



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Elementary School

School Newsletter

October 2023

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News from the Principal

Dear Families,

What a beautiful first month of school! Thank you so much for supporting Immaculate Conception Elementary School. We enjoy your partnership in your child's education. The **October calendar is enclosed** with dates and times of activities.

There will be an **Elementary School Early Release Day on October 11th at 1:30**. There will not be busing or After School Care available this day. Please arrange transportation for your child. Thank you for supporting our teachers as they use this time to prepare for your children!

There will be **No School on October 12th for Parent-Teacher Conferences**. Instructions to sign up for conferences will be emailed soon. There will be **No School on October 12 & 13th**.

Fall weather is approaching! Beginning Monday, October 2, shorts and skirts without leggings or tights will not be allowed unless the forecasted high temperature is 70 degrees or more. Dress code appropriate layers are encouraged for both recess and the classroom. Should temperatures dip below 40 degrees, students will be expected to have a coat for recess. Also, please remember that on Mass days, students are expected to be in traditional uniform (not athletic Regis apparel).

On dress down days, students should follow guidelines for appropriate dress for both the weather and a Catholic school environment. Sweatshirts should follow dress code guidelines. A copy of the dress code is included in your student's Friday Folder this week.

Halloween is always a fun day for students and staff! Costumes are to be brought to school and can be changed into after lunch when the parties start. Further details about costumes at school are outlined on the reverse side of this newsletter.

Our Virtue for the month of October is Friendship. We will practice this virtue with a "FriendCHIP Lunch" on Monday, October 9th. Students will be grouped across grade levels to practice their friendship skills at lunch and recess.

October is also the month of the Rosary! Included in this week's Friday Folder is a "Faith at Home Challenge". Students completing the challenge with their families may turn in their challenge sheets for a special prize! We will also celebrate the feast of Our Lady of the Rosary by praying a Living Rosary in the new Mary Garden outside church on Monday, October 23rd at 11am. Parents and family are welcome to join!

We will be practicing **lockdown drills and evacuation plans** in October. In following our Crisis Plan, we complete monthly fire drills, quarterly lockdowns, and annual evacuation drills. Our evacuation building is St. John's Lutheran Church next door. Some drills can make children anxious so you might want to discuss them with your child.

Finally, I want to thank all of you for your participation in our school community! It is through the generosity of our volunteers that we have such great support for our school. Thank you for trusting us with your child's education. We are so blessed to have your family as part of our community!

God Bless,

Mrs. Kayla Bahnub

kbahnub@regiscatholicschools.com



Halloween School Festivities

Tuesday, October 31

- Costumes should be "kid friendly"—no devils, blood, ghouls, or weapons are permitted. Skin should be appropriately covered.
- Parties begin in the afternoon.
- It is "Spirit Day" so students may be out of uniform.
- Students are to bring costumes to school and will change into them. Students should be able to change into their costumes without assistance as we have limited volunteer help.
- We will have an outdoor Halloween parade around the block at 3pm. Please park on Highland, Sherwin or Agnes Aves. If you would like to watch the parade!



No Shorts starting October 1st unless the temperature reaches 70°.

Substitute Teachers, Custodians and Open Positions

Regis Catholic Schools is in need of qualified substitute teachers and bus drivers. If you hold a bachelor's degree and are interested in stepping in for teachers, please contact Jen Eager, HR Coordinator at

jeager@regiscatholicschools.com

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

October 11 | Elementary Early Release (1:30 p.m.)

October 12 | NO SCHOOL (Parent/Teacher Conferences)

October 13 | NO SCHOOL

October 17 | 2nd grade parent meeting (First Reconciliation)

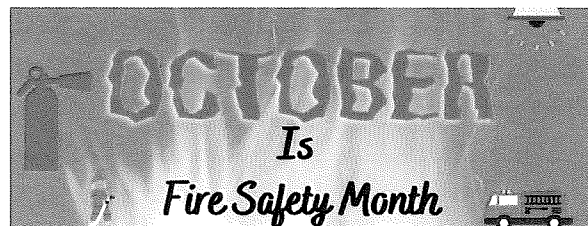
October 25 | Strawbridge School Picture Retake Day

October 27 | NO SCHOOL

November 4 | 2023 Regis Catholic Schools Auction

Faith @ Home Challenge!

