



# IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Elementary School

*School Newsletter*

February 2024 Parent Newsletter

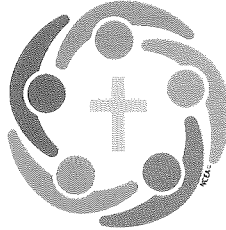
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## *News from the Principal*

Dear Parents,

**Catholic Schools Week** begins January 28th and continues through February 3rd. We have many fun activities planned for the students! *We especially would appreciate your attendance and participation in the IC 5pm Saturday Mass on February 3rd.* Please see the attached flyer for more information.



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**Parent- Teacher Conferences are coming up!** Conferences will be held from 12-8pm on Thursday, February 22nd. **These conferences are strongly encouraged.** There will be **NO SCHOOL**, on Friday, February 23. Sign up instructions will be sent February 5th.

The **Scholastic Book Fair** will be held this year from February 5-9. Enjoy shopping in the Oak Room while helping support our school library! You may also donate books to classrooms. A flyer with details will be sent at the beginning of February.

Our virtue for the month of February is Prudence. We will practice making good decisions! Lent begins with Ash Wednesday Mass at 9am on February 14. Valentines Day will be observed February 13th. This Lent, Immaculate Conception students will focus on prayer, fasting and almsgiving by making crafts for nursing home residents, raising money for Cross Catholic Outreach, participating in a Spiritus retreat and making Lenten promises.

**Priority enrollment for 2023-2024 closes January 28th.** The Central Office sent current families an email with your family ID and school code to enroll on-line. Please check your emails for this important enrollment information. General enrollment will begin January 29th. If you have any questions, contact our Enrollment Coordinator, Ashley Bauer 715-830-2273 or [anbauer@regiscatholicschools.com](mailto:anbauer@regiscatholicschools.com) or [regiscatholicschools.com/admissions](http://regiscatholicschools.com/admissions).

Our teachers and I work very hard to ensure that each child is placed in the proper class each school year. We meet to balance gender, academic and social needs in each class. Our goal is to ensure that each child is in a class where they will be successful. We appreciate your trust in us to make this important determination. If you have a class request for next school year, please set up a meeting with me before **May 1st**.

It's that time of year again for the **Diocesan Staff Awards** nominees. In the electronic Regis weekly newsletter on January 22nd, the links for these awards were included. The due date for filling out an application is January 28. I encourage you to submit an application for some of our wonderful staff.

*Whoever loves his fellow man is walking in the light and can see his way without stumbling in darkness and sin.*  
*1John2:10*

Blessings,

Mrs. Kayla Bahnub

[kbahnub@regiscatholicschools.com](mailto:kbahnub@regiscatholicschools.com)



# Congratulations to our School

## Jump Rope Contest Finalists!



### Division 1 Girls

- 1st Lilly Bauer 40 Jumps
- 2nd Ella Bobholz 36 Jumps

### Division 1 Boys

- 1st Joseph Sykora 35 Jumps
- 2nd Luke Munger 31 Jumps

### Division 2 Girls

- 1st Adilyn Smasal 37 Jumps
- 2nd Gabby Meyer 36 Jumps

### Division 2 Boys

- 1st Bryce Stombaugh 43 Jumps
- 2nd Tyler McCann 37 Jumps

### Division 3 Girls

- 1st Gabrielle Lokken 40 Jumps
- 2nd Nora Lemke 38 Jumps

### Division 3 Boys

- 1st Kellan Vallez 36 Jumps
- 2nd Camden Kernan 33 Jumps

Great job everyone! Way to go! Thank you to Mrs. Vallez and Mr. Morning for your hard work and dedication to this special event.

**2024 - 40TH ANNUAL**  
*Immaculate Conception Parish*



SINCE 1985

**Dine In & Carry Out 4:30 to 6:30 PM**

**Jan 26 • Feb 9 • Feb 23 • Mar 8 • Mar 22\***  
*\*Includes Famous Fish Chowder (March 22nd only)*

**New England Style Fish Boil Includes:**  
Pollock • Red Potatoes • Onions • Carrots • Coleslaw • Mac & Cheese  
Vienna Bread • Ice Cream/Sherbet • Hot Dogs & Sides for Kids • Beverages

Adults \$14 Children 6-12 \$7 Children 5 & Under **FREE**

**HUGE Thank You to our Sponsors!**

Immaculate Conception Elementary School Cafeteria: 1903 Sherwin Ave. Eau Claire, WI

Lent begins Ash Wednesday—  
February 14



## Priority Enrollment for the 2023-24 School Year Closes January 28th!

Current families received an email with online enrollment instructions. We encourage you to enroll as early as you can to help us plan for the coming school year. If you have any questions, please call Ashley Bauer, our Enrollment & Tuition Coordinator, at (715) 830-2273.

