



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION SCHOOL
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October 2009

Dear Parents and Guardians:

We are off to a great start. The students are settled into the school routine. At the Immaculate Conception School we strive to educate the children spiritually, academically, physically and socially. During the month of September we focused on our religion.

There are Five Simple Ways to Keep Family's Faith Going Strong. #1: Attend Mass as a Family; #2 Pray Together; #3 Make Sacred Space in Your Home; #4 Practice Acts of Charity; #5 Celebrate the Family Meal. These reminders help to remember why we have the children in our Catholic School.

As we continue on this month, we will focus on "Respect" for all. The children at the Immaculate are very respectful to adults and to each other. It is a tribute to parents/guardians and teachers as we work together to teach the children these virtues.

During the month of October there are many activities scheduled. Please make sure that you keep the monthly calendar handy. **PLEASE NOTE: THAT THE TEACHERS WORKSHOP DATE AND TIME HAS BEEN CHANGED IN OCTOBER. All the teachers will have CPR training on Friday, October 9 from 8-1:00 p.m. Therefore, there will be NO SCHOOL on that Friday. There will be a full day of school on Wednesday, October 14th.**

Also, good luck to our Volleyball Teams and our Cross Country Teams. The children are really enjoying themselves. We are very grateful to those who volunteer to help with our athletic program.

Good luck to our 8th graders who will be visiting High Schools this month. Students have been told when Open Houses are for the local High Schools in the area. The Archdiocesan exam for Catholic High Schools will be held November 14, 2009 and December 12, 2009 at Lowell Catholic High School.

We are still looking for a nurse to staff 10 hours a week for our school from 11-1:00 each day. In order to qualify for the city grant for health care in our school we must staff 10 hours ourselves. If you know any retired nurse that will be able to help us out with some of the hours, please let us know.

Just a reminder that the city of Lowell does offer bussing for Lowell students ages 5 and up. The bus is on time each morning. You may want to consider putting your child on the bus in the morning and picking them up in the afternoon. The afternoon bus is very long since it does not pick up the children from the school until 2:35, then they proceed to Moody School, and transfer to other busses. Most of the children make it home by 3:30 which is an hour and half after dismissal. Just wanted parents to be aware of this service.

Scholarship grants are still available until October 1st through the Facts Management-Catholic Schools Foundation. Applications are available on-line and the last date to submit them is October 1st. There is still money available. If you think you will qualify, please complete the application process.

Our Art teacher, Mrs. Gavriel, is asking for donations of burnt out regular light bulbs so the children can make Christmas ornaments for our Christmas Fair. If you have any, please send them in.

The October lunch form is enclosed. Orders MUST be placed by September 29th. Mrs. Rainville orders food based on the number of students that sign up ahead of time. No late orders can be accepted after that date.

Reminder: **On Hot Lunch days there are NO Country Store items sold.**

We are collecting Box Tops for Education. Please start to save them and send them to the office.

The Home and School Association has changed its name to the “Immaculate Conception School Parent Association (ICSPA). We hope by changing the name parents will understand that this is not a Home Schooling Association.

The teachers have compiled a Wish List for their classrooms. If you have a business that may be getting rid of items that are listed, please let us know. This Wish List will also be advertised in the church bulletin.

Enclosed please find a flyer about the UMASS Riverhawks hockey team. The following dates are available to families for free student ticket and adult purchase:

10/23/09	vs. Colgate Univ at 7 p.m.
10/24	vs. Northeastern Univ at 5:00 p.m.
11/21	vs. Merrimack College at 7:00 p.m.
11/27	vs. The University of Maine at 7:00 p.m.
12/05	vs. UMass Amherst at 7:00 p.m.
12/11	vs. Princeton University at 7:00 p.m.
12/12	vs. Princeton University at 4:00 p.m.
1/16/10	vs. UMass Amherst at 7:00 p.m.
1/22	vs. Merrimack College at 7:00 p.m.
2/25	vs. Providence College at 7:00 p.m.
3/5	vs. The University of Vermont at 7:00 p.m.
3/6	vs. The University of Vermont at 7:00 p.m.

God bless you
Catherine Fiorino, Principal