In the electronic newsletter sent this week, there is a calendar of activities to learn more about the Holy Rosary. Complete one of the activities, circle it and have your parents/ adult family member sign off that you completed as a family for a special prize from Mrs. Bahnub! Questions? Contact Mrs. Bahnub at kbahnub@regiscatholicschools.com



Immaculate Conception Elementary School will host Fire Prevention Day for grades K-3 on Monday, October 2. The Eau Claire Fire Department will visit our school to observe a fire drill and give presentations on fire safety.

Breakfast is available before school in the cafeteria from 8:15-8:35. If you would like your child to eat breakfast at school, please direct them to the cafeteria instead of their classroom. More information on the breakfast program is available on our website.



TICKETS NOW AVAILABLE!

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2023
The Florian Gardens | Eau Claire

Come show your support one last time!

After three decades of fun, fellowship, and fundraising, the 2023 Regis Catholic Schools Auction will be our last.

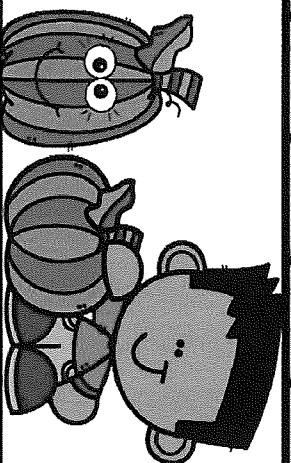
This will give us the opportunity to pave the way for a reimagined event in celebration of our Catholic education and the people who make our system great in the years to come.

We hope you will join us in helping to make our final event the biggest and best yet!

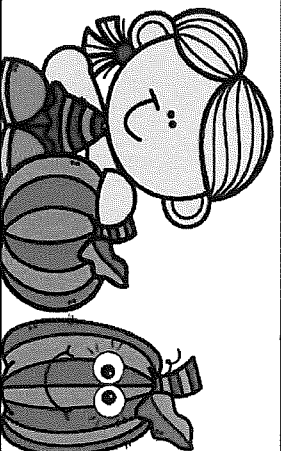
Registration Deadline | October 26

The Regis Catholic Schools Auction is the single biggest fundraiser for our St. Benedict Tuition Assistance Scholarship program, which makes tuition at our schools affordable for all families.





OCTOBER



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Custodial Appreciation Day	2 Fire Prevention Day	3	4 3rd Grade to Ferguson's Children's Rosary Group, 3:45	5 Mass 9AM (4J)	6	7
8 Safety Presentation with ECPD 9-10:30 FriendCHIP Lunch	9	10	11 Elementary Early Release 1:30pm (no bus transportation in pm)	12 No School- Parent Teacher Conferences 12-8	13 NO SCHOOL	14
15	16 1st grade to Ferguson's 2nd Grade Parent Meeting, 1st Reconciliation 6:30	17	18 Children's Rosary Group, 3:45	19 Mass 9AM (4D)	20 Jeans for Jesus (Casa Hogar Project Milk)	21
22 Living Rosary 11am Mary Garden	23	24 5th Grade to Ferguson's 10-11	25 Strawbridge School Picture Retake Day Children's Rosary Group, 3:45	26 Mass 9AM (3B)	27 NO SCHOOL- Diocesan In-Service	28
29	30	Halloween!	31 Immaculate Conception Elementary School 1703 Sherwin Ave. 715-830-2276			



Elementary Dress Code

Our Catholic elementary schools dress code represents Our Core Value of Respect. The chart below illustrates examples of what is the accepted norm. Students may wear t-shirts on "jeans days" or "dress down days." If a student is out of "uniform", parents will be called to bring in an acceptable article of clothing or the school will give the student clothing from the extra reserve apparel. Thank you for your help and support by following the dress code.