Do you know a family who might be interested in our schools? Please encourage them to visit our website ([www.RegisCatholicSchools.com](http://www.RegisCatholicSchools.com)) at the end of January to take a virtual tour of our school! This new option will allow families to see and experience our school without having to visit the building.

### Countdown to Kindergarten

Incoming kindergarten families are welcome to attend Countdown to Kindergarten on **Tuesday, February 6 at 6pm**. Bring your students so they can meet the teachers while you learn more about kindergarten at IC!

### 2023 Tuition Tax Deduction Information

When filing for 2023, taxpayers may deduct the private and religious school tuition expenses they have paid up to \$4,000 for each dependent child in grades K-8 and up to \$10,000 for each dependent child in grades 9-12.

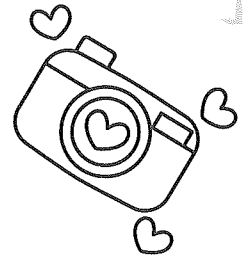
The tuition expenses must have been paid on or after January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023.

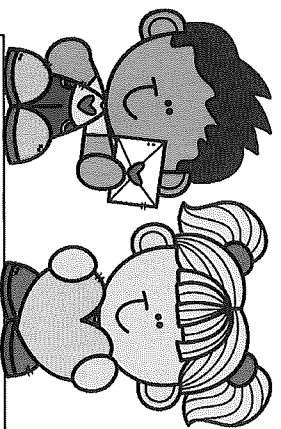
Please see the attachment below for step-by-step instructions on how to access your 2023 tuition payment statement online via FACTS Management. Links were sent in the RCS Newsletter dated January 22nd.

### Group pictures will be taken at I.C. on Monday, January 29th for the following:

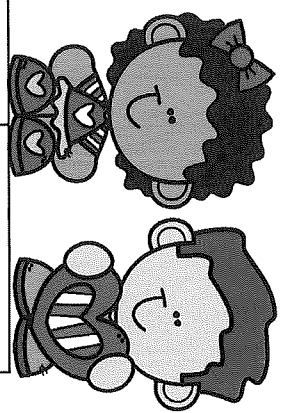
- Boys Basketball
- Girls Basketball
- Girls Volleyball
- Girls Tennis
- Boy Scouts
- Girl Scouts

- Agri-culture Club
- Rosary Group
- Altar servers
- Mass Cantors
- Jump Rope Contest





# FEBRUARY



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Immaculate Conception Elementary School 1703 Sherwin Ave. 715-830-2276				CSW- Mass 9am	CSW- 5th grade vs. UWEC Basketball Game, 2pm	CSW- Thank You IC Parish Mass, 5pm
4 Scholastic Book Fair	5 Scholastic Book Fair	6 Scholastic Book Fair	7 Scholastic Book Fair Rosary Group	8 Scholastic Book Fair Mass, 9am (1st)	9 Scholastic Book Fair	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
	Valentines Day Parties- Free Dress Down	Ash Wednesday (Staff) Rosary Group		Jeanes for Jesus Cross Catholic Outreach		
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
		Elem. Early Release, 1:30	No School- P	No School- P	No School	
25	26	27	28	29		
	1st Communion Parent Meeting, 6:30pm	Rosary Group	Mass 9am (5K)			

# FEBRUARY 2024

Regis Elementary School Meals  
Grab n` Go Breakfast & Lunch



This institution is an equal opportunity provider. Menus are subject to change.

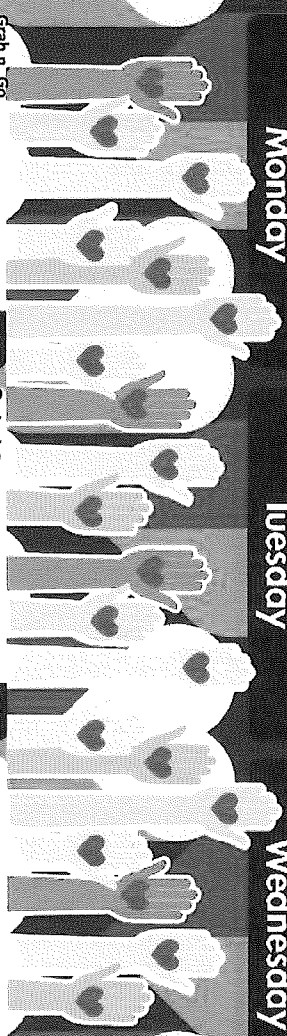
## Monday

## Tuesday

## Wednesday

## Thursday

## Friday



**5** Grab n` Go  
Cereal Bowls or  
Breakfast Bars Combo kits  
Fresh Fruit  
Lunch  
Baked Chicken Nuggets  
Baked Potato Rounds  
Mixed Vegetables  
Applesauce/Orange Wedges

