



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
Elementary School



IC What's Happening!!

September 9, 2023

Summer sure went fast! Here we are, headed into another school year! Please read the following newsletter each week as it will contain important information about things happening and need to know information at school. **WELCOME BACK!**

Mrs. Travis

- **If you have not turned in your Immunization information for your child, please do this ASAP as we have to do our state report.** We appreciate your cooperation! Call Mrs. Travis with any questions at (715)830-2276
- **Absences:** If your child will be absent or tardy **please call the school office no later than 9:30 a.m.** (715)830-2276 to report this. Mrs. Travis calls all parents who child/children are not accounted for. We appreciate your cooperation since this is time consuming for the office. If you plan to pick up your child early for an appointment, please send a note to your child's teacher, which will be routed to the school office so we are all made aware. Should you choose to email your teacher about an absence or early pick up, please copy Mrs. Travis ltravis@regiscatholicschools.com on the message since she needs to document this information. **THANK YOU!**
- **Skyward changes:** If you have any changes throughout the year with address, phone or medical information, etc. Please contact Ashley Bauer in our Central office.
- **Student pickup:** Door 6 will be open at 3:15 for pick up, please **DO NOT** let your children run across the parking lot. Playing on the playground is parental supervision only, please do not allow your children to play in the parking lot or gym while you socialize.

- Do you have time in your daily schedule from 11:30-12:30 Monday through Thursday? We are looking for a volunteer in our lunchroom! Please contact Crystal Weiland in the kitchen if you have any questions!
- **PICTURE DAY IS COMING!!** On Wednesday, September 14^h we need everyone to SMILE PRETTY! It will be picture day here at Immaculate Conception School! Students are not required to wear uniforms on this day. You will also have the option to order online.
- **Hearing Screening:** On Friday, September 15th all Kindergarten and First grade students will be tested.
- The I.C. Parish Festival will be held on September 16th! Grab the family and join in on all the fun!!
- **Home and School meeting:** There will be a meeting in the Oak room at 6:00p.m. on Wednesday, September 13th. Come and see where all the fun planning for Immaculate Conception School begins! See inside your child's folder for volunteer opportunities and a flyer for the first fun activity of the year. All volunteers are needed, we received minimal forms back. We have enclosed the volunteer form in the Friday folder. Please fill out and return to school.
- Our first Jeans for Jesus will be held on Friday, September 15th. All donations will be donated to the Eau Claire School District's Education of Homeless Children and Youth. The program is dedicated to helping students meet their basic needs to support their readiness for school and academic success.
- Our first Regis Spirit Day will be on Tuesday, September 26th! Show your school pride by wearing your Regis apparel on this day and making a small donation of at least \$1 to dress down. All proceeds support the Regis Catholic Schools auction. This is the last auction so let's make it a great one!

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.*

Dear Immaculate Conception Families,

We are happy to inform you that Immaculate Conception Elementary School will begin offering the Weekend Kid's Meals Program. This program is offered through Feed My People Food Bank.

- The purpose of the program is to provide food for your child during the weekend when school breakfasts and lunches are not available.
- There are no income guidelines or requirements. Anyone is welcome to participate in this program. The food is at NO COST to you or your child.
- If you choose to enroll your child, they will receive a plastic bag each Friday with food for breakfast and lunch for Saturday and Sunday, plus snacks and fresh fruit.
- Please be aware that Feed My People does not screen for allergens. Please consider your own safety when enrolling in this program. In a food bank warehouse, we are unable to guarantee cross contamination and exposure to various food allergens (tree nut peanut, milk, egg, wheat, soy, corn, etc.).

If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact Caitlin McElroy at cmcelroy@case.k12.wi.us.

Families are able to sign up or discontinue this program anytime throughout the school year by contacting us.

