

IC School Newsletter

May 1, 2012

Immaculate Conception *Faith.Academics.Service*

May our sons in their youth be like plants full grown, our daughters like corner pillars, cut for the building of a Palace. Psalm 144:12



Mrs. Struempf's News:

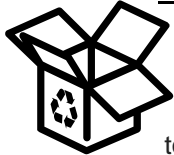
Dear Parents,

My oh my where has the time gone? Just yesterday, we were beginning the year! In reflecting over the year, one of our greatest accomplishments has been the Self-Study. That was so much work for many. Thanks again for all your help and support. We also had a fantastic talent show. I was sorry I missed it, but with all of the excitement and the stories shared, I almost felt like I was there! The teachers have also been working diligently on the School Wide Positive Behavior Support. I believe that next year, you will be able to see a marked difference in the school climate. The teachers have done a great deal of work to create the positive expectations and lesson plans that we will begin implementing on the first day of school.

We do have a few very short weeks left, and I encourage you to keep track of the many events through the weekly "This Week's Happenings" as well as all of the dates on the newsletter. I'm sure you won't want to miss any of the exciting events!

Mrs. Struempf

Recycling for our School



Aluminum can collection will be on Tuesday, May 8. Anyone who wants to save over the summer, may leave them in the back of the Sisters' convent at 1205 East McCarty Street.

We will try recycling nonalcoholic beverage bottles one more year. They, too, may be left at the back of the convent during the summer, or inside the front door of school.

May the Incarnate Word bless you,
Sr. Josetta

Placement Requests

An official request must be in writing postmarked by May 6th 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 2012-13

The first day of school will be Thursday, August 16, 2012, with a full day. School ends on Tuesday, May 21, 2013. A condensed calendar for the year will be posted on the website in June. The enrollment session will be held on Sunday, July 29, 2012. Please mark your calendars accordingly. The uniform sale will take place at this time also. This year at the fall uniform sale we will only accept shorts, skirts, skorts, jumpers, short sleeve shirts and all Helias apparel. No pants, long sleeve shirts, sweaters, etc. will be accepted. Another uniform sale will be held later in October or November for cold weather clothing.

Don't Stop Believing: Just Keep Reading

School-wide goal = 30,000 AR points!
School-wide total as of 4/27/12 = 24,775.1 points –
awesome!

*The students have passed 6,030 quizzes, scoring on average 88.8%!



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Upcoming Dates:

5/1—Leadership Meeting 7:15 AM; May Crowning at 8 AM, Chess Club in Kertz Hall, School Board Meeting
5/2—6th Grade Vacation Day; Gr 5-8 attend Mass
5/3—Gr K-4 attend Mass; Adoration with Benediction at 2:30 PM; 1st Communion Practice at 6:30 PM
5/4—3A plans Mass; Safety Patrol Picnic at Memorial Park
5/5—Scrip Sales after all Masses this weekend
5/6—Group 1st Communion at 2 PM
5/7—STUCO Speeches
5/8—2 PM dismissal; dress down day (Jr High need passes from their teachers); faculty meeting; aluminum can collection; No City bus
5/9—Gr 5-8 attend Mass; Interparish Spring Concert at 7 PM at Miller Performing Arts
5/10—Gr K-4 attend Mass
5/11—STUCO elections; KB plans Mass; 1st Grade Field Trip to Lincoln Farms Ag Day
5/14—AR pizza party at 12 PM; AR Assembly in gym at 2 PM; Jr. High Youth Group 3:15-5 PM
5/15—Leadership Meeting at 7:15 AM; 3rd Grade Field Trip to Rockbridge Planetarium; STUCO end of year party; Enrollment packets go home
5/16—8th Grade Farewell Mass at 1 PM
5/17—8th Grade Trip; Grades K-7 attend Mass; Preschool Graduation at 6:30 PM
5/18—Clean Up day; Kindergarten and Preschool last day/Field Day; 8th Grade Graduation at 6:30 PM with reception to follow in Kertz Hall.
5/19—Scrip Sales after all Masses this weekend
5/21—Field Day
5/22—Last day of school; dismiss at 1 PM; No ASC; Spirit shirts worn with uniform bottoms

May Crowning

May Crowning was held on Tuesday, May 1. Those students chosen to carry the crown were Erin Eichholz and Kayla Wolters. Grace Haarmann had the privilege of crowning Mary.



