she does not attend for other than lawful reasons. Medical and dental appointments should be made outside of school time whenever possible and avoid missing the same class if the appointment cannot be made for outside of school hours.

**The entire Comprehensive Attendance Policy can be viewed in its entirety within the Immaculate Conception School Parent/Student Handbook which is planned to go out next week.

I want to remind you that NYSED now requires two lockdown drills to occur in the fall and two lockdown drills to occur in the spring. These will be unannounced. In the event you are trying to enter or leave school during one of these drills, please have patience as no one will be allowed to enter or exit until the drill is complete.

THANK YOU for your cooperation with the new safety protocols that are in place to keep our children safe and secure. I truly appreciate it!

Exciting News!!: Immaculate Conception School has partnered with BOCES and they will be loaning the School two Hummingbird Robotics Kits. This partnership will allow the students to have access to robotics and computer programming through real time, hands on experiences. During Tech classes, Ms. Perry will be taking the students down to the Makerspace to work on some projects using the Hummingbird Kits. Check them out at www.hummingbirdkit.com.

Donation Request: We are in need of your old legos for teaching the children coding lessons in the School. Please drop them off in the main office if you are able to help out. Thank you!

I hope everyone has a wonderful week!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Scott C. Kapperman", with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

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

Principal



Immaculate Conception School

Dear ICS Families,

We are off and running on another exciting year! This year in Technology class we are starting our curriculum with **Internet Safety and Digital Citizenship** in all grades.

With the Internet being so readily available to our children, we feel that this is a crucial part of their learning experience. Most classes have already begun to learn about being safe online and I am sending home some family tip sheets that correspond with topics that we cover in class. Please read through them and talk to your children about what they are learning.

Also, just a reminder that we cannot use computers until every student has turned in their signed Acceptable Use Policy. They were due Friday, September 7th. Please return those as soon as possible. You can also find a copy on my staff webpage at www.icschoolea.org.

Thank you and have a great day!

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Ms. Perry'.

Ms. Roxanne Perry

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Common Sense on Talking Safely Online



What's the Issue?

Kids love connecting with others online. Most young people talk online only with their friends and family. But as a parent, you might be concerned that a stranger with bad intent (predator) could contact your child.

Predatory behavior is when people contact your child on the internet (mostly through instant messaging, chat rooms, or social networking sites) and attempt to “groom” your child for a relationship. These people try to win children’s trust by hiding their true identities. They may try to get kids into creepy or dangerous situations by pretending to have similar interests, giving them compliments, and letting them talk about anything they want. They typically tell children to keep the friendship secret, and they may even threaten kids if they tell anybody. As the relationship develops, the predator may send pictures, ask a child to send them pictures, and then ask to meet face to face.

Why Does It Matter?

Teaching your child to be alert about how predators groom their targets is crucial to keeping your child safe. With very small kids, it is best if you are present when they are online. At this age, you may choose to block your kids from talking online, or create strict rules for them to follow about who they can talk to. For older elementary school children, you may choose to give them more freedom after first discussing how to stay safe online.

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Discuss responsible online behavior. Establish rules for appropriate instant messaging and chatting online, and explain that you’re using those rules because you care about their safety. You may want to involve an older sibling who can model good online behavior and can stay involved in their younger siblings’ online lives.

Establish rules for who’s okay to talk to. Online talk should generally be with people your children know, like family and friends.

Set boundaries for what topics are okay to discuss. Kids shouldn’t answer questions online that make them feel uncomfortable. They also shouldn’t talk about adult topics with strangers.

Make sure your child feels safe telling a trusted adult. If something creepy or inappropriate happens online, kids need to know they won’t get in trouble if they tell an adult they trust. Also, avoid banning them from the computer. Kids are less likely to tell parents when they experience a problem on the computer if they think as a result they won’t be allowed to use it.

Remind your kids not to give strangers private information. Kids should never give out their name, address, school, phone number, email, pictures, or anything that could identify who they are.

Block, ignore, or leave. Most kids know to brush off unwanted contact. Encourage this behavior.

Look for warning signs. Does your child seem withdrawn, emotionally distant, spend endless hours online, or seem to be hiding something? The kids who get sucked into inappropriate online relationships often show warning signs. They might be hiding an online relationship they don’t want you to know about. If you think this might be happening, ask your child about it!

Common Sense on Protecting and Respecting Privacy



What's the Issue?

Our kids live in a culture of sharing that has forever changed the concept of privacy. In a world where everyone is connected and anything created online can be copied, pasted, and sent to thousands of people in a heartbeat, privacy starts to mean something different than simply guarding personal or private information. Each time your child fills out a profile without privacy controls, comments on something, posts a video, or texts a picture of themselves to friends, they potentially broadcast themselves to the world.

Why Does It Matter?

Digital life is both public and permanent. Everything our kids do online creates digital footprints that migrate and persist. Something that happens on the spur of the moment – a funny picture, an angry post – can resurface years later. And if kids aren't careful, their reputations can be harmed. Your child may think he or she just sent something to a friend – but that friend can send it to a friend's friend, who can send it to their friends' friends, and so on. That's how secrets become headlines and how false information spreads fast and furiously. The stakes only increase when we remember that all of this takes place in front of a huge, invisible audience. Kids' deepest secrets can be shared with thousands of people they've never even met.