-----CUT AND RETURN TO SCHOOL OFFICE-----

Child's Name(s)

Teacher

Your Name

I want my child to receive food each week through Weekend Kid's Meals. I understand that the food received has not been screened for allergies and I am therefore responsible for determining what my child can/can not eat.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date



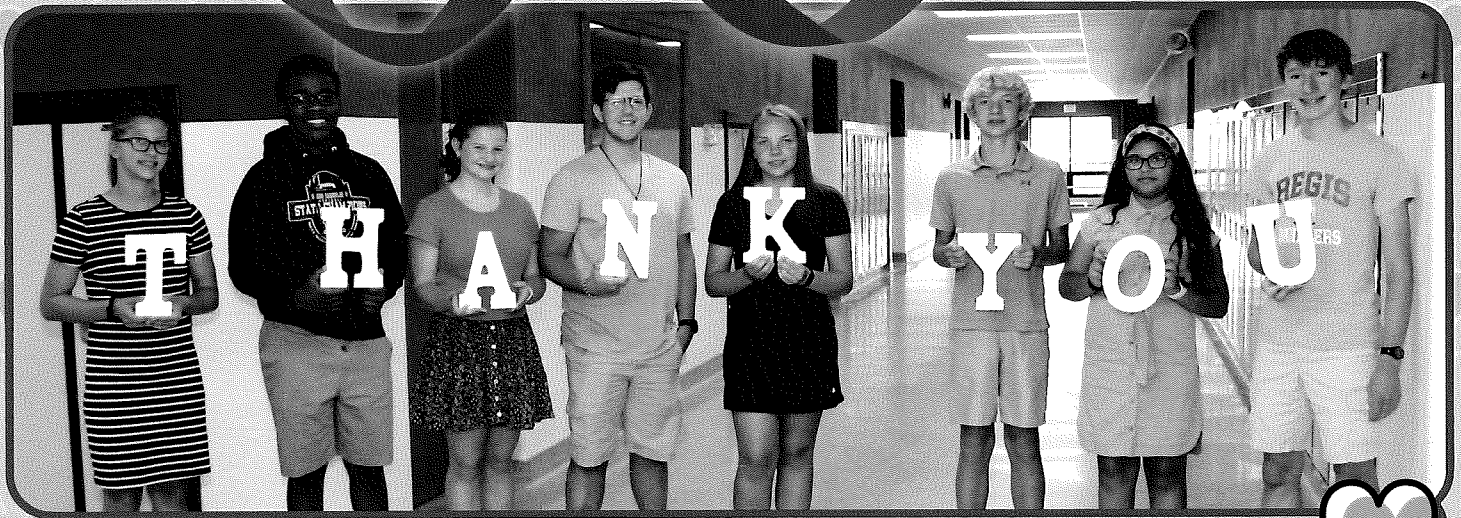
Feed My People
FOOD BANK

RENOVATION OPEN HOUSE & BLESSING

Monday, September 18 | 4 to 6 p.m.

2100 Fenwick Avenue, Eau Claire

Join us as we unveil our Regis campus
2nd floor renovation & more!



It was a busy summer on the
Regis campus and we are excited
and proud to show you what **YOU**
helped us accomplish!

OPEN HOUSE SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Tours | 4 to 6 p.m.

Blessing & Ribbon Cutting | 5:30 p.m.

Thank you for trusting us with your child's education. No matter your child's grade level, we invite you to join us as we come together in celebration. This renovation will benefit our students, faculty, and staff for years to come with an exceptional new learning environment that reflects the values and spirit of our Regis community.

Join us as we
celebrate this
major improvement
for our current and
future generation of
Regis Ramblers!



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Dear Parents and Families,

The Second-Grade year at Immaculate Conception is a pivotal year for reception of the Sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Communion. Immaculate Conception students receive these sacraments with members of our Faith Formation Program as we are one Church body. To prepare for these special Sacramental Celebrations, the following information is needed. Please feel free to contact me with any questions. kmccandless@case.k12.wi.us

Many Blessings,

Miss McCandless

Please complete and return no later than September 10, 2023.

Child's Name: _____

Was your child baptized? Yes*** Child's Baptism Date: _____

No (Please see me if you are interested in having your child baptized)

If yes - Was your child baptized Catholic? Yes No (if no please indicate faith _____)

Please attach your child's Baptismal Certificate with this form electronically or send in a paper copy

If your Child is Catholic Please fill out the following questions:

Will your child be receiving the Sacrament of **First Reconciliation** at Immaculate Conception?

Yes No (if no please indicate where they will receive _____)

Will your child be receiving the Sacrament of **First Communion** at Immaculate Conception?

