



# Immaculate Conception School

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Living,  
**CELEBRATING,**  
and Proclaiming  
**OUR FAITH**

## Principal's Message

As we begin the season of Advent, we prepare our hearts and homes for the birth of Christ. I invite all families to share in the joy of this blessed season and to celebrate, with great anticipation, the birth of our Saviour, Jesus.

On December 6th our school will celebrate our feast day, The Feast of the Immaculate Conception, a few days early. We celebrate Mary, who has born without sin, willingly and faithfully placed her trust in God. We will begin our day with school Mass. Students are asked to wear red and green that day and we will eat lunch together in the parish hall. We will conclude our festivities with a Grade 7 versus staff volleyball game in the afternoon.

Our Christmas Concert will be held on December 17, with a 12:30 and 7:00 pm live show. We will be holding a dress rehearsal on December 16 at 9:30 am for any parents or family members who may be interested in joining the school that morning.

Many of you have volunteered for various opportunities in the upcoming weeks. Please check the website under Parents/Letters and Forms, which will have the links to the Google sign up documents if you have forgotten what you have volunteered for. Thank you so much for generously volunteering your time.

In the midst of the holiday cheer and many festivities, we remember the less fortunate in our community and in our world. We continue to pray for peace in our world, for all those who are sick at this time and for their families and caregivers. May God's love bring healing and solace to those in most need.

On behalf of our entire staff, we want to wish all of our students and our families a very blessed Christmas season!

## Upcoming School Events

### December 2

Advent Assembly 2pm

### December 6

School Mass led by Gr 3@ 9 am  
Feast Day  
Red & Green Day

### December 8

Seniors Tea at noon

### December 10

MunchaLunch Opens at 3 pm  
for January Ordering

### December 11

PSG Meeting by Zoom at 7 pm

### December 12

Christmas Store

### December 13

1<sup>st</sup> Term Report Cards sent home

### December 16

Christmas Concert dress rehearsal at 9:30 am

### December 17

Christmas Concert at 12:30 and 7 pm  
MunchaLunch closes at noon

### December 18

Cookies & Choir at 1 pm

### December 20

Christmas Sweater Day  
Early Dismissal at 11:45 am

### January 6

Classes resumes at 8:25 am

# Faith Matters

## Immaculate Conception Explained

In our Catholic tradition, December 8th, is the day we mark the "Feast of the Immaculate Conception". In this instance, a feast does not mean a big meal, but a special day to mark a significant person or event. The Immaculate Conception refers to the Catholic belief that Mary, the mother of Jesus, was born without sin, she was immaculate. In this way, she was ready to carry Jesus, the son of God. Our school is named after this amazing miracle.

This year we will celebrate the Feast of the Immaculate Conception in the hall with our fellow students on Friday, December 6th. Students will gather in the hall to eat lunch together and receive a cupcake. We ask that parents bring a treat for their child if they have dietary restrictions that will not allow them to receive a cupcake.

### Parish/School Mass

Masses will be held on Christmas Eve at 5 and 8 pm. The 5 pm Mass will be our Parish/School Mass. Students are invited to be part of a children's choir. Please see the attached letter for more information.

## Faith Matters Important Dates

### School Mass

**School Mass on Friday,  
December 6 at 9 am. This mass  
is led by Grade 3**

**Join us for Children's Christmas  
Eve Mass at 5 pm or Christmas  
Eve Mass at 8 pm on Saturday,  
December 24<sup>th</sup> and Christmas  
Day Mass on December 25<sup>th</sup> at  
10 am**

### 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](http://www.icparish.ca)**

## Important Information and Forms Due

### **December 11**

50/50 Tickets Due at 9 am

### Immaculate Conception Parish Christmas Season Mass Times

~Tue., Dec. 24, 2024 - Christmas Eve	5:00PM & 8:00PM
~Wed., Dec. 25, 2024 - Christmas Day	10:00AM ONLY
~Thu., Dec. 26 & Fri., Dec. 27	9:00AM
~Sat., Dec 28, 2024- Feast of the Holy Innocents	11:00AM
~Sun., Dec. 29, 2024 -Feast of the Holy Family	9:00AM, 11:00AM & 7:00PM
~Mon., Dec.30 & Tue., Dec.31, 2024	9:00AM
~Wed., Jan. 1, 2025 - Mary the Mother of God	9:00AM ONLY
~Sun, Jan. 5, 2025 - Epiphany of the Lord	9:00AM,11:00AM & 7:00PM

## Parish Events

You are invited to celebrate the Parish Feast Day and attend a family movie night hosted by the Immaculate Conception Parish.

