

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Elementary School

School Newsletter

December 2023 Parent Newsletter

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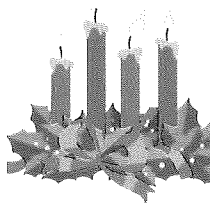
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News from the Principal

Dear Families,

The season of Advent is filled with activities preparing for Christ's birth. Advent begins Sunday, December 3. We will have an Advent prayer service at morning meeting each Monday during Advent.

Our focus this Advent season will be "Come, Lord Jesus!" Our activities will focus on welcoming Jesus into our hearts, minds and letting our actions reflect our joy of Jesus in our hearts. In December, we will focus on our **Toys for Tots** collection (Jeans for Jesus on December 1st) and our **Mitten Tree**. The mitten tree is located at the Sherwin Avenue entrance. Please contribute by decorating the tree with mittens, hats, gloves and/ or scarves to be donated to Sojourner House. We will also be organizing a **sock drive** for the homeless in collaboration with the parish.



The **Feast of the Immaculate Conception** is on Friday, December 8th. School Mass will be held at 9am on Friday. All students and staff will be given Marion prayer cards and miraculous medals to celebrate.



On Thursday, December 7th, Immaculate Conception Elementary students invite you to attend our **Christmas Program**. The program will be at 6pm in the church. The program will be livestreamed from the Immaculate Conception Parish Website as well. A letter is in Friday Folders with the details of the program.

It's that time of year where the cold nips at our noses and flurries fly! Please be sure to send your child with the appropriate snow gear each day (snowpants, boots, jackets, hats and gloves).

"For God so loved the world that he gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life." John 3:16



It is also time for colds, coughs and the flu. Please keep your child home if they are sick, in accordance with our sick policy (please see the reverse of this newsletter).

The feast of St. Nicholas is on Wednesday, December 6th. St. Nicholas will be stopping by to place special gifts on each student's desk before school. How nice he remembers our students!

We are excited to share in the **Thanksgiving Feast** Nov. 21. If you have RSVPed to eat lunch at school, please meet your child in their homeroom at 11:40 for K-2, or 12:10 for 3-5. If you have multiple students, please choose one to meet in their homeroom. You may eat as a family group in the cafeteria and your other children will join you after getting their lunch. Thanksgiving Break will be November 22-24.

Please join me in praying for our second graders who are receiving the sacrament of **First Reconciliation** on Wednesday, November 29. Third-Fifth grade students will receive the sacrament of reconciliation on Thursday December 14 and Friday December 15th.

This time of year, we are extremely grateful for the generosity of our parents. There are many collections of donations and gifts. Home & School will be facilitating a collection for a gift for specialists and shared staff among all grades. They will not be collecting group gifts for homeroom teachers. If you would like to give a Christmas gift or homemade present to your child's teacher, you may do so. Scrip and wish lists are available in the office.

We are preparing for the **Bloomer Rope Jump Contest!** The school wide contest will be held on January 12th at 2pm, to qualify for the Bloomer competition on January 27. Mrs. Valdez has jump ropes for sale during PE classes. Students who would like them can purchase them for \$2.

May Jesus' presence be part of your Advent preparations. Honor Christmas all year and keep it in your hearts!

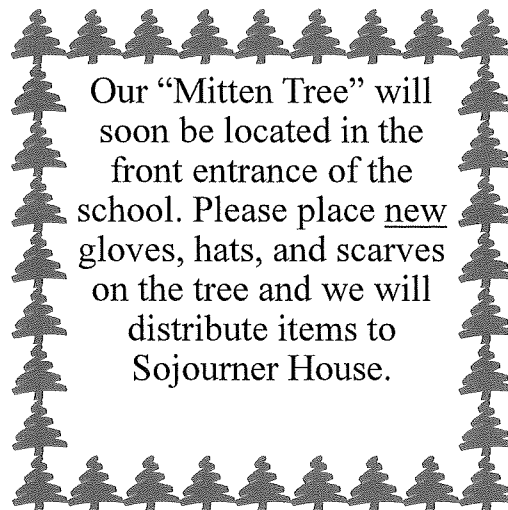
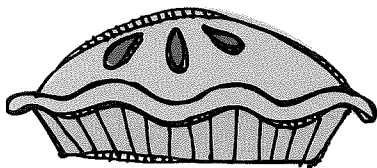
Merry Christmas!

Mrs. Kayla Bahnum

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Immaculate Conception Home & School Pie Fundraiser

Thank you to all who supported our Home & School Association through our pie fundraiser! Pie pick up will be Monday, November 20th from 3:15-5:30pm in the hallway outside the main office. Please do not park on Sherwin Ave. until after 3:45 as buses need to pick up students.



Our "Mitten Tree" will soon be located in the front entrance of the school. Please place new gloves, hats, and scarves on the tree and we will distribute items to Sojourner House.

Upcoming Events

Dec. 1	Jeans for Jesus (Toys for Tots)
Dec. 7	Christmas Program 6pm
Dec. 8	School Mass for Feast of Immaculate Conception
Dec. 14 & 15	Advent Reconciliation Service (Gr. 3-5)
Dec. 21	Free Dress Down Day (Red, Green & White)
Dec. 22- Jan 2	No School- Christmas Break

Sick Child Policy

Please keep your child home from school if they are sick. They cannot learn effectively if they are tired, ill or cannot breathe or talk. Our handbook states that all students must stay home from school if:

- they have a temperature of 100.4 degrees or higher
- are vomiting
- Have diarrhea

Students should stay home until they are symptom free for 24 hours without medication.

Further, if your student tests positive for covid-19, they must stay home for 5 days. They may return on day 6 as long as they are symptom free and wear a mask for an additional 10 days.