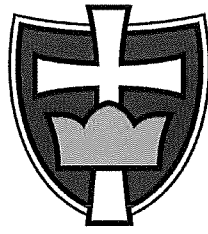
Yes No (if no please indicate where they will receive _____)

Parent/s Name/s:

Parent/s Phone Number:

Parent/s Email Address:

Any additional information that I should know?



**HOME & SCHOOL
ASSOCIATION**

Hello and Welcome Back IC Families!

We are very excited for the new school year and all the wonderful things we have planned. The IC Home & School Association (HSA) has grown tremendously in recent years. We want to thank all of you who have helped make our school and events great! Without your help and dedication, we wouldn't be the group we are today!

As we grow, our need for volunteers becomes greater to ensure events can continue to be as successful. We are also adding some previous school events that a few dedicated parents put on; we hope to continue these fun traditions with your help.

In the descriptions are suggested meeting dates; these meetings are open to anyone with children attending IC. We welcome and encourage all families and volunteers to attend as many meetings as possible. These meetings are a great way to meet other families and learn more about what is happening at the school. Below are the general meeting dates. These meetings aim to share information about events happening in the quarter, see if there are areas in which additional help may be needed, or review prior events.

We look forward to seeing you there!

**ICE Home and School Association
General Meeting Dates**

Tuesday, September 26th
Tuesday, November 14th
Tuesday, January 16th
Tuesday, March 19th

All meetings are at 6 pm in the Oak Room

If you have any questions about HSA or these committees, you can find us at the Back to School Open House from 11:30-3:30, or we will have an informational meeting on **Wednesday, September 13th, at 6 pm** in the Oak Room. We look forward to seeing you soon and hope you enjoy these next few weeks of summer!

God Bless,

Immaculate Conception Elementary School Home & School Association Board

Courtenay Bydash
Co-chair

Evelyn 4th & Julianna K

Kate Bobholz
Co-chair

Ella 2nd & Nora 4K

Ronda Ryder
Treasurer

Nolan 5th & Wyatt 2nd

Kayla Bahnum
Principal

We are currently in need of a secretary. Please contact icehomeandschool@gmail.com if interested.

Home & School Committee Descriptions

Room Parent Committee-School Year

- Classroom's Home and School Representative
- Plan Holiday parties with teachers
- Volunteer in the classroom for various events, parties, or teacher needs
- Organize other parent volunteers for classroom-specific events and field trips
- Work with other committees for school-wide events
- Recognition, appreciation, and celebration of teachers and staff
- Communicate with families about classroom and school-wide activities, events, and needs
- Due to the times of events, parties, and needs of this committee being available to volunteer in the classroom/building during school hours, it is beneficial that you strive to attend as much as possible
- Attend all 4 General H&S Assoc Meetings Sept. 26th, Nov. 14th, Jan 16th, March 19th
- Attend Room Parent Information Meeting Tuesday, September 26th at 5:00 pm

Fall Family Fun Night-Friday, September 8th @ 6-8 pm

- Help communicate and create excitement for the event
- Volunteer during the event
 - o answer questions
 - o set up & take down
 - o manage student volunteers
- Due to the timing of this event, if you are interested in helping, please email us as soon as possible at icehomeandschool@gmail.com
- The committee will begin meeting in August and should plan to attend Tuesday, September 26th, H&S Mtg

Spring Family Fun Night- Friday, April 19th @ 6-8 pm

- Help communicate and create excitement for the event
- Plan games and prizes
- Secure and manage student volunteers to help during the event
- Recruit adult volunteers to help during the event
- Plan and organize concessions
- Find talent for event-balloon artists, face painters, and photo booth
- The committee will begin meeting in February and should plan to attend the March 19th H&S Mtg

Pie Sale Fundraiser- Monday, November 20th pick up pies from the bakery & 3:15-5:30pm pie pick-up

- This fundraiser helps to fund fun night events and other activities or events throughout the year
- Organize and communicate sale information to families
- Track sales of each pie, collect money, and bakery payment with H&S board treasure support
- Communicate with the bakery on pie costs, quantity, and bakery pick-up location
- Pick up pies from the bakery
- Sort pies and help with pie pick-up
- The committee will begin meeting in October and should plan to attend the Nov. 14th H&S meeting