**6** Grab n` Go  
Cereal Bowls or  
Breakfast Bars Combo kits  
Fresh Fruit  
Lunch  
Hot Dog on a \*Bun  
Baked Beans  
Cucumber slices  
Cantaloupe Wedges/Chilled Peas

**7** Grab n` Go  
Cereal Bowls or  
Breakfast Bars Combo kits  
Fresh Fruit  
Lunch  
Pizza Hut \*Pizza  
Cheese or Pepperoni  
Tossed Salad  
Cherry Tomatoes/green Peas  
Chilled Peaches/Fresh Apple

**8** Grab n` Go  
Cereal Bowls or  
Breakfast Bars Combo kits  
Fresh Fruit  
Lunch  
Baked Mini Corn Dogs  
Broccoli Florets  
Red Pepper Strips  
Hummus  
Chilled Peaches/100% Grape Juice

**9** Grab n` Go  
Cereal Bowls or  
Breakfast Bars Combo kits  
Fresh Fruit  
Lunch  
Toasted Cheese Sandwich  
Tossed Green Salad  
Tomato Soup  
Baby Carrots  
Chilled Peas/Fresh Apple

**2**

**12** Grab n` Go  
Cereal Bowls or  
Breakfast Bars Combo kits  
Fresh Fruit  
Lunch  
Sloppy Joe on a Bun  
Baked Beans  
Cucumber Slices  
Warm Apple Slices/ Fresh Apple

**13** Grab n` Go  
Cereal Bowls or  
Breakfast Bars Combo kits  
Fresh Fruit  
Lunch  
Cheeseburger on a Bun  
Sweet Potato Fries  
Baby Carrots  
Banana/Chilled Peaches

**14** Grab n` Go  
Cereal Bowls or  
Breakfast Bars Combo kit  
Fresh Fruit  
Lunch  
Pizza Hut \*Pizza  
Cheese Only  
Tossed Salad  
Broccoli/Cauliflower  
Orange/Wedge

**15** Grab n` Go  
Cereal Bowls or  
Breakfast Bars Combo kits  
Fresh Fruit  
Lunch  
Chicken Nuggets  
Baked Potato Wedges  
Green Peas  
Mandarin Oranges/Kwi

**16** Grab n` Go  
Cereal Bowls or  
Breakfast Bars Combo Kits  
Fresh Fruit  
Lunch  
Cheese Quesadilla  
Salsa  
Whole Kernel Corn/Green Beans  
Chilled Peas/Fresh Apple

**23**

**19** Grab n` Go  
Cereal Bowls or  
Breakfast Bars Combo kits  
Fresh Fruit  
Lunch  
Hamburger on a Bun  
Whipped Potatoes  
Cherry Tomatoes  
Mixed Fruit/Orange Wedge

**20** Grab n` Go  
Cereal Bowls or  
Breakfast Bars Combo kits  
Fresh Fruit  
Lunch  
Hard Shell Tacos Beef or Chicken  
Lettuce/Tomatoes/Salsa  
Refried Beans / Spanish Rice  
Cucumber Slices  
Chilled Peas/Fresh Apple

**21** Grab n` Go  
Cereal Bowls or  
Breakfast Bars Combo kits  
Fresh Fruit  
Lunch  
Pizza Hut \*Pizza  
Cheese or Pepperoni  
Tossed Green Salad  
Carrots & Celery Sticks  
Chilled Peaches/Melon Wedges

**22** No School

**23** No School

**26** Grab n` Go  
Cereal Bowls or  
Breakfast Bars Combo kits  
Fresh Fruit  
Lunch  
Mozzarella Dipper w/ Pizza Sauce  
Baked Beans  
Broccoli Florets  
Mandarin Oranges/Fresh Apple

**27** Grab n` Go  
Cereal Bowls or  
Breakfast Bars Combo kits  
Fresh Fruit  
Lunch  
Chicken Party on a Bun  
Baked Seasoned Fries  
Green Beans  
Baby Carrots  
Grapes/Chilled Applesauce