*You are invited to celebrate our  
Parish Feast Day*

### **The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

**Monday, December 9, 2024**  
**Potluck Supper at 5:30PM**  
There will be  
special entertainment.

*Mary is the Mother of  
all nations, and we  
would like to invite our  
parishioners,  
to dress in the attire  
of their native land.*



The parish will provide beverages.  
We ask ALL to bring a main dish that can be shared.  
(Enough to feed your family)  
For those whose last name starts:  
A to H; bring a main dish & vegetable or salad  
I to O; bring a main dish & rice, potatoes, or pasta  
P to Z; bring a main dish and a dessert.

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# FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

20 DECEMBER 2024  
6:00 PM—8:00 PM

IMMACULATE  
CONCEPTION PARISH  
HALL

HOT  
COCOA

THE  
STAR

POPCORN

## Parents

### Christmas Concert – Two Performances

"A Charlie Brown Christmas"

Our Concert this year will take place on Tuesday, December 17th, with a matinee performance at 12:30 pm and evening performance at 7 pm. We encourage any family or extended family members to take advantage of the opportunity to come and enjoy the performances. Attendees can make a donation to support the Prince George Hospice Palliative Care Society.



Mrs. Harris would like to invite any students enrolled in music lessons to share their Christmas song(s) with our school community as part of this year's Christmas program on December 17. Students will be asked to arrive ahead of concert time to play during the prelude. Please email [rharris@cispg.ca](mailto:rharris@cispg.ca) to confirm if your child(ren) would like to play and which song they will be playing. Thank you!

The dress rehearsal will take place on Monday, December 16<sup>th</sup>, at 9:30 am. Students are to bring their costumes with them for the dress rehearsal.

### **Red & Green Day**

Remember to wear red & green on December 6<sup>th</sup>. This is a non-uniform day.

### **MunchaLunch**

The MunchaLunch site will be open Tuesday, December 10<sup>th</sup> to the 17<sup>th</sup> to order hot lunch for the month of January. The order time is shorter than usual due to Christmas Break. Please be sure to watch for notification emails indicating the opening and closing dates.

### **Cookies & Choir**

Our annual Cookies & Choir event will be held on December 18<sup>th</sup>, at 1 pm. A huge thank you to all of the amazing bakers who provide treats over the holiday season.

### **Communicating Student Learning**

Communicating Student Learning Reports for term one will be provided on December 13<sup>th</sup>. Please watch for these to come home with students.

### **Kindergarten Registration 2025**

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 the application form **before** Christmas Break. Application forms can be found [HERE](#) or on our school website admissions page.

## **More Important News & Information**

### **Christmas Break**

Remember to wear your Christmas sweaters to school on December 20<sup>th</sup>. This is a non-uniform day.

The Christmas break will begin on December 20<sup>th</sup>, **with early dismissal at 11:45 am**. School will resume on January 6<sup>th</sup>, at 8:25 am with a full day of classes.

## **Parent Support Group**

PSG Website Link [HERE](#)

### **PSG Fundraisers**

A big heart felt thank you to all who supported the Sisters Soup Fundraiser. We raised \$633.00 to assist with classroom needs.

### **50/50 Raffle**

50/50 ticket sales are underway, and we encourage each family to sell at least one booklet to support this fundraiser. Tickets are being sold for \$10.00 each with a grand prize of \$10,000.00 if the fundraiser is a sellout. You can stop by or email the office to sign out a book or purchase tickets for yourself. Sales will be ongoing until December 11<sup>th</sup> or as long as tickets last.

We understand that parents are not always able to volunteer during school hours so this year, 50/50 ticket sales will count towards parent participation hours.

## **Parent Support Group**

### **PSG Next Meeting**

**December 11**

PSG Meeting by Zoom at 7pm

A link will be sent to parents ahead of the meeting date.

### **PSG Dates to Remember**

**December 2**

To receive your shopping cards before Christmas, please submit your order to the office by December 2nd, at noon or to Sarah Roberge at [icspsggc@gmail.com](mailto:icspsggc@gmail.com)



**Northern Bounce is excited to announce our  
4 day elementary winter break camp.**

**We have a ton of fun activities planned for campers which includes  
basketball, soccer, swimming, bouncy castles and camp games!**

**NORTHERN BOUNCE  
WINTER BREAK CAMP**



## **Winter Break**

### **Camp Information:**

**Monday, Dec 30th**

**Tuesday, Dec 31st**

**Thursday, January 2nd**

**Friday, January 3rd**

**NO CAMP ON WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1ST**

**8:30am - 2:30pm**

**Location - PG Dome**

**Cost - \$300**

**Grades 1-7 Co-Ed**

**[Click here to register for camp](#)**

