

COUNSELOR'S CORNER

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Another school year has begun. Another year to grow, learn, and make new friends. For all the new parents, I would like to introduce myself as your child's school counselor, upper grade mass music minister (most Wednesdays), and lunch lady several days of the week. These are a few of the hats I wear. This will be my eighth year as counselor at Immaculate Conception School.

I plan to begin visiting classrooms on a regular basis the first week in September. I will be visiting each classroom every other week for approximately 30 to 45 minutes a visit. I try to bring each grade a particular curriculum of helpful information. For example, students in second and fifth grades will learn more about character education; students in fourth and seventh grades receive study skills information, etc. The diocesan school office requests that every year each class receive instruction on keeping themselves safe in several ways. I usually do these classes in January. I talk about a range of topics from good secrets and bad secrets to internet safety. If you have suggestions or requests, please let me know and I will try to work it into my class instruction.

It has also been suggested that we start a parent support group for parents who have students with learning issues such as ADD/ADHD, LD, Anxiety disorders, etc. The organizational meeting will be held September 13. I'll send out more information closer to the date. So mark your calendar if this appeals to your family.

TLC (Taking Life's Challenges), will be offered again this year to students in third to eighth grades. This year however, I am offering these classes on the second and fourth Thursdays of Oct., Nov., Jan., through April. More information about this program will also be sent home during the month of September. There is no charge for these classes, however, when we cook, I usually ask for a small donation and always help with projects.

At Immaculate Conception School, we take your confidence in letting us be a part of your child's educational and faith formation very seriously. It is an awesome responsibility and privilege to help you develop your child into the person God has planned.

I have a growing library of information on several topics you might wish to check out. Please send me a message or stop by and check out any information you might find helpful. Unfortunately, our kids didn't come with "owner's manuals" so these materials can let you know if you are on the right track.

Please feel free to stop by or contact me at school, 636-7680, mkuster@icangels.com if I can be of any help to you or your child.