General Guidelines:

1. Each student's appearance must be appropriate to a Catholic school setting.
2. Clothing, hairstyle, make-up, and jewelry are not to be distracting or disruptive of the educational process.
3. All items worn to school must be clean. Worn, faded, frayed, torn, or baggy clothing may not be worn.
4. Regis and Regis Catholic Schools logos are encouraged to be worn. Any size Regis or Regis Catholic Schools logo, screen print or embroidery is accepted.
5. Shirt/sweatshirt: Name brand clothing should be avoided. If you do have name brand, it should be no more than 2" screen print embroidery.
6. Shirts must be buttoned.
7. Hairstyles must not distract from the learning environment and must be of natural hair color. Mohawks are not allowed. Boys may not have their fingernails painted or polished.
8. Hats may not be worn indoors.
9. Earrings may be worn only in the ears, no body piercing. Due to safety, no large hoop or dangling earrings may be worn.

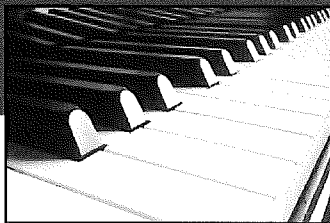
K-5 Specific Clothing

(Immaculate Conception Elementary School, St. James Elementary School, St. Mary's Elementary School)

Item	Style	Color	Comments
Shirts	Button polo shirt with collar, turtleneck or mock turtleneck. Long or short sleeves. No stripes are acceptable. Writing or graphics should be smaller than 2" with the exception of Regis Catholic Schools logos.	Solid Colors: Light Blue, Navy Blue, White, Dark Green, Light Yellow	Shirts with buttons must be buttoned. Shirts must be tucked in. No tank tops, crop tops or spaghetti straps. No denim shirts.
Sweatshirts	Long sleeved sweaters/sweatshirts only.	Solid Colors: Navy Blue, Gray or Regis Green	No stripes. Collared shirt must be worn under all sweaters and sweatshirts. Sweatshirts do not need to be tucked in.
Pants	Cotton, cotton-polyester or corduroy.	Solid Colors: Navy Blue or Khaki	No bib overalls, denims, jeans, sweatpants, wind pants. No stripes. Leggings are not pants and should only be worn under a skirt.
Shorts	Walking shorts no more than 3" above the knee.	Solid Colors: Navy Blue or Khaki	May be worn in August, September, May and June. If the temperature is predicted to be above 70°F shorts are acceptable in April and October.
Footwear	Socks, tights or leggings (with skirts).	Solid School Colors	Coordinate with other clothing. Athletic shoes are recommended and must be worn for physical education classes. All shoes must be worn with socks and be close-toed with a back-strap for safety.
Skirts/Jumpers	Split skirts and skorts are acceptable; no more than 3" above the knee.	Navy Blue, Plaid, Khaki	It is highly recommended that shorts be worn under skirts.

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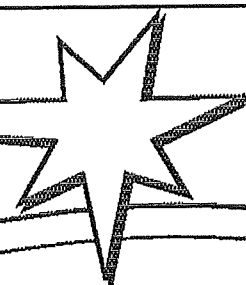
Call now to reserve your lesson time:
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Lesson times available after school and during the summer,
Monday through Friday, 3:30 to 5:30 p.m.

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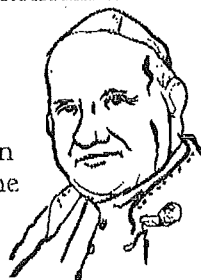
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Thoughtful Moments

St. John XXIII

Angelo Giuseppe Roncalli was born to a poor farming family in Bergamo, Italy. His ordination as a priest in 1904 began a lifetime serving the Church as: the bishop's secretary, a military chaplain, cardinal-patriarch of Venice, and finally, as "Good Pope John." He often visited the poor, the sick and prisoners. He worked to uphold their dignity and improved relations with the Eastern Church. He is remembered for opening the Second Vatican Council. He died in 1963.



