



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Elementary School

IC What's Happening!!

January 5, 2024

WELCOME BACK!!

IMPORTANT.....

Wednesday, January 10th, will be an early release day from school. Pickup for all students will be at 1:30 on this day, there will be no bussing or after school daycare available on this day. Please plan accordingly to have your child picked up on time this day.

The staff and I continually evaluate our school day procedures so that you and your students have the best experience possible. Now that the bus schedules have settled into place, we would like to adjust the time that our students are dismissed to the gym at the end of the day for transportation home. Currently, students arrive to the gym at the end of the day at 3:20 p.m. However, the last bus does not arrive until 3:45 p.m. and the other buses cannot leave until that point. As you can imagine, that much wait time for our students is difficult. We also could benefit from more instructional time during the day.

Therefore, beginning with the new semester (January 22), all students will report to the gym for PM transportation at 3:30 p.m. Students who do not take the bus will report with their classes at that time.

Please make plans to arrive at school between 3:20-3:45 for afternoon pick-up. The outside doors will not open until 3:20 p.m. each day.

Our School will be participating in the **Bloomer Jump Rope Contest** on January 27th. We will be holding a contest in the IC gym on January 12th to see what students (grades 1st-5th) will be competing based on the most jumps in 10 seconds. Mrs. Vallez will be introducing the jump rope unit to the students during PE classes. Students have to use a regulation rope for the contest which is a quarter inch hemp rope. She will be selling hemp jump ropes for \$2.00 during PE classes starting the week of **November 13th**. If your student would like to buy a jump rope to practice with at home they may bring \$2.00 on their scheduled PE day. It is not required to buy a jump rope. Jump ropes will be available to practice with in PE class during the unit.

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We look forward to seeing your acts at one of the upcoming **MANDATORY PREVIEW REHEARSALS** where acts will be approved and receive feedback. The preview rehearsals will be held immediately after school on **Thursday January 11th OR Friday January 12th from 3:30-4:30pm** in the Music Room. Your child may leave when his/her rehearsal is finished.

Return your entry form into your teacher by Friday, January 5th. Remember to time your acts to 2 1/2 minutes or less & be sure you have music, props, and costumes at this rehearsal.

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If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Talent Show Director:

Kate Bobholz bobholz.kate@gmail.com 715-347-4615

Smart watches are NOT ALLOWED for students at school unless the cellular and photo capability have been disabled. Thank you for your cooperation!

Each year, to celebrate Catholic Schools Week, we ask that students and staff thank the parish by helping with liturgical ministries at a weekend Mass and putting on a reception for parishioners afterward. *This year's Thank You IC Parish Mass will be on Saturday, February 3rd at 5pm.* It is a pizza Saturday! We need students to volunteer to read Scripture, read universal prayers, present gifts, and altar serve and clean up after the reception. The Children's Choir has also been asked to sing. If your children are able to volunteer for this Mass, please contact Mrs. Bahhub at kbahhub@regiscatholicschools.com.

The 2024-25 enrollment season is quickly approaching!

Current Regis Catholic Schools families will be provided a two-week priority enrollment period in January to re-enroll for the coming school year. Current families will have the opportunity to enroll current students and siblings (new students) during this time.

Once this two-week priority enrollment period has closed, current RCS families are no longer guaranteed enrollment within the system.

Following the priority enrollment period for current families, enrollment for the next school year will open for families new to the Regis Catholic Schools system.

Monday, January 15: Priority Enrollment Opens (Current Families)

Sunday, January 28: Priority Enrollment Ends (Current Families)

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The enrollment fee for the 2024-25 school year will be \$150 for all families. (Paid once per family.)

If not enrolled by May 31, our current families will pay a \$200 enrollment fee.

As a reminder, if you choose to enroll outside the two-week priority enrollment period for current families, you also risk losing your child(ren)'s spot.

