November 2024 Newsletter Virtue of the Month -Peace



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Dear Parents,

Thank you to everyone who donated to our food drive in October. Our donations went to support St Vincent de Paul, who were extremely appreciative of your generosity.

Our act of service this month will be to support the Giving Tree. This year we are supporting and collecting items for the Phoenix Transition House and the John Howard Society. All donations are due by November 15th. Thank you very much for your continued support of our many initiatives.

Our virtue this month is peace, and our grandfather teaching is humility. During November, we pray for peace in our world and for those living in areas facing great crisis and unrest. We also pray for the peacemakers in our world who advocate for peace and equality. We encourage students to humbly spread the message of peace at school, in their homes and within our community.

Our Leadership students will be hosting our Remembrance Day Assembly on November 8th at 11 am in the church. Families and parishioners are encouraged to join us.

November 11 is a day to remember. It is a day to pray for all those who have fought tirelessly for our freedom. Let us join in prayer to celebrate the lives of all the brave men and women who have fought and continue to promote peace, acceptance and understanding in our world. We are so incredibly grateful for their great sacrifice and commitment.

Blessings to all and have a wonderful month!



Upcoming School Events

November 1

School Mass led by Gr 4 at 9am

November 3

Daylight Savings Time

November 5

Lice checks MunchaLunch open for December ordering, 3 pm

November 8

PSG Sisters Soup Fundraiser Closes at noon Remembrance Day Assembly at

November 11

Remembrance Day-No Scheduled Classes

November 12

Class Photos & Retakes

November 13

PSG Meeting by Zoom at 7 pm

November 14

World Diabetes Awareness Day

November 15

The Giving Tree items due

November 16

IC Craft Fair 10am -4pm

November 19

MunchaLunch closes at noon

November 25

NID-No scheduled classes!

November 29

Pyjama Day

November 30

K of C Volleyball Tournament begins

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The Giving Tree

Each year the school supports the Knights of Columbus Giving Tree at the Festival of Trees. As part of this effort, will collect donations for the Phoenix Transition Home and the John Howard Society. A list of suggested donations from both agencies can be found attached to this email. Donations of other items such as gift cards and cash are also acceptable. Please bring your donations to the office by the morning of Friday, November 15th.

Thank you for your support.

Faith Matters

Remembrance Day

The school will remember and honour our veterans with students on Friday, November 8th, with a Remembrance Day Assembly in the church at 11am. All are welcome to join. There are no scheduled classes on Monday, November 11th, for Remembrance Day.

Parents

Important News & Information

Class Photos and Retakes

A link will be emailed to parents shortly to view and order student photos.

Class photo day is set for Tuesday, November 12th. There will also be an opportunity for students to have picture retakes if needed.

Colder Weather

With the arrival of colder weather, please ensure that your child is dressed appropriately for outdoor recesses. All students should have a warm sweater, coat, proper footwear, toque and gloves. Also, if your child is missing any clothing, please come in and check out the lost and found items that have been left behind.

World Diabetes Day

We will recognize World Diabetes Day on November 14th. Students can wear blue socks to school and bring a loonie or twoonie in support. All donations will be given to The Canadian Diabetes Association.

Faith Matters Important Dates

School Mass

Join us in prayer Friday, November 1, at 9 AM led by Grade 4.

Mass Schedule IC Parish
Daily Mass 9 AM Mon – Fri
Sunday 9 & 11AM, 7 PM

Please check the parish website regularly for further news and updates.

Pastor: Fr John Garden & Fr Matthew Bellerive www.icparish.ca

Important Information and Forms Due

November 7

Boys Volleyball @ ECHE Girls play at IC at 3 pm

November 8

Boys Volleyball Playday @Cedars at 3 pm

November 13

Boys & Girls Volleyball @ John McInnis at 3 pm

November 14

SH@IC Volleyball game at 3pm

November 21

IC@St. Mary's Volleyball game at 3pm

November 22

Girls Volleyball Playday @ Cedars at 3 pm

November 29

Knights of Columbus Volleyball Tournament

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Volunteer Opportunities

We have plenty of volunteer opportunities to sign up for parent participation hours. They can be found using the link <u>HERE</u> or on the school website under the Parents tab, Letters and Forms.