The Guardian Angels

Guardian angels are "angels assigned to protect and intercede for each person" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, #336). The intervention of the angels on our behalf is one way God takes care of us. Pray the Guardian Angel prayer with children often.

"Jesus reveals the nature of God as that of a Father who never gives up until he has forgiven the wrong and overcome rejection with compassion and mercy." Pope Francis



Fall saints for a good school year

The saints in heaven help us on Earth with their prayers. We can also follow their examples to heaven. Through the autumn months, these saints can be beacons of light for children:

St. Thomas Aquinas is the patron of students. Brilliant but humble, he became one of the greatest minds of the Church, studying, teaching, and defending the Faith. He began study with a prayer: "Point out the beginning, direct the progress, and help in completion. Through Christ our Lord. Amen."

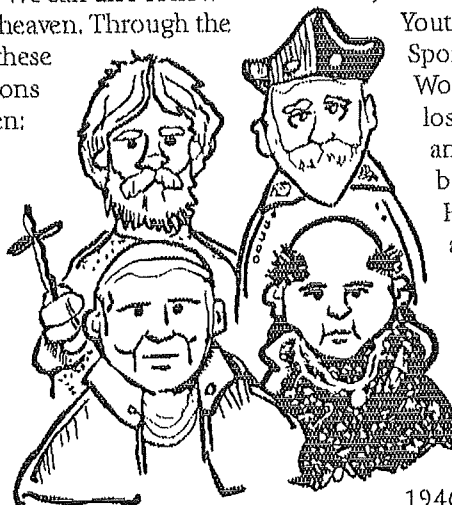
St. Sebastian, named patron of athletes, bravely endured suffering for the Faith. Young athletes can ask him to inspire their strength, good sportsmanship, and self-discipline in

their faith and on the field.

St. John Paul II, patron of World Youth Day and Catholic Sports, was born Karol Wojtyła in Poland. He lost his mother, father, and older brother before his 21st birthday. His promising academic career was cut short by the outbreak of World War II. After enrolling in a secret seminary in Kraków, he was ordained a priest in

1946 and eventually became one of the longest serving popes in Church history.

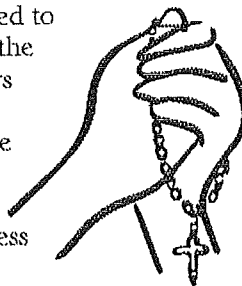
St. Philip Neri is patron of holy friendships. A valuable part of our school experience is learning to make friends. Call on the intercession of St. Philip Neri when navigating friendship challenges and to find holy friends.



Why Do Catholics Do That?

Why do Catholics pray the Rosary?

Traditionally attributed to the Dominican Order, the Rosary is a set of prayers that focuses on the mysterious events in the lives of Jesus and Mary. Several Marian apparitions and countless saints and popes have



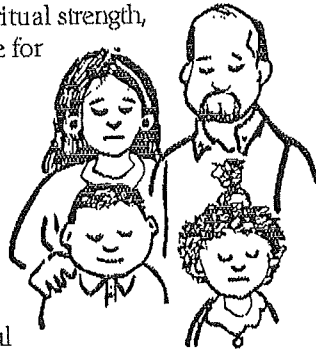
recommended the Rosary as the "powerhouse" of devotions. Many mistake it as Marian devotion, but the prayer is actually a meditation on Jesus' life through Mary's eyes. Meditating on the prayers and mysteries of our Faith opens us to graces that make us more Christ-like.

The family that prays together...

Praying together as a family is a source of spiritual strength, protection, nourishment, and much-needed grace for families. Use these tips to strengthen a family prayer habit in your home:

Set reasonable expectations: Based on children's ages and abilities, develop a mix of formula prayer, Scripture reading, and spontaneous prayer that will make up your family prayer routine.

Practice: Prayer is a conversation. Teach children how to have a warm, sharing, prayerful conversation with God. Demonstrate how it can be done.