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Help kids think long term. Everything leaves a digital footprint. Whatever gets created may never go away. If they don't want to see it public tomorrow, they'd better not post it today. Explain to them that nothing is really private online – no matter what they think. Privacy settings aren't infallible. Others can pass on information that is supposed to be private. It's up to kids to protect themselves by thinking twice before they post anything that could damage their reputation or that someone else could use to embarrass or hurt them.

Teach kids to keep personal information private. Help kids define which information is important for them to keep private when they're online. To start, we recommend that kids not share their addresses, phone numbers, or birth dates.

Make sure your kids use privacy settings on their social network pages. Encourage kids to think carefully about the nature of their relationships (close friends, family, acquaintances, strangers) and adjust their privacy settings accordingly.

Remind kids to protect their friends' privacy. Passing along a rumor or identifying someone in a picture (called "tagging") affects other people's privacy. If your kids are tagged in friends' photos, they can ask to have the photos or the tags removed. But beyond that, there's not too much they can do.

Remind kids that the Golden Rule applies online. What goes around comes around. If kids spread a rumor or talk trash about a teacher, they can't assume that what they post will stay private. Whatever negative things they say can and probably will come back to haunt them, in more ways than they can imagine.

Elementary Spanish enrichment continues at Immaculate Conception School!



Capture the opportunity in your child's development!

SPANISH FOR THE ELEMENTARY YEARS is an educationally oriented fun and interactive program designed specifically for the K-5 elementary student. The unique six-week curriculum features foundation vocabulary introduced through games, singing and hands-on activities. Students are able to compound words and begin forming simple sentences. Classes are never a repeat! Three different sessions are offered during the school year. **New vocabulary and activities are introduced with each 6-week session!** Returning students can continue expanding their vocabulary base and new students can begin building their vocabulary base. Our program uses a 5-year rotation of lesson plans! New and returning students can join. Research studies have indicated the benefits of introducing foreign language skills at an early age! Join the fun!

Enroll your child for this amazing educational experience!

Classes are held after-school at Immaculate Conception on WEDNESDAYS from 3:05p.m. - 3:45p.m. The class fee is \$60. Classes meet 10/24 - 12/5 (no class 11/21). Register early-class will fill quickly!

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: MONDAY, OCTOBER 8th

(Registration will close when class is full!)

PLEASE NOTE: All students must be signed out at 3:45p.m. from the library. Students attending the aftercare program will be escorted to their program after Spanish.



Child's Name: _____ Grade: _____ Teacher: _____

Phone #(cell & home) _____ E-Mail: _____

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

Allergies/Special Needs: _____ Emergency Contact/Phone #: _____

I give permission for _____ to participate in the Spanish For The Elementary Years program. I assume all responsibility to include legal and financial for any and all liability issues, safety issues, accident related issues, etc. I will hold LearnIts, Inc., d.b.a. CultureKids, any and all related instructors and/or Immaculate Conception harmless for any and all liability as a result of this program.

Parent Signature

Date

•My child will be (circle one): getting picked up after Spanish class OR going to After School Program @Immaculate Conception

•In the unforeseen event that there is a last minute emergency cancellation of Spanish class, please indicate how your child should get home from school at dismissal. (We will make every effort to contact you at the above numbers if this should happen).

This is how my child should go home if Spanish is canceled: _____

Register on-line at www.CultureKidsClub.com (under class schedules tab) or mail registration form with enclosed check for full payment (\$60) directly to CultureKids, 6700 Chesley Ct., East Amherst, N.Y. 14051. Checks are made payable to CultureKids. Please do NOT submit form to the school as it will delay your registration.

Please record the start dates. For more information contact CultureKids at 716.523.9538 or www.CultureKidsClub.com.



Theme Baskets

Festa Con Vino and Christmas Bazaar

are looking for a donation of \$25 per family to assemble

60 Gift Baskets (30 for each event)

Between the two fundraisers we have made historically made about
\$8,000

Please send your donation into the office labeled:

Theme Baskets

And be sure to put your familie's name on the envelope

We genuinely appreciate your support!

FESTA FOOD UPDATE

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED TO MAKE OUR FUNDRAISER FOR OUR CHILDREN A SUCCESS.....