STEAM Fair- Tuesday, April 9th @ 5:30-6:30 pm

- Coordinate and communicate with families and students about the dates for the fair
- Coordinate student experiments/projects
- Prep the gym for the fair displays
- Help with setting up and displaying experiments/projects
- Clean up and take down of the event
- The committee will begin meeting in early February and should plan to attend the March 19th H&S Mtg

Talent Show-Wednesday, January 31st @ TBD (during the school day in the afternoon)

- Coordinate and communicate with families and students about dates
- Preview and approve all acts and any AV being used
- Help students prepare for the show (rehearsal)
- Coordinate necessary AV and other equipment needs for students, ie. Piano, music, video
- The committee will begin meeting end of November or early December and should plan to attend the Jan. 16th H&S Mtg

Teacher and Staff Sunshine Committee-School Year

- Help bring some sunshine to our teachers and staff
- Birthday and Life Event recognition for faculty and staff (i.e., marriage or birth/adoption)
- Teacher Appreciation Week-this will be done together with Room Parents
- Staff Appreciation will be done throughout the year rather than with teacher appreciation
- Back to School and End of the Year Events
- The committee will meet once or twice in the fall semester and will meet more regularly in late March to plan/organize Teacher Appreciation Week
- Committee members should plan to attend March 19th H&S Mtg

Catholic School and Family Engagement- School Year *A new committee so description may evolve as the group grows*

- Encourage families to attend Mass, especially on School Mass weekends
- Attend Mass on School Mass weekends (one weekend a month)
- Create Prayer groups, Bible Study, or Rosary Club for families-can be during or after school hours
- Attend school Mass and help to greet other families
- Share the Catholic faith with families
- Work with Father Francis to organize meetings to help families grow in their Catholic faith or learn about the Catholic faith

Christmas Decorations- Put Up: Tuesday, November 21st @1:00PM approx. Take Down: January 8th or 9th @TBD

- Help decorate and take down the school halls and rooms for Christmas
- Put Up Trees
- Lights and Decorations
- Ensure that all teachers have Advent wreaths and materials needed
- Committee members are encouraged to attend the Nov. 14th and Jan 16th H&S Mtgs

School Event or Occasional Volunteer-Ongoing throughout the year

- Want to help but not sure that you can make a total commitment to one of these committees
- Home & School and the school often may need volunteers for specific tasks examples would be:
 - o Extra volunteers on the night of an event
 - o Need of help due to illness or other circumstances of committee members
 - o Help with the Health Screenings for K-1
 - o Special school Masses or Programs (Veterans Day or Christmas Program)
 - o Book Fair
 - o Catholic Schools Week or Walk for Virtues
 - o Uniform Closet

Thank you for considering volunteering at IC!

We appreciate you reviewing the different descriptions; please complete the Volunteer Interest Form and return it by Friday, September 15th. If you have any questions about volunteering or want to learn more about the Home and School Association, please join us for an informational meeting **Wednesday, September 13th, at 6 pm in the Oak Room** or email

ICEHomeandSchool@gmail.com

Volunteer Interest Form

Please check all the committees you would like to volunteer for. Contact information only needs to be repeated for each committee if there is more than one volunteer. If so, please, indicate the contact for each committee. If you check Occasional Volunteer and there is a specific event or day you would like to help with, please make a note in the contact section.

Please return this page to your child's classroom teacher by **Friday, September 15th**. The attached committee descriptions are yours to keep for reference.

Committee	Contact Person	Committee	Contact Person
Room Parent		Talent Show (NEED NEW CHAIR!)	
Fall Family Fun Night		Teacher/Staff Sunshine	
Spring Family Fun Night		Catholic School Family and Faith	
Pie Fundraiser		Christmas Decoration	
STEAM Fair		Occasional Volunteer	

Contact Information:

Name: _____ Email: _____ Phone #: _____

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Child's Name: _____ Grade/Teacher: _____

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Please look for an email by September 26th from HSA regarding your committee choices including contact information for your board liaison and committee chair.

Communication Guidelines

Home & School Association will not share any contact information without permission and only be shared for the purpose of Home & School Assoc communications. If you find that contact information is being shared or used outside of HSA guidelines, please contact the HSA at ICEHomeandSchool@gmail.com