



Immaculate Conception School

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NEWSLETTER – January 2018

Caring for Everyone in Our Common Home

Virtue of the Month - Courage

Work Well, Play Well, Pray Well

Principal's Message

Happy New Year and welcome back to a new and exciting year! I hope you all had an enjoyable and restful holiday! Thank you to everyone for your kind words and thoughtful gifts over the holidays. I am so humbled by your continued support!

Our virtue this month is courage. Each day in our world, we are witness to amazing acts of courage. Being courageous requires us to often do and say things that may be difficult. Let us encourage our children to demonstrate courage by doing what is right even if it seems difficult and overwhelming!

"Be strong and courageous.

Do not be afraid or terrified of them, for the Lord your God goes with you;

He will never leave you nor forsake you." (Deuteronomy 31:6)

Our Explore Friday program begins again later on this month. Please let us know if you are interested to helping or leading an activity.

Catholic Schools Week will kick off on Sunday, January 28 with our Parish/School Mass. We will be celebrating what makes Catholic Education so special and unique. Thank you for saying yes to Catholic Education!

Wishing you all a joyful month!

Dates to Remember

January 8	Play & Learn 6 PM
January 9	MunchaLunch Opens for February ordering
January 12	School Mass led by Gr. 1
January 16	Parent Support Group AGM 7 PM School Library
January 24	MunchaLunch closes at NOON
January 26	Spirit Day- Hawaiian/Tacky tourist day/Grade 5 Movie Night
January 28	School Parish Mass 11AM
January 28	Catholic Schools Week begins this week with Parish School Mass
January 29	Pro D Day– NO SCHOOL

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Faith Matters

MASS

School Mass

School Mass led by Grade 1 will take place Friday January 12th at 9 AM.

School Parish Mass

Our school parish mass will take place Sunday January 28 at 11 AM. This is the kick off of Catholic Schools Week.

Mass Schedule IC Parish

Daily Mass 9 AM M-Sat
Sundays 9 AM, 11 AM, 7 PM

Pastor: Fr Chris Lynch

www.icparish.ca

Acts of Service

Thank you for all the generous donations to St Vincent De Paul and The Children's hospital and thank you to the grade 5 students who organized the charity couch draw at the Christmas Concert.



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Parents

Recycling

We continue to recycle hard plastics and paper. Please support our Grade 7 end of year trip- drop off your recycled bottles, cans, juice boxes at PG Recycling and Return It Centre (near Costco) – IC Grade 7 account. Thank you!



Kindergarten Registration

We will be allocating our spaces for **Kindergarten 2018** this month. If you have younger siblings or know of any interested in attending for this coming September please have them complete a registration form and return to the office as soon as possible. To register click [HERE](#) for registration form.

Volunteer Opportunities

Explore Fridays

Friday Jan 19, Jan 26 and Feb 2. Would you like to help out with an activity? Do you have an idea for an activity or would like to lead a group of explorers? Please contact the office or sign up using the link below.

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1VQ5L7Mrfd1PCfxHh7BkyCww7niRyYC2z5MtAI6I8Cs4/edit?usp=sharing>

Valentine's Cookies

If you are able to bake cookies or help package them, please contact the office or sign up using the link below.

https://docs.google.com/document/d/14YhgE7Q_FQVC8VCVXMxLYRSg1sZYK5M1DmA49DYW_Rw/edit?usp=sharing

Hair Checks

Each term we check each student's hair as one way of preventing outbreaks of head lice. Hair checks will take place on Thursday, February 15th. **We would be very happy to train some new volunteers for this "exciting" volunteer opportunity. Please contact the office if you can help with this or sign up using the link below.**

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1776iGaoXJ6b3sdK1bzsIZviN1JSp9izo4cVY7lkU-k8/edit?usp=sharing>

Safety First

Throughout the school day the entrance doors will be locked. All those wishing to enter the school will need to ring the doorbell to the main entrance and will be buzzed in. All visitors **MUST** sign in at the school office.

Grade 5 Movie Night

Grade 5 Movie Night. We will be hosting a movie night for the school on **Friday, January 26th**. Thanks to all those who signed up to help back at the open house in September. We will have a meeting to organize the details on **Monday January 8th at 3.00 in the Grade 5 classroom**. If you can't make it but are still able to help please send me an email and include any suggestions you may have. In the past Grade 5 have coordinated supper, run a draw with some prizes, hosted a concession, provided face painting and of course accepted donations. We don't have to do all these or maybe we will come up with a few new ideas. All proceeds will go towards covering the cost of going to Barkerville. It is also a great opportunity for students to learn about what is involved in hosting a great event.



Science Fair Judges Needed

Immaculate Conception School will be hosting a School Science fair for students in Grades 4 – 7 on Thursday March 1st. The event runs from 9 AM – 2:30 PM and lunch will be provided. An information booklet will be mailed out to prospective judges in January. If you are interested in helping out, please email ksvendsen@cispg.ca or Thank you!

If you have not already submitted a permission form please do so ASAP. The forms can be found [HERE](#). There is also an Informed Consent Form. This can be found [HERE](#).

Parent Support Group

Annual General Meeting

The Parent Support Group's Annual General Meeting will take place January 16th at 7 PM in school library.

All parents are members and are encouraged to attend.

Please consider coming out and perhaps volunteering. So many of our special events are a result of the PSG's hard work.

Shopping Card Program

THANK YOU!!!

Thank you to everyone who supported our shopping card program. By purchasing your shopping cards through the school you can help raise money for our Parent Support Group. Please don't forget to keep purchasing your shopping cards. They are perfect for grocery shopping and gift giving. Let's keep it up!! A big thank you to Nick Reiffarth who works hard to keep this program running within our school and parish community.

Valentine's Cookies Spread the Love

We will once again be baking cookies for Valentine's Day. Every cookie purchased will go to students and staff at our sister schools, our seniors at our parish and to local charities.

Forms will be coming home shortly. Thanks for helping us spread the love and supporting our PSG!



Immaculate Conception Community Family Play and Learn Program

Monday January 8th 6 PM

If you are a child who is 3 or 4 years old, bring your parents to the IC Community Play and Learn Program! This program is held one evening a month for any three and four year old and their parents. The evening will consist of a variety of fun, learning activities where children get to learn while doing interactive activities with their parents. We will also have a healthy snack with great discussion topics. Join us on the following Mondays starting from 6 – 7PM. Please RSVP to the office if you plan to attend.

Future dates for your calendar:
Feb 5, March 5

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Extra-Curricular



Musical Theatre Club

Resumes Monday January 8th
after-school from 3-4 PM.

Explore Friday's

Explore Friday's will resume
January 19th. Please contact
the office if you are able to
volunteer or sign up online.
Please let us know if you
have any suggestions for
activities that the children
may like to try.



Basketball

It's that time of year! Basketball season will begin shortly. More
information to follow.



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