



## Immaculate Conception School

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### Principal's Message

A big thank you to all staff, students and parents for making our first month of school so incredibly successful. For the month of October, we are focusing on *Respect*, which includes respect for others and for ourselves. As Thanksgiving approaches, we thank God for our many blessings and all the gifts He has blessed us with. We come to Him with a grateful heart and consider how He may be asking us to reach out to those who are less fortunate than us. What is God asking of us?

As we continue along in our learning journey, I continue to encourage students to focus on their *Growth Mindset*, allowing themselves to be challenged and to take the learning risks necessary to develop their confidence and belief in themselves as learners.

Good luck to our Kodiak runners participating in our Kodiak Cross Country Meet on Wednesday. Thank you to all of our coaches and parent volunteers for this event.

Wishing you all a blessed month.

## The Giving Tree & Thanksgiving Food Drive

This year, we will again support the Giving Tree at the annual Festival of Trees. In a special way we will be supporting the Youth Around Prince George and the John Howard Society. More information to follow.

As we have always done a collection for the Thanksgiving Food Drive, if you would like to send in items of non-perishable food for St. Vincent de Paul, please do so by Friday, October 5<sup>th</sup>



### Upcoming School Events

#### **October 3**

IC Cross Country Meet at 3PM

#### **October 5**

School Mass at 9AM. Led by Kindergarten students

#### **October 8**

Thanksgiving Day! NO CLASSES

#### **October 9**

MunchaLunch opens for November Ordering-Noon

#### **October 11**

Rosary Assembly-11AM  
Volleyball Game  
IC@St Mary's-3PM

#### **October 17**

Photo Retakes-10:30 AM

#### **October 18**

Volleyball Game  
St.Mary's@IC-3PM  
Parent/Teacher Meeting  
5-8PM

#### **October 19**

Parent/Teacher Interview  
8:30 AM-12 PM- NO CLASSES

#### **October 23**

MunchaLunch Closes-  
NOON

#### **October 24**

Volleyball Game  
IC@Cedars-3PM

# Faith Matters

## Rosary Assembly

**Thursday, October 11th.** During the month of October we honour Mary, the mother of Jesus, who was an extraordinary person. The students will be learning about a special prayer to Mary called the Rosary. More details about the Rosary are attached to this newsletter. We will have a special assembly on Thursday, October 11<sup>th</sup> at 11am in the church. All are welcome.

## Parents

### Individual Photo Retakes

Photo retakes will take place Wednesday, October 17<sup>th</sup> at 10:30am. Please make sure to sign and have your child bring their original Mountain West Order Form that was sent home to **give directly to the photographer** to receive retakes. If your child was absent the day photos were taken, they can come to the office and we will verify with the photographer that a photo is needed.

### Extra –Curricular

**Musical Theatre** rehearsal is held each Monday, 3-4:15 PM Great Job Kodiaks who participated in the College Heights Cross Country Meet last week! Our IC Cross Country Meet will take place on Wednesday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> from 3-4:15 PM. Thank you to all who have agreed to volunteer to help and a great big thank you to Ms. Ames who tirelessly organizes this annual event.

**Volleyball** girls practice is held each Tuesday, 3-4:15 PM and boys is held each Wednesday, 3-4:15 PM unless otherwise noted on the volleyball calendar. Please ensure that you check the calendar for game time and place confirmations. Remember if the team is listed first (ie Girls/Boys or Boys/Girls), the first team plays 3-3:45 PM and the second plays 3:45-4:30 PM.

### Free Basketball Camp

There is a free basketball camp taking place on Friday, October 19<sup>th</sup> and Saturday October 20<sup>th</sup> at Northern Bounce Courts Roll-a-Dome for students in Grade 6 and 7. If you would like to attend, ask at the office for a pamphlet. Registration is due by October 12<sup>th</sup>. Every school is invited and spots are limited to 12.

## Faith Matters Important Dates

### School Mass

Join us in prayer Friday  
October 5<sup>th</sup> at 9 AM led by  
Kindergarten

### Parish/School Mass

Our Parish/School Mass will be held on October 21 at 9 AM. Ministries at Mass will be done by Kindergarten and Gr 6 students. Please contact the school office to volunteer.

### Mass Schedule IC Parish

Daily Mass 9 AM M – Sat  
Sunday 9 & 11AM, 7 PM  
Pastor: Fr Chris Lynch  
[www.icparish.ca](http://www.icparish.ca)

## Important Information and Forms Due

**October 2-** Gr 6  
Immunizations at 12:45 PM

**October 9-** MunchaLunch opens for November ordering-Noon

**October 17-** Photo retakes at 10:30 AM. Bring your previous Mountain West Order Form directly to the photographer.

**October 18/19-** Parent Teacher Interviews.

**October 19-** NO CLASSES!

**October 23-** MunchaLunch closes at noon.

## More Important News & Information

### Volunteer/s Needed

We are currently looking for a volunteer/s who will be able to take recycled paper and broken down cardboard boxes from the school to the Vanway transfer station once per week. If you are able to help with this or would like more information, please contact the office.

### Absentee Notes

When your child will be absent from school, it is imperative that you send a note indicating their absence even if you have spoken with their teacher. Emails will suffice as an absentee note. Please send them to [icsoffice@cispg.ca](mailto:icsoffice@cispg.ca) and cc the teacher. If we have not received notice, we will be phoning contact numbers on file for confirmation. This is to ensure the students safety and it crucial to the attendance audit that we have each spring.

### From the Library

Please remind students to return their book bags to the library. These bags are reusable and are needed each time a student borrows a book.

## Parent Support Group

Our 6<sup>th</sup> annual craft fair will take place Saturday, November 17<sup>th</sup> 2018. At our Craft Fair we welcome all sorts of crafters and makers, as well as direct sales representatives. It is a one-day sale located in both the Parish Hall and school gymnasium. Each year we have approximately 50 vendors and it is always something to look forward to!!!

I am also looking for someone (or a group of people) that would be interested in transitioning into the role of Craft Fair Coordinator. This would mean working alongside of me for the next couple of craft fairs, so that I am able to show that person (or group of people) how I have run things throughout the past. If this is a role you are interested in, please feel free to contact me directly @ [carebearconnelly@yahoo.ca](mailto:carebearconnelly@yahoo.ca).

"What Do You Want of Me, Lord?"



### Parent Support Group

#### PSG Next Meeting

**Tuesday, October 16<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM** in the school library. All parents are members and welcome, please consider attending.

#### PSG Hot Lunch FB Page

Please check out the IC Hot Lunch Support Group Facebook page.

You can find the link [HERE](#)

The Hot Lunch Team requires a volunteer baker. If you are able to help out, please contact Tracey Taite at [tktaite@shaw.ca](mailto:tktaite@shaw.ca) for more information.

