

# IC School Newsletter

## September 7, 2010

### Immaculate Conception

#### "A Pearl of Great Price"



The Kingdom of heaven is like this. A man is looking for fine pearls, and when he finds one that is unusually fine, he goes and sells everything he has, and buys that pearl.

Matthew 13: 45-46

#### Mrs. Struempf's News:

School is well underway now. It was wonderful to see everyone at the parent nights this past week! As I said at the parent meetings, I am blessed to start the year with such a wonderful staff! While we all miss the teachers who retired, we are enjoying getting to know those who have joined us. If you were unable to meet them during parent night, I invite you to come to the Home and School meeting on Tuesday, September 28<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM. All of our teachers will be in attendance at that meeting too.

We have some exciting changes this year. The first is our new library. It is larger, and is beautifully painted. Thanks to the parents, volunteers and Dream Team who have helped make such a wonderful space for the library. We have also implemented elements of the BIST program to aid in the climate of the classrooms this year. If you hear of the "Safe Seat" from your children, it is a way to help the teachers to control disruptions in the classroom without losing class time as well as communicate with the students.

Now that we are in the routine of drop off and pick up of our school children, please be mindful of a few safety concerns:

- Children are to exit vehicles on the passenger side ONLY
- Merging procedures at the Incarnate Word Building for Preschool and Kindergarten students (see drop off procedures sheet that was enclosed with enrollment packet). Please share this information with those that will be dropping your child/ren off in the mornings.

The key to any situation is to SLOW down and be aware of your surroundings.

Our theme this year is "A Pearl of Great Price." A few of the pearls that we are focusing on this year are the gifts of the Holy Spirit. The first gift we are focusing on is the gift of understanding. I will be sharing with your children in the near future information about my trip this summer to Peru. It is my hope that the children will begin to understand a little of what it is like to be without food and shelter like the families in Peru. We will also have a Penny War to raise money for the breakfast program sponsored by the parish, St. Francis of Assisi. (The Jefferson City Diocese has also supported St. Francis of Assisi in Pisco Playa, Peru due to the earthquake of 2007.)

*Mrs. Struempf*

#### Active Shooter Training

Our faculty had the opportunity to work with the Missouri Highway Patrol, Jefferson City Police Department, and other local law enforcement at a training workshop in August. The purpose of this training was to improve the safety of our school, specifically in the event that there would ever be an intruder on school premises or one that would gain access into our school buildings. All teachers attended the morning training session where we learned of the history of events that led us to the type of training that is most valuable to schools today. We also toured the school buildings with the trainers, and discussed our school's safety concerns and what options we have in these types of situations.

In the afternoon, over half the staff trained with law enforcement to re-enact possible intruder situations and were trained on what we would do. From this training, our faculty learned some valuable tools to aid in the safety of our students and staff. Law enforcement was impressed with many of the safety features we already have in place. One area that we have begun to address is the need for ALL visitors to wear a name badge. This informs all faculty and staff, as well as students, that such visitors have checked in at the office and have permission to be on school grounds. We under-

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#### Upcoming Dates:

**9/6--**No School-Labor Day

**9/7**—School Board Meeting at 6:30 PM

**9/8**—5C plans Mass

**9/10**—3A plans Mass; 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Field Trip to Vatican Splendors; 7<sup>th</sup> Grade COPE

**9/14**—BUG Casual Dress; Dismiss at 2 PM; faculty meeting; Bring aluminum cans; No City bus; Grades K-2 Respect Program; 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Electrical Safety Program

**9/15**—8-2 plans Mass

**9/16**—Grades 6-8 Second Chance Foundation Program

**9/17**—4C plans Mass; Mid Quarter

**9/18-19**—Scrip Sales

**9/22**—6B plans Mass

**9/23**—Progress Reports Go Home

**9/24**—3B plans Mass

**9/27-10/1**—Achievement Testing this week

**9/28**—BUG Casual Dress; Home & School Meeting at 7 PM

**9/29**—5B plans Mass

**10/1**—3C plans Mass

**10/2-3**—Scrip Sales

**10/4**—No School-Teacher Institute

**10/5**—Show Me Players Program for 6<sup>th</sup> Grade; School Board Meeting at 6:30 PM

**10/6**—7-3 plans Mass

**10/8**—2A plans Mass

stand that some will see this as a hindrance, but for the safety of all, we feel it is necessary to make this requirement. So even if you visit the school office frequently, whether to volunteer or visit classrooms, we ask that you check in at the office and put on a name tag. It's such a small sacrifice to ensure the safety of everyone at I.C.!

Thank You, Mrs. Schimpf

### Recycling for our School

Please save box tops and barcodes from Campbell, Pepperridge Farm and Best Choice; Moser's cash register receipts, the A+ and 1,2,3 on Tyson frozen products, empty Frito Lay chip bags, and CapriSun fruit drink pouches with the bottoms slit and rinsed out; as well as ink cartridges, paper and aluminum cans. Don't forget that the aluminum can collection is on the second Tuesday of the month, September 14.

### Asbestos Management Plan

Our school has a periodic surveillance performed every June and December, and the Diocese performs a re-inspection of our facilities every three years. All the asbestos that creates an immediate health hazard has been either removed or contained to provide a safe environment for our students and staff members.

### Home and School Meeting

The Home and School Meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 28 at 7 PM. Plans for Fall Fling and other fundraising events will be discussed.

## SCHOOL NURSE'S



## NOTE

It is so nice to see all the children back for another year at Immaculate Conception School. We want to make this a healthy and safe year for our students as they learn and grow throughout the year. I wanted to take a moment to remind you of some actions that you can take to help your child this year.

As you know, students are great at sharing when they return to school. This sharing of ideas, stories and friendships is wonderful. However, they may also share other less desirable things - such as viruses, and bacteria or a trigger for an allergic reaction. So please remember the following:

- Reinforce with your child handwashing, covering nose/mouth when coughing or sneezing and disposing of soiled tissues.
- Remind your child not to share food with another. (Some children may be allergic to that particular food item.)
- Remind your child not to share hair items with another (such a combs, brushes, caps, hair clips/barrettes/pretties).
- Do not send your child to school when he or she is ill. (This includes fever, pink eye, skin rash, or GI symptoms, as vomiting or diarrhea.)
- If your child has been ill, please keep you child home until fever-free or symptom free for 24 hours, or as indicated by your child's doctor. (If there is a question regarding length of time a child should remain off school, the school will reference the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services document: "Prevention and Control of Communicable Diseases: A Guide for School Administrators, Nurse, Teachers, and Day Care Operators".)
- If your child becomes ill at school, you will be notified to pick up your child. Please come as soon as possible. (We do realize that children do get sick during the day unexpectedly.)
- If your child requires medication at school for an illness or a health concern, please complete a "Permission for School Administration of Medication" form (located on the web page). Send this form with the medication and a prescription from your child's doctor (if it is a prescription medication). It is recommended that any medicine you give your child be reviewed with your child's doctor.

A saying to close with is: "Children must be healthy to learn and learn to be healthy."



**Read Around the World**  
**AR Total: 578.5 (only 10 days of school)**  
**School Wide Goal: 25,000**  
Updated quiz list and AR information notes are  
on the school website: [www.icangels.com](http://www.icangels.com)