If the school calls you to inform you that your child is sick, you are expected to pick them up in a timely fashion.

IC Parish Masses and Holy Days of Obligation

December 8: Feast of the Immaculate Conception Mass 5:30pm followed by Pasta Supper

December 24: Christmas Eve Mass 5:00pm

December 25: Christmas Mass 8:30am and 11am

January 1: Solemnity of Mary Mass 9am (*not a Holy Day of Obligation this year)



Christmas Vacation
begins Friday,
December 22 and school
resumes on
Wednesday, January 3.
Enjoy the holidays!

Learning Today, Leading Tomorrow

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**Immaculate Conception Elementary School Presents
"Christmastime Around the World"
December 7, 2023; 6PM**

Dear Immaculate Conception Elementary School Families,

We are busy preparing for our annual Christmas Program! Students in grades K-5 will be performing musical selections from Christmas celebrations around the world. Our program will be held in the church on December 7th at 6pm. Because seating is limited, we will also be live streaming for family and friends who are not able to attend. Students are required to attend as a part of their music grade. If you have a conflict that evening, please contact Mrs. Lisa Miller as soon as possible so alternate arrangements can be made.

Livestream link: (Also available on the Immaculate Conception PARISH website)
https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCsDc1NP_PItBX6sVMCDqong?view_as=subscriber

Students should arrive at school between 5:30 and 5:45 on the evening of December 7. Students should dress up in fancy dress for the evening. They will report to their homerooms to take some photos and get organized for the performance. After the performance, students must return to their classrooms, and parents will be required to check out their child with their homeroom teachers. Students will not be permitted to join their families in the church for this performance. Please help us keep students safe by following this procedure. The school may be entered from any door the evening of the program.

We look forward to celebrating the Christmas season with you!

God Bless,



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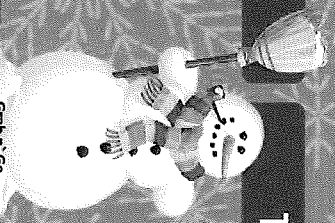
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Regis Elementary School Meals
Grab n` Go Breakfast & Lunch

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



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Monday

4
Grab n` Go
Cereal Bowls or
Breakfast Bars Combo kits
Fresh Fruit
Lunch
Chicken Nuggets
Whipped Potatoes
Cherry Tomatoes
Mixed Fruit /Orange Wedge

11
Grab n` Go
Cereal Bowls or
Breakfast Bars Combo kits
Fresh Fruit
Lunch
Popcorn Chicken
Baked Beans
Broccoli Florets
Mandarin Oranges/Fresh Apple

18
Grab n` Go
Cereal Bowls or
Breakfast Bars Combo kits
Fresh Fruit
Lunch
Ham & Cheese Stackers
Baked Tater Tots
Baby Carrots
Chilled Pears/Fresh Apple

25
No School

Tuesday

5
Grab n` Go
Cereal Bowls or
Breakfast Bars Combo kits
Fresh Fruit
Lunch
Hard Shell Tacos
Lettuce/Tomatoes/Salsa
Refried Beans / Spanish Rice
Cucumber Slices
Chilled Pears/Fresh Apple
Fresh Baked Cookie

12
Grab n` Go
Cereal Bowls or
Breakfast Bars Combo kits
Fresh Fruit
Lunch
Chicken Patty on a Bun
Baked Seasoned Fries
Green Beans
Baby Carrots
Grapes/Chilled Applesauce

19
Grab n` Go
Cereal Bowls or
Breakfast Bars Combo kits
Fresh Fruit
Lunch
Walking Taco
Lettuce/Tomato/Cheese/Salsa
Seasoned Refried Beans
Cucumber Slices
Mandarin Oranges/Banana

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Wednesday

6
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

13
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

20
Grab n` Go
Cereal Bowls or
Breakfast Bars Combo kits
Fresh Fruit
Lunch
Pizza Hut * Pizza
Cheese or Pepperoni
Tossed Salad
Celery sticks/Tomatoes
Applesauce/Orange Wedges

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Thursday

7
Grab n` Go
Cereal Bowls or
Breakfast Bars Combo kits
Fresh Fruit
Lunch
Spaghetti w/ Meat Sauce
Green Beans
Steamed Broccoli
Pineapple Tidbits
Fresh Apple

14
Grab n` Go
Cereal Bowls or
Breakfast Bars Combo kits
Fresh Fruit
Lunch
Hamburger on a *Bun
Tossed Salad
Cucumber Slices
Kiwi/ Strawberries

21
Grab n` Go
Cereal Bowls or
Breakfast Bars Combo kits
Fresh Fruit
Lunch
Popcorn Chicken
Broccoli Florets
Red Pepper Strips
Hummus
Chilled Peaches/100% Grape Juice

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Friday

1
Grab n` Go
Cereal Bowls or
Breakfast Bars Combo Kits
Fresh Fruit
Lunch
Cheese Quesadilla
Salsa
Whole Kernel Corn/Green Beans
Chilled Pears/Fresh Apple

8
Grab n` Go
Cereal Bowls or
Breakfast Bars Combo kits
Fresh Fruit
Lunch
Cheese Omelet w/*Pancakes
Baked Hash brown
Baby Carrots
Strawberries/100% Orange Juice

15
Grab n` Go
Cereal Bowls or
Breakfast Bars Combo kits
Fresh Fruit
Lunch
Fish Sticks
Whole Kernel Corn
Sweet Potato Fries
Mixed Fruit/Fresh Apple
Fresh Baked Cookie

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No School

29
No School

Wishing your Family a very Merry Christmas & Happy New Year

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

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