Learning Today, Leading Tomorrow

Regis Catholic Schools is dedicated to educating students of all faiths in a Catholic, Christ-centered environment. We are united by Our Core Values of *Living Faith, Accepting Responsibility, Promoting Teamwork, Achieving Excellence, and Inspiring Leadership.*



Catholic Schools
 United in Faith and Community

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

<p>Monday, January 29 <i>"Celebrating Community"</i></p>	<p>Dress: PJ Day Activity: All School Bingo-parents invited, 2pm cafeteria</p>
<p>Tuesday, January 30 <i>"Celebrating our Students"</i></p>	<p>Dress: Western Day Activity: Root Beer or Orange Floats at lunch with Crazy Straws!</p>
<p>Wednesday, January 31st <i>"Celebrating the Nation"</i></p>	<p>Dress: Red, White & Blue Day Activity: Talent Show 2pm</p>
<p>Thursday, February 1 <i>"Celebrating Vocations"</i></p>	<p>Dress: Mass- College Day (wear your favorite university apparel) All School Mass, 9am Activity: Write cards for deanery priests</p>
<p>Friday, February 2 <i>"Celebrating Staff and Volunteers"</i></p>	<p>Dress: Sports Day Activity: / Blugolds Basketball Team vs. 5th grade 2:00pm-3:00pm. PARENTS WILL SIT ON THE SHERWIN SIDE CLOSEST TO THE OFFICE.</p>
<p>Saturday Feb. 3 <i>"Celebrating our Parish"</i></p>	<p>Thank You Mass 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>

Last Call !!



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Talent Show Sign Up

(Detach and Return to your teacher by Friday, January 5th)

My child _____ plans to attend the Preview Rehearsal on: (circle one)

Thursday January 11th

Friday January 12th

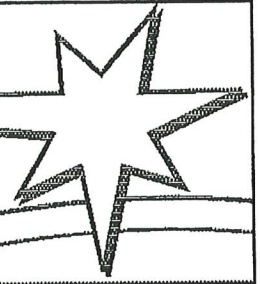
Classroom Teacher & Grade : _____

Talent _____ Song choice (if applicable) _____

Names of other group members (if applicable) _____

Parent Name and Email (print clearly): _____

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January 2024

Regis Catholic Schools



Thoughtful Moments

St. Marguerite Bourgeoys

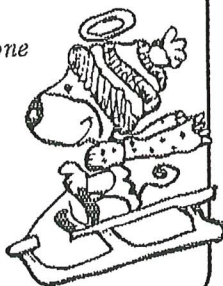
Born at Troyes, France in 1620, St. Marguerite desired early on to become a missionary. A friend introduced her to the mayor of Ville Marie (now Montreal, Canada) and, at his invitation, St. Marguerite traveled to Canada to teach the children of the colony. She was later joined by several women – all consecrated to God and devoted to teaching and Works of Mercy. In 1676, she gained approval for her order, the Congregation of Notre-Dame de Montreal.



Fishers of Men

Some of the first apostles were fishermen working in the Sea of Galilee. The fish there were known for their quality and commanded a high price. Next time you eat fresh fish, remember Peter and Simon, James and John, the hard-working fishermen who left their boats to follow Jesus.

"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has passed away, behold, the new has come" (2 Corinthians 5:17).



Shape children's hearts with virtues

A key element of Catholic parenting is to shape the hearts of our children, not just manage their behavior. One way to shape a child's heart is to offer opportunities to grow in virtue:

Modesty:

"Modesty protects the intimate center of a person. It means refusing to unveil what should remain hidden" (Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC), #2521). Modesty awakens in youngsters a respect for the human person. Teach them to dress, speak, and take in entertainment that is wholesome, uplifting, and respectful of themselves and others.

Faithfulness: When children see that their parents are faithful to one another, for example, they intuit that

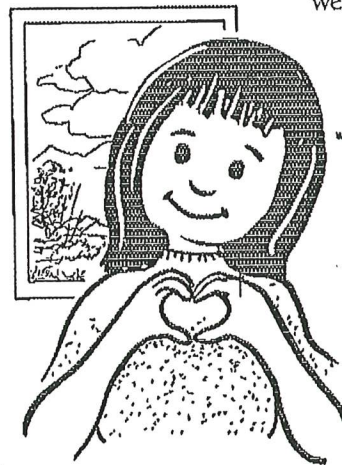
faithfulness or fidelity means to act in a way that honors a commitment. Children may not always hear what we say, but they are influenced by what they see us do.

Meekness: Meekness is not timidity. It fuels self-control. St.

Thomas Aquinas cautioned against expressing physical anger because it makes anger outsized. Guide and model how to use meekness to manage anger. Meekness will help prevent evil from ruling actions.

Charity: "If I...have not love, I gain nothing"

(1 Corinthians 13:3). Charity is giving love without an expectation of receiving in return. Teach children to put others' needs first. They will find that as they grow in charity, they will be happier and more joy-filled.



Why Do Catholics Do That?

Why do Catholics have infants baptized?

