

April School News—April 6, 2010

Immaculate Conception: Rewards for Life

Mrs. Struempf's News:

Spring is here! I pray that you are having a wonderful and blessed Easter Season. The end of the school year is coming very quickly. We have had some wonderful experiences for our students these past few days. The Student Council gathered items and brought 47 filled Easter baskets to the Samaritan Center. The kindergarteners were also recipients of the STUCO's organization and generosity at the Easter Egg Hunt. Thanks to all who donated items for these two events! Also, our Junior High had the opportunity to experience the NET Team for a retreat on Tuesday of Holy Week. From early reports, I believe it was a very good experience for all involved. As you can see by the upcoming dates, there are many wonderful events planned for many of our students. We will be having a Talent Show this year on May 7th. Also, a reminder that if you haven't returned your Registration form, please do so as soon as possible even if you don't plan to return next year. Finally, I wanted to let you know that I will be out of the office April 6th through April 9th. I will be attending the NCEA Conference in St. Paul and Minneapolis. I pray that the Easter season will be a time of renewal and awakening with our heavenly Father.

Mrs. Struempf

Student Placement Requests

An official request must be in writing postmarked by May 1st stating a legitimate educational reason for a request. E-mails or phone calls will not be considered. After a reasonable length of time for the principal and teachers to gather data and input from pertinent sources, the principal makes a final determination of placement. Thank you for your attention to this issue. This is the handbook policy that will be followed.

School Calendar 2010-2011

The first day of school will be Wednesday, August 18, 2010, with a full day. School ends on Friday, May 20, 2011. These are tentative start and end dates for you to plan on. You will have a year calendar in the enrollment packet with more information that will go home in May. The enrollment session will be held on Sunday, July 18, 2010. Please mark your calendars accordingly.

Notes from the Music Room

Our Fourth and Sixth grades are busy practicing for our Spring Musical. It will be held on May 2, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. in the church. This year's show is titled "It Happened at Camp Willomocky". Join Camp Leaders Mr. and Mrs. Rigby as they lead the campers to fun and learning about the Bible and Big Chief Willomocky. It's all here in this "musical adventure": A campfire, sleeping under the stars, hiking, a thunderstorm and a contest to determine the best camper. We will feature our sixth graders and the fourth grade will be our wonderful "back up choir." Mark your calendars and plan to join us on May 2.



HATS OFF TO READING!
AR Total: 23291.9 pts
School Wide Goal: 25,000 points

Upcoming Dates:

4/5—No School
4/6—School resumes
4/8—Caterpillars arrive for grades PK-2; TLC for Jr. High Girls only 3:15-4:15 PM
4/9—4th Mid Quarter; Jazz Band After school rehearsal
4/13--BUG Dress Down (Jr High students need passes); 2 PM Dismissal; No City bus; Aluminum can collection; School Board Meeting 6:30
4/16—Progress reports go home
4/17—School Carnival 2-6 PM
4/19—7th and 8th Grade After school band rehearsal
4/20—Cyber Crime Speaker for Jr High; Friends of the Earth 3:15-4:15 PM
4/21—4th Grade field trip to the Capitol
4/22—3rd grade field trip to Planetarium; TLC for Jr High girls 3:15-4:15
4/23—2nd grade field trip Earth Day Celebration; Family Fun Night
4/27—BUG Dress Down (passes given out by teachers); 5th grade after school band rehearsal
4/28—6th grade after school band rehearsal
4/29—7th and 8th grade after school band rehearsal
4/30—Diocesan Sketch Day; 6th grade field trip to Binder Lake; Jazz Band after school rehearsal; Library closes for the school year
5/1—Little Olympics at Atkins Stadium for grades 4 and 5 at 9 AM
5/2—Interparish Band Concert at 2 PM at Miller Performing Arts Center; Spring Concert with 4th and 6th grade performing at 7 PM
5/7—Talent Show at 12:45 PM in the Gym

CONGRATULATIONS!!!

Regional Speech Meet

During our fall regional speech meet, Mitchell Spainhower received a blue ribbon for his performance of "A Day That Will Live in Infamy". Ashley Dowden and Olivia Wolken received blue ribbons for "Prom Terrified", and similarly, Emma Albertson and Emily Berendzen were awarded blue ribbons for their speech, "Auntie Takes Junior to the Picture Show". This spring, Kylie Mulholland and Savana Luebbert received blue ribbons for performing "The Arithmetic Lesson". Olivia Johanns and Carlie Adrian also received blue ribbons for their presentation of "The Baking Lesson". Mitchell Spainhower's excellent interpretation of "Chocolate Cake" earned him a second blue ribbon for our regional speech meets.