Be consistent: Meet in the same place and same time every day for a specific amount of time. Children will learn that regular prayer is a priority and a vital habit.

Be generous: Allow each member to choose an intention – someone or something for which to pray. That way, prayer becomes even more personal.

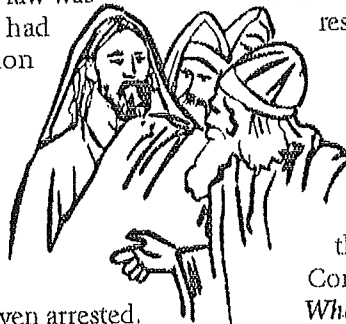
Keep it simple: God wants to encounter our hearts with His grace. If family prayer is as simple as offering intentions before a Crucifix and closing with a hymn of praise, that's good prayer.

Scripture LESSON

Matthew 22:34-40, It all comes down to love

In this Gospel passage, a lawyer starts a debate with Jesus on which of the 613 commands in Jewish law was the most important. Jews had been debating that question for generations without coming to agreement. Egged on by the Pharisees, the lawyer hoped to get Jesus to say something against Jewish law so He could be discredited or even arrested.

Jesus silenced them all by saying that everything starts and ends with love – love of God and love of neighbor. Even the Pharisees couldn't argue with that. The Ten Commandments can be



divided into two categories: those recommending respect for God (the first three) and those detailing responsibilities toward neighbors (the last seven). In the end, it is about love. The lawyer was brought to silence. The debate resulted in the gift of the Two Greatest Commandments.

What can a parent do? Talk with children about how easy it is to love people who are nice to us but loving everyone, even if they're not nice, is what God really wants us to do. It's how God loves us.

Feasts & Celebrations

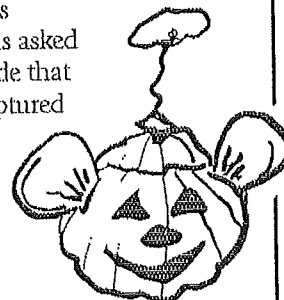
October 2 – Feast of the Guardian Angels. All of us have a guardian angel in charge of protecting us and watching over us day and night. Today, remember to thank the Guardian Angels for the work they have done in helping us.

October 5 – St. Faustina Kowalska (1938). Born Helena Kowalska, St. Faustina joined the Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy against her parents' wishes. In 1931, Jesus appeared to her and told her to paint an image of the Divine Mercy and to spread devotion to His mercy.

October 18 – St. Luke the Evangelist

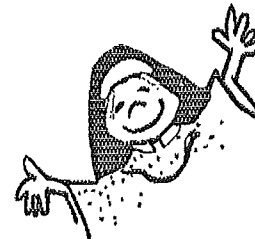
(1st Century). St. Luke was a Christian physician from Antioch. His Gospel and Acts of the Apostles were probably written between A.D. 70 and 85.

October 23 – St. John of Capistrano (1456). Born in Capistrano, Italy in 1386, St. John studied law at Perugia. He eventually joined the Franciscans. Renowned for his preaching, he was asked to lead the crusade that successfully recaptured Constantinople from the Ottomans and saved Christendom.



Parent TALK

Tessa wanted to be Maleficent for Halloween - a strong female character who used powerful magic to subjugate a kingdom.



Glamorous but horrible. I wasn't thrilled with my daughter imitating a villainess

who cursed a kingdom.

"You know, saints have amazing powers, too," I said. "St. Padre Pio read souls and St. Clare of Assisi turned away an army attacking her monastery."

Tessa thought for a few minutes. "Did St. Clare do that all by herself?" she asked.

"As an answer to prayer," I said. "She put the Eucharist in a monstrance on the convent walls and prayed for protection. The attackers fled."

"I'll be St. Clare," Tessa decided. "Faith was her super power. Courage, too." On Halloween, Tessa wore a brown tunic with a rope belt and a black veil. We made a monstrance out of pipe cleaners, glitter, and aluminum foil. And there was no sign of Maleficent!

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