Accelerated Reader: 3rd-8th Graders

The last date on which to earn the 50-point bookmark and the 100-point dress casual pass is Friday, May 11.

AR Pizza Party for students earning 250 or more AR points (by May 11) will be Monday, May 14, from 12:00-1:00 p.m. Students will receive invitations before or on May 11.

AR Celebration Assembly will be held Monday, May 14, from 2:05-2:40 p.m. You are invited to attend and help us celebrate our reading success.



STUCO Elections

The Student Council speeches for students planning on running for the offices of President, Vice-President and Secretary will take place in the gym on Monday, May 7th. Those running for offices may campaign that week with the elections being held on Friday, May 11th. The new Student Council officers will be announced before dismissal on Friday, May 11th.

The Student Council will be holding an end of the year party for council members on Tuesday, May 15th in Pleus Hall. The party will begin at 3:30 and end at 4:15. Please let Mrs. Kuster know if you are a member and are coming to the party. Students not having a ride by 4:30 will be sent to After School Care.

There will be a leadership meeting at 7:15 a.m. in Pleus Hall on Tuesday, May 1 and 15. Plans for the Relay for Life event will be finalized. There will not be another meeting before June 1. If there are questions or money that needs to be turned in, make sure that happens before May 15. We will have snacks on the 15th.

After School Care

On Tuesday, May 22, we will dismiss at 1 PM. After School Care will not be provided on this day. Please plan accordingly. After School Care and Summer Care are in need of the following items: *CLEAN* 1 gallon milk jugs, 2 liter soda bottles, Disposable aluminum pans (any size), Wooden blocks and Legos.

Enrollment Packets

Preschool enrollment packets will be going home with siblings the first week of May. Please look for these in your older child's backpack. Enrollment packets for the school children (K-8) will be going home on May 15 to those families that have registered and do not have any outstanding fees (Enrollment fees, lunch or after school care).



SCHOOL NURSE'S NOTE

I recently attended the Missouri Association of School Nurses Annual Spring Conference. One of the presentations was given by a dermatologist from the University of Missouri, Dr. John DeSpain. Dr. DeSpain presented some information on Sun Exposure and Tanning Beds. Below are some points that I thought may be of interest to you:

- According to a study presented in Mayo Clinic Proceedings in April 2012, in persons age 18-39 from 1970 to 2009, melanoma cases increased eightfold among women and fourfold for men.
- Tanning beds emit 10-15 times more UVA than natural sun; 13 times more UVB than from sun at noon on beach in Hawaii in the summertime. In 2009, WHO equates carcinogen from tanning beds to cosmic radiation, tobacco, hepatitis B, arsenic, and mustard gas.
- The SPF on sunscreen pertains only to UVB protection. With the final rule of the FDA that takes effect this summer, sunscreens labeled broad spectrum have UVA and UVB protection, and can only have use claims for cancer/aging if broad spectrum plus 15 SPF or greater. Labels will no longer be allowed to state waterproof/sweatproof/sunblock, but can have water resistant claim.
- Sunscreen takes 30 minutes to take effect, so put on prior to going out into the sun. If exposed to heat, sunscreen breaks down. Sunscreens with stabilizers are more durable. If open, sunscreen should be replaced every year.
- The SPF fabric shirts that are sold in sporting-good stores are protective and water resistant.

So remember your sunscreen and limit your exposure to the sun!

Summer Vacation