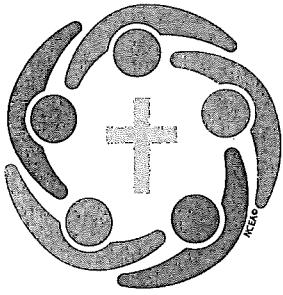
**28** Grab n` Go  
Cereal Bowls or  
Breakfast Bars Combo kits  
Fresh Fruit  
Lunch  
Pizza Hut \*Pizza  
Cheese or Pepperoni  
Baked Tater Tots  
Tossed Salad/Celery Sticks  
Chilled Peaches/Orange Wedges

**29** Grab n` Go  
Cereal Bowls or  
Breakfast Bars Combo kits  
Fresh Fruit  
Lunch  
Hot Dog on a \*Bun  
Tossed Salad  
Cucumber Slices  
Kwi/ Strawberries

**29**

\*Milk is offered with all meals & includes a choice of White Skim or Chocolate Skim

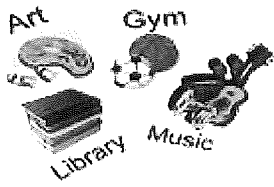
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**Catholic Schools Week 2024**  
**Immaculate Conception Elementary School**  
**January 28-February 3**

<p><b>Monday, January 29</b> <i>"Celebrating Community"</i></p>	<p><b>Dress: PJ Day</b> <b>Activity: All School Bingo-parents invited, 2pm cafeteria</b></p> <p><b>1pm: Talent Show Rehearsal</b></p>
<p><b>Tuesday, January 30</b> <i>"Celebrating our Students"</i></p>	<p><b>Dress: Western Day</b></p> <p><b>Activity: Root Beer or Orange Floats at lunch with Crazy Straws!</b></p>
<p><b>Wednesday, January 31st</b> <i>"Celebrating the Nation"</i></p>	<p><b>Dress: Red, White &amp; Blue Day</b></p> <p><b>Activity: Talent Show 2pm (Live Streamed)</b></p>
<p><b>Thursday, February 1</b> <i>"Celebrating Vocations"</i></p>	<p><b>Dress: Mass- College Day (wear your favorite university apparel)</b> <b>All School Mass, 9am</b> <b>Activity: Write cards for deanery priests</b></p>
<p><b>Friday, February 2</b> <i>"Celebrating Staff and Volunteers"</i></p>	<p><b>Dress: Sports Day</b> <b>Activity: / Blugolds Basketball Team vs. 5th grade 2:00pm-3:00pm. (Live Streamed)</b> <b>PARENTS WILL SIT ON THE SHERWIN SIDE CLOSEST TO THE OFFICE.</b> <b>Book Fair Preview in Oak Room</b></p>
<p><b>Saturday Feb. 3</b> <i>"Celebrating our Parish"</i></p>	<p><b>Thank You Mass</b> from students Kids wear uniform/ Regis gear to Mass Saturday at 5pm. Student volunteers are needed to serve in the liturgy (altar servers, lectors, gift presenters). Reception to follow (this is Pizza Saturday so come for a free meal and fellowship!)</p>



# Specialist Newsletter

## January, 2024

### **LIBRARY - MRS. LYNCH**

Our book fair will run from February 5th-9th.

### **Guidance - Mrs. McElroy, School Counselor**

This month **Kindergarten, 1st and 2nd** graders are finishing up our empathy unit and beginning to talk about managing our strong emotions. We talk about the sensations our body sends that help us understand and label the emotion we are experiencing. This helps us pick the right tool to help us calm down and think clearly. This helps us get along with others and solve problems more effectively. **3rd** grade is finishing our empathy unit and will begin bullying prevention. **4th** grade started our problem solving unit, and learned the problem solving steps: Say the Problem, Think of Solutions, Explore Consequences, and then Pick the Best Solution. **5th** graders finished our growth mindset unit and will begin the self concept unit.

Small groups (lunch bunch) have begun; these include, social skills, service and promoting kindness groups. As always, if your child has a specific need and you would like for me to meet with him or her please feel free to contact me.

### **Art with Miss LaRose - [hlarose@regiscatholicschools.com](mailto:hlarose@regiscatholicschools.com)**

Thank you to all the Regis families who thought of me during Advent season. I appreciate the cards, gifts, and Artsonia participation from all of you. We had so much fun with our Christmas art projects and I can tell they were enjoyed by family members too. During the second semester of school we are all looking forward to clay projects in all the elementary schools.

**artsonia** <https://www.artsonia.com/>

Artsonia accounts will continue to fill up with new art through the school year. Keep an eye out for new works and sale opportunities. Valentine's Day is the current Artsonia sale event so if you are interested in that, they encourage orders by February 6th. Thank you for your support in using Artsonia with your family!

**Donation Note:** At this time, I am not requesting donations.

**If you have any questions for me regarding art class, Artsonia, or donations please contact me via email.**

### **Spanish - Señora Lynne Larabee**

I hope the peace and hope of the season blessed each of you and your families! Thank you to those of you who remembered me with a card or gift. For school Christmas ended on the 12th day, or Epiphany, sometimes called Three Kings Day. It is always Jan. 6. In 2024 that fell on a Saturday. On Friday, Jan. 5 all classrooms placed a paper shoe outside their classroom door. Students had to wait until Monday, Jan. 8, to see if the Three Kings were able to stop by our Elementary Schools. Like clockwork, they did...candy!! We continued with a Christmas theme through all grade's first classes after returning. Kindergarten enjoyed a taste test of Three Kings Cake/Bread with a Baby Jesus hidden inside. They also enjoyed a video about Three Kings Day with Dora The Explorer. All grades are now back to work on numbers and colors. Calendar vocabulary (months, days of the week, dates) and number timings have resumed. The end of Quarter 2 was Jan. 19 so grades 4 & 5 worked hard to finish any missing work for the grade book. They have now started reviewing numbers and writing the date. The next taste tests will be for grades 1 & 3 with Mexican soda pop and Mexican animal cookies and then Mexican hot chocolate, respectively. Those will happen the first week of February prior to Lent. Remember to visit my microsite on your school's webpage for summaries and links to songs and videos. We are currently watching a fun video by Señor Hodge with a month macarena. Many students would enjoy watching it at home.

<https://www.regiscatholicschools.com/staff/lynne-larabee/assignments/>



## **Music - Mrs. Miller**

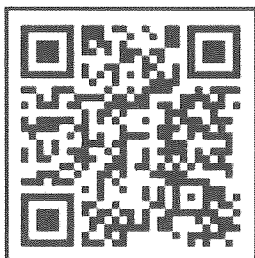
All music classes have been busy performing various rhythms, instruments and melodies! In Kindergarten, students are using unpitched percussion instruments and working on long/short sounds and high/low pitched sounds. In 1st grade, students are working on rhythm reading, including quarter notes (ta) and eighth notes (titi). They've been using unpitched percussion as well as mallet instruments to play Sol-Mi patterns. In 2nd and 3rd grade, students are adding new rhythms to their repertoire, including half, sixteenth and whole notes. They've been composing rhythms and melodies and playing them on pitched and unpitched instruments. 4th graders are working on note identification (letter names of the music staff) and playing recorder, and 5th grade is off to a great start with ukulele!

## **Phy Ed. - Mrs. Vallez**

PE continues to be full of exercise and fun! We just wrapped up the jump rope unit and had our IC Jump Rope contest last Friday! Congratulations to all of the students that made it into the contest! The students were each given 10 seconds and a hemp rope to see how many jumps they could do during PE classes. The students that had the highest amount of jumps in the given time advanced to the IC contest. We had three separate divisions including 1st-2nd, 3rd-4th, and 5th. From each division 4 boys and 4 girls were able to move forward. After the IC contest on Friday only 2 boys and 2 girls from each division were able to advance and be allowed to compete against other schools in Bloomer this Saturday, January 27th. Anyone is welcome to watch the contest in Bloomer even if they did not make it. It will be held at Bloomer High School starting at 9:00 am. I also want to congratulate ALL of the students for their hard work during this unit. We talked about what wonderful exercise jumping rope is and how it can help them build their endurance for any activity they choose to do. We just started a unit on floor hockey and are having a blast!



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# SPRING BASEBALL REGISTRATION

FOR BOYS AND GIRLS AGES 5-12

[www.ecnationalslittleleague.com](http://www.ecnationalslittleleague.com)

Registration closes March 31, 2024.

**FREE SKILLS CLINICS FOR ALL REGISTERED  
EAU CLAIRE NATIONALS BASEBALL PLAYERS.**

**\$20 per clinic for non registered players.**

## T-Ball/Coach Pitch/Minors/Majors

- Saturday, Jan. 27th 1PM-3PM
- Saturday, Feb. 17th 1PM-3PM
- Saturday, March 23rd 1PM-3PM
- Sunday, April 7th 9AM-11AM

**Valley Sports Academy (VSA)**

1855 125th St, Lake Hallie, WI 54729

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