School Mall

Congratulations to the following students who have been chosen as finalists for the School Mall drawing for a family vacation to Orlando, Florida: Olivia Johanns, Abby Farrow, Gage Lock, Tate Heislen and Kyle Schmitz. Their names will be entered with others in a nationwide drawing to take place by May 15, 2010. Best of luck to these students and their families.

DARE

The 5th grade DARE graduation was held on March 30, 2010. They were led by Officer Lynn Wansing. The following students were chosen to present their speeches at the graduation ceremony: 5A Runner ups were Mikayla Pitera and Audrey Ewers with the winner being Corey Schepers. 5B Runner ups were Ally Seaton and Abby Shepard with the winner being Grace Yarnell. 5C Runner ups were Kayla Yansky and Rachel Stewart with the winner being Lexy Lamb.

Diocesan Spelling Bee

The Diocesan Spelling Bee was held at St. Martin's School on March 24, 2010. Immaculate Conception School took 2nd place as a team. The following students were individual winners: 4th grade—Andrew Hasenbeck took 5th place, 5th grade—Sam Clardy took 5th place, 6th grade—Alex Werner took 2nd place, 7th grade—Sam Bowles took 2nd place, and 8th grade—Jared Allen took 3rd place.

Diocesan Speech Meet

The Diocesan Speech Meet will be held at Saint Joseph Cathedral School on Saturday, April 24th. The following students will be presenting speeches: Olivia Johanns and Carlie Adrian will be presenting their speech, "The Baking Project". Ashley Dowden and Olivia Wolken will present "Prom Terrified", and Mitchell Spainhower, "A Day that Will Live in Infamy".



Immunization Reminder

As noted in previous newsletter and notices sent home with students, there are new immunization requirements of preschool, kindergarten and 8th grade students effective for the 2010-2011 school year. These new requirements are:

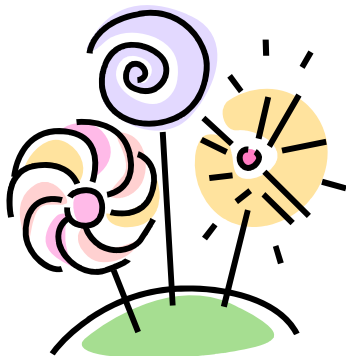
- Tdap will be required for all incoming eighth grade students
- 2nd dose of varicella (chickenpox) vaccine will be required for all incoming kindergarten students, and schools may accept only a written signed statement from a doctor of medicine or doctor of osteopathy as documentation of proof of varicella (chickenpox) disease for all incoming kindergarten students.
- For preschool age children, there is a reinstatement of Haemophilus influenza Type B (Hib) Booster dose. This booster dose is to be given to children 12-15 months who have completed the primary series. Older children for whom the booster was deferred should receive the booster dose at the next routinely scheduled visit.

These immunizations may be provided by your child's physician or are available at the Cole County Health Department.

Once your child has received these or any immunizations, please send a copy of the child's immunization (shot) record to the school office no **later than August 9, 2010**. **State health regulations dictate that students cannot attend school unless they are properly immunized and can provide satisfactory evidence of the immunization.**

Please remember that other immunizations may be recommended for your child based on his/her age, these are just the newly required immunizations for school attendance.

Additionally, a representative of the Cole County Health Department has suggested that we remind parents to check on insurance coverage for immunizations, as some parents have been surprised at the cost of some immunizations. There may also be a charge for certain immunizations at the Cole County Health Department, but you can contact their office for additional information.



April is Child Abuse Prevention Month

In Missouri, Prevent Child Abuse Missouri is putting a "spin" on prevention activities. They will be planting and displaying a Community Pinwheel Garden at the State Capitol on April 15-16. There will be 700 blue and silver pinwheels on the south lawn to celebrate communities committed to environments where children may grow and prosper. The teachers and staff of Immaculate Conception will be recognized as a sponsor on a pinwheel in this garden. Also, you are encouraged to wear blue on April 16, per Missouri Kids First.