We would like to hold a lice check session on Tuesday, November 5th at 12:30 pm. If you have a current criminal record check on file and have time to help, please contact the office.

We are also looking for volunteers to help with supervising the student craft fair table and to help out with take down and clean up afterwards. If you are unable to sign up using the google docs, please contact the office.

Christmas Store

We are accepting donations for our Christmas Store. Students get an opportunity to pick out an item to wrap and bring home as a gift for family members prior to Christmas break. Parents can drop off any gently used donations, wrapping paper and gift bags at the office. If you would like to help with set up, wrapping presents and/or clean up on the day of the event, please use the link <u>HERE</u> or contact the office. More information will be sent in the December Newsletter.

<u>Kindergarten Registration 2025</u>

Registration for Kindergarten 2025 is open, and we are accepting applications. If you have a child who is scheduled to enter Kindergarten this coming September, please make sure to submit an application form **before** Christmas Break. Application forms can be found HERE or on our school website admissions page.

Parent Support Group

PSG Website Link HERE

PSG Sisters Soup Fundraiser

We're thrilled to kick off our fundraiser with Sisters Soup Factory! From Oct 30th to Nov 8th, you can purchase a variety of delicious, dried soup bags for \$13 each. Our school will earn \$3.00 for every bag sold.

Not only are these soups perfect for chilly days, but they also support our IC students and this local business.

Order yours soon and enjoy a warm bowl of goodness while contributing to our school!

Two ways to order:

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Parent Support Group

PSG Next Meeting

November 13

PSG meeting at 7 pm by Zoom. A link will be sent to parents before the meeting.

December 2

Christmas Gift Card orders due

Boston Pizza Receipts

Here is a simple and delicious way to earn money for our school. Boston Pizza's School Earnback Program.

Simply ask your server to stamp your receipt when you dine at either Prince George location. Then bring/send the stamped receipt to the school. A portion of the pre-tax total will go back to the school.

Gift Cards

Please find attached letter to parents from Sarah Roberge, Shopping Card Coordinator. You can find the gift card order link on the school website HERE.

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- 1) Paper Order Form: 1 copy was sent home for each IC Family.
- 2) Online Google Form: https://forms.gle/oAYkQrb4MnF23pQT6
- *Additional paper order forms will be available for pick up at the office.

All order forms are due by NOON on Friday, Nov. 8th.

Thank you for your support!

Craft Fair

Our IC annual Craft Fair will resume this year with great anticipation. It will be held on Saturday, November 16th from 10 am -4 pm. We hope you will be able to stop by and check out the local arts and crafts as well as our very own student craft table.

All student craft fair items must be submitted to the office by November 8th. Items must have a price tag with the student initials and grade so it can be identified.



ICS Gift Card Program - Christmas Orders

Get ready for the holiday season by purchasing your gift cards through the Immaculate Conception School & Parish community!

Every card sold supports essential school and parish projects like upgrading playgrounds, adding eco-friendly water fountains, and more!

Please find the attached letter for more information.



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November and December Elementary Academies

Important Update from Northern Bounce:

We are excited to announce some recent changes to our programming!
Northern Bounce will be offering academies for both November and
December. We have added programming for our grade 8 athletes. Additionally,
we have adjusted the times for our academies to better accommodate
everyone

Northern Bounce is using the online platform **TeamSnap** for our program registration. This portal will streamline the registration process and will allow more efficient communication within our programs.







November Academy

Boys Grade 3-8

November Academy

Girls Grade 3-8

November Academy

Co-ed Grade K-2

When: Mon/Wed

Starts: Mon, Nov 11th

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Ends: Wed, Nov 27th

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6 sessions

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Time: 4:00pm - 5:00pm Time: 5:00pm - 6:00pm Time: 5:00pm - 6:00pm

Cost - \$135 Cost - \$135

REGISTER HERE FOR OUR NOVEMBER ACADEMY!







December Academy

Boys Grade 3-8

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Girls Grade 3-8

December Academy

Co-Ed Grade K-2

When: Mon/Wed

Starts: Mon, Dec 2nd

Ends: Wed, Dec 18th

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Northern Bounce Uniform

We have our Northern Bounce uniform available.

This includes a reversible jersey and a pair of shorts.

This set is available for \$60, please email hoops@northernbounce.com to order.