1. **FAMILY CONTRIBUTION:** WE ARE ASKING FAMILIES AT IMMACULATE CONCEPTION TO DONATE \$5-\$10 **PER FAMILY** TO COVER THE COST OF FOOD FOR OUR FUNDRAISER. MOST OF THE FOOD FOR THE EVENT IS HOMEMADE AND WE COUNT ON THE MONEY DONATIONS FROM THE FAMILIES IN ORDER TO PURCHASE WHAT IS NEEDED TO MAKE THE FOOD FOR FESTA. THE EVENT IS IN 11 DAYS. PLEASE HAVE YOUR MONEY IN BY THIS FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 21ST AS I WILL BE SHOPPING ON MONDAY.
2. **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** WE NEED MORE VOLUNTEERS TO HELP PREPARE FOOD FOR FESTA. WE NEED ASSISTANCE ON FRIDAY AND SATURDAY. PLEASE SIGN UP ON LINE OR CONTACT TRICIA AT tkawado@phoenixcon.com TO LET ME KNOW OF YOUR AVAILABILITY.
3. **BAKERS NEEDED:** WE ARE IN NEED OF DESSERTS FOR FESTA. PLEASE CONSIDER BAKING A DESSERT- CONTACT ME AT tkawado@phoenixcon.com TO LET ME KNOW WHAT YOU WILL BE BAKING.
4. **ATTENTION 8TH GRADE PARENTS:** I AM LOOKING FOR 8 8TH GRADE VOLUNTEERS TO HELP PREPARE FOR FESTA ON FRIDAY THE 28TH. THIS WILL HELP THE STUDENTS GIVE BACK TO THEIR SCHOOL. THE CHILDREN WON'T BE COOKING IN THE KITCHEN BUT WILL BE HELPING WITH SETTING UP, WRITING THANK YOU CARDS, AND ASSISTING WITH OTHER DUTIES TO HELP THE FUNDRAISER BE SUCCESSFUL. I WILL BE AT THE SCHOOL STARTING AT 10:00. PLEASE EMAIL ME THE TIME THAT YOU CAN HAVE YOUR CHILD AT THE SCHOOL. PLEASE INSTRUCT THEM TO COME TO THE KITCHEN AND TO SEE ME. FEEL FREE TO SEND A BAG LUNCH IF THEY WILL BE THERE DURING LUNCH. I WILL ONLY NEED 8-10 VOLUNTEERS SO I WILL TAKE THE FIRST THAT RESPOND. MY EMAIL ADDRESS IS tkawado@phoenixcon.com.

THANK YOU- TRICIA KAWADO



Fall into Scrip!

Buying Scrip cards is a great way to shop and earn money for our school at the same time! When you shop through Scrip, a percentage of the proceeds will come back to our school to help with fundraising efforts.

Look for these great retailers:

Amazon \$25 • Applebee's \$25 • Barnes & Noble \$10
Bath & Body Works \$10 • Bed, Bath & Beyond \$25 • Dick's \$25
Dunkin' Donuts \$10 • Olive Garden/Longhorn Steakhouse \$25
Outback \$25 • Panera \$10 • Red Robin \$25 • Regal \$25
Starbucks \$10 • Subway \$10 • Tim Horton's \$10

Scrip is perfect for:

Back to school shopping • Gift giving • Just because!



Contact Becky Davidson at (716) 587-2837 or stop by the Scrip table before or after mass or at the Rectory.

Scrip Cards

<p>___ Amazon.com (2.25%) \$25</p> <p>___ American Eagle (10%) \$25</p> <p>___ Applebee's (8%) \$25</p> <p>___ Barnes & Noble (8%) \$10</p> <p>___ Bath & Body Works (12%) \$10</p> <p>___ Bed, Bath & Beyond (7%) \$25</p> <p>___ Cabela's (8%) \$25</p> <p>___ Cheesecake Factory (5%) \$25</p> <p>___ CVS (6%) \$25</p> <p>___ Dick's (8%) \$25</p> <p>___ Dunkin Doughnuts (3%) \$10</p> <p>___ Family Video (12%) \$10</p> <p>___ Federal Meats (5%) \$20</p> <p>___ Gap/Old Navy (14%) \$25</p> <p>___ Home Depot (4%) \$25</p> <p>___ iTunes/Apple (5%) \$15</p> <p>___ JC Penney (5%) \$25</p> <p>___ JoAnn Fabric (6%) \$25</p> <p>___ Kohl's (4%) \$25</p> <p>___ Land's End (15%) \$25</p> <p>___ LL Bean (16%) \$25</p> <p>___ Lowe's (4%) \$25</p> <p>___ Macy's (10%) \$25</p> <p>___ Mobil (1%) \$50</p> <p>___ Olive Garden/Longhorn(8%)\$25</p> <p>___ Outback (8%) \$25</p>	<p>___ Panara Bread (8%) \$10</p> <p>___ Petsmart (5%) \$25</p> <p>___ Pizza Hut (8%) \$10</p> <p>___ Red Robin (8%) \$25</p> <p>___ Red Lobster (8%) \$25</p> <p>___ Regal (8%) \$25</p> <p>___ Rite Aid (4%) \$25</p> <p>___ Starbuck's (7%) \$10</p> <p>___ Subway (6%) \$10</p> <p>___ Sunoco (1%) \$50</p> <p>___ Target (2.5%) \$10 \$25</p> <p>___ TGIF (9%) \$25</p> <p>___ Tim Horton's (5%) \$10</p> <p>___ TJ Max/Marshall's (7%) \$25</p> <p>___ Top's (5%) \$10, \$25, \$50, \$100</p> <p>___ WalMart (2.5%) \$25</p>
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Please fill out form, attach check/cash and put in an envelope with my name. It should take up to a week to get your order filled and I will call you when your order is in and will send home you're your child.

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Any questions call Becky Davidson at 587-2837

Extra orders on the back

Extra cards to order
