



Spotlight

Caring community. Home for the active mind. Respectful, responsible citizens for a global society. Individual love for life-long learning. Strong value-based curriculum. Trust in the Word of God.

January 25, 2019

Well I guess winter is truly here! Although I'm not sure about the ups and downs of the temperatures and freezing rain. Yikes! Not all bad though, winter brings great things like the Super Bowl, sledding, building snow men, and Catholic Schools Week. A friendly reminder that next Monday is our visit to Cardinal Mooney Catholic. Our students are to wear their carnival shirts, received this week, and uniform pants/belt, skirt, socks and shoes. Lunch is provided, and we are being transported by Anchor Bay busing. Wish us well!

A Survey Monkey link will be coming home via e-mail next week. The survey was developed by your School Advisory Committee (S.A.C.) members. The survey is a quick study of faith formation in your households and how the school