As a Sacrament, Baptism conveys grace and the "washing away" of sin and the "rebirth" of the baptized as a child of God. It starts us on the surest path to salvation: "Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved; whoever does not believe will

be condemned" (Mark 16:16).

Catholic parents, desiring the best for their children, baptize them as infants, believing it will give them the best chance of true joy in this life and eternal life in the next.

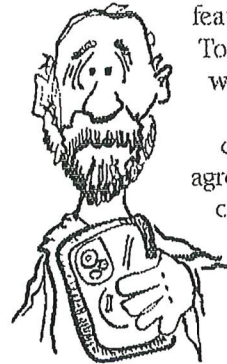


If the saints had social media, what would they post?

Is there a "holy" way to use social media? Consider these suggestions from the saints:

To friend or unfriend? St. Teresa of Ávila cautioned that parents "be very careful whom they allow to mix with their children when young." Although socially outgoing and fun-loving, she didn't try to be liked by everyone, but sought the close friendships with those who encouraged her in holiness.

"Kind comments, only." St. Philip Neri advised someone who gossiped to pluck a chicken and scatter the feathers in the wind. Those far-flung



feathers were like rumors – impossible to take back. Today, he would warn us to be careful what we post; who knows how many will see it.

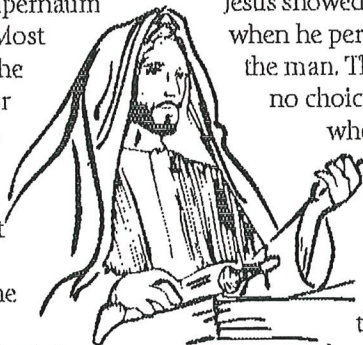
Disagree, but charitably: St. Thomas Aquinas debated often and won admiration, if not agreement, from his adversaries for his respectful conduct. "We must love [those who agree and disagree]...for they help us in the finding of [the truth]." For those in online debates, he would advise all to respond with charity and humility while still seeking the Truth.

Scripture LESSON

Mark 1:21-28, Jesus is no ordinary teacher

In this Gospel reading, we read that Jesus entered the synagogue at Capernaum with His apostles to teach. Most teachers would draw from the writings of other scholars for authority, and would begin, "Thus says the Lord..." but Jesus said, "I tell you..." As God, He already knew what the Scriptures meant without leaning on someone else's teaching.

Jesus taught as one who had the authority of God and that astonished His listeners. Even the unclean spirits who were torturing a man at the synagogue recognized Jesus as "the Holy One of Israel." Clearly, this was



no ordinary teacher!

Jesus showed His authority again when he performed an exorcism on the man. The unclean spirits had no choice but to obey Him when he commanded them to depart, despite their reluctance.

What can a parent do? Jesus shows us that God's power and love are greater than any evil. Teach children that they can talk to Jesus about anything that happens, good or bad. At the same time, stress that Jesus is God and deserves to be worshipped and obeyed.

Parent TALK

Our busyness was crowding out family time. Between homework, practices, and playdates, we hardly ever had family dinner or attended Mass together. One Sunday when my daughter expected to skip Mass for a soccer tournament, I realized we needed a reboot.

That Saturday night we gathered around the table. I lit a candle and announced that Family Day had begun. I said that God wants us to keep Sunday holy, so Family Day starts at sundown on Saturday and goes through Sunday.

Now Sunday morning begins with church music while we dress for Mass. There are muffins or coffee cake made the night before so we can enjoy them and still observe the Communion fast. Then we attend Mass together and have a meal afterwards.

Then, whatever we do during the day, we do together. After dinner we blow out the "Sunday Candle" and feel ready to face the week.



Feasts & Celebrations

January 3 – Feast of the Most Holy Name of Jesus. "...At the name of Jesus every knee should bend, of those in heaven and on earth and under the earth" (Philippians 2:10). Today, a deep bow of the head at the Name is an accepted form of respect.

January 7 – Epiphany of Our Lord. Epiphany is Greek for "manifestation." When they honored the infant Jesus, the three wise men bore witness to the fulfillment of God's promise of a savior.

January 21 – St. Agnes (304). St.

Agnes consecrated herself to God. Reportedly she was betrayed for being a Christian by a suitor whom she refused to marry. She maintained her faith and was executed as a result.

January 25 – The Conversion of St. Paul. Formally called "Saul" he persecuted the Christians until Jesus appeared to him on the road to Damascus, saying, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting" (Acts 9:5). After that, Saul became Paul and traveled around the known world, preaching the Faith.



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