



# IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Elementary School

Newsletter

August 2023 Parent Newsletter

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## *News from the Principal*

Dear Families,

School is almost here! **The first full day of school is Thursday, August 31st.** We will start the first full day with a morning meeting in the cafeteria. **Open House is a required “drop-in” day on Wednesday, August 30th.** Parents and students can stop by from 11:30am-3:30pm to meet their teachers, bring in school supplies, find their lockers, and return back to school mailing materials. The uniform exchange will also be available. **We will be taking attendance since it is considered a student contact day.**

The “**New Parent’s Night**” is scheduled for Wednesday, August 23rd at 6:00pm to learn procedures at IC. We welcome all new parents to our community. Please see the enclosed flyer for details.

**Summer work projects** kept the maintenance crew busy this summer. We welcomed our new head custodian, Mr. Sokup, in April. Our new bathroom stalls were installed on the second floor, new lighting. Asbestos abatement, lighting and flooring were done in the main office, principal office and music rooms. We installed 8 new smart screens. Last year, we dedicated some of our Walk for Virtues funds to playground updates. Though we were able to install a Peace Path, a Gaga Ball Pit and purchase some new equipment, we will have to save funds and continue to fundraise for more extensive projects. We look forward to continuing playground updates! Thank you for your hard work Nick, Mel, Nate and Anna!

Last spring, we purchased a new reading curriculum titled Into Reading. Teachers received and will continue to receive extensive literacy training throughout the year. If you have any specific questions about the changes to our reading program, please contact me or your child’s home-room teacher.

Our theme for this school year is **Charity**. All our virtues of the month will lead us to love God, neighbor and country.

Please read the **reverse side of this newsletter** since it has various information for back to school. Together I am confident we will continue to be successful if we keep our focus on God and what is best for student learning.

May God Bless our new school year!

Mrs. Kayla Bahnub

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### **Welcome new staff!**

#### **Ms. Miranda Casper: 1st grade**

Ms. Casper joins us after her student teaching experiences in Milwaukee Public Schools. She is from the Oshkosh area and is moving to the Eau Claire community. She is excited to be joining us as a first grade teacher!

#### **Mrs. Lisa Miller: Music**

Mrs. Miller joins us after teaching orchestra in Chippewa Falls for many years. She is a parishioner at St. Olaf Catholic Church. We will also be welcoming her daughter in kindergarten this year.

### **Staff Updates**

**Mrs. Amanda Shelton** will be moving from 1st grade to 5th grade.

**Mrs. Dori Fadness and Mrs. Courtney Kanz** will be sharing a 3rd grade classroom.

**Mrs. Anne Nerbovig’s** name changed over the summer. She is now Ms. Anne Betz. Her class will be 3B.

At the end of last year, we hired **Mrs. Annie Bailey** to work as an aide in Mrs. Donnellan’s kindergarten classroom. She and **Mrs. Mary Tornehl** will continue working in Mrs. Donnellan’s room this year.

\* Staffing updates are subject to change as needed.



Immaculate Conception Elementary School will host a New Parent Night on Wednesday, August 23rd 6pm, Fr. Klink Hall (Church gathering space)

This is an optional gathering, however, we encourage at least one parent to attend if you are new to our building. Leave the kids at home and join us for an informational night. Come and meet the teachers, Mrs. Bahnub, and other parents. Contact Mrs. Bahnub with questions: kbahnub@regiscatholicschools.com. Hope to see you there!



Throughout the school year, we receive many generous donations to provide for students in need (school supplies, Christmas gifts, uniforms, etc.) If your family is in need of occasional assistance at any time throughout the year, please contact our school office to be added to our confidential list of potential recipients for donations.



**Bus route information will be mailed from Student Transit for new students. Call 715-839-5116 for information on routes.**

**LANDS' END** 

Order Regis Catholic Schools logo shirts from Lands End by going to our web site, [www.regiscatholicschools.com](http://www.regiscatholicschools.com) and click on the **Parent & Students then click Dress Code**. Lands End has a link to order uniform apparel. [www.regiscatholicschools.com](http://www.regiscatholicschools.com)

**The first day of school is Thursday, August 31st, 8:30am-3:30pm.**

- Opening Prayer and Announcements begin at 8:30am in the cafeteria. Parents are invited to attend this all school community event. Students will be escorted to their classrooms by their teachers after announcements.
- Parents are invited to a Social Gathering in the Oak Room at 8:45am.
- **Morning Meeting will only take place on Mondays.** On Mondays, please drop students off at Door 6, where they should report to the cafeteria. Parents are welcome to attend on Mondays with their students. Every other day of the week, students should enter door 5 and report directly to their classrooms. Parents are asked not to remain in the hallways or classrooms after the beginning bell at 8:30.
- At 3:30pm dismissal, parents should pick up their child(ren) in the gym not in the classrooms or hallways. The students will line up in their designated lines.
- **Reminder regarding attendance:** Your child's attendance at school is extremely important. We understand absences occur as a normal part of any school year, however we ask you to make every effort to schedule appointments and vacations during anticipated school breaks. The Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction defines a student truant when they have missed 10 days of school, excused or unexcused, in a given school year. You will receive notification from us when your child has missed 5, 7 and 10 or more days of school. We will make every effort to work with you to improve your child's attendance.

**School hours  
8:30am-3:30pm**

**Attention Parents with Regis Middle School Students!**

Your middle school children are welcome to wait for parents at IC after school. However, we ask that you only send your middle schooler to IC if you have children who still attend IC or are a staff member at IC. Students are expected to wait calmly and quietly for their parents. They are not to play sports in the gym. This area is not supervised until 3:15.

Students who are arriving at IC for sports practices are not allowed to enter the building until their coach arrives. They should wait for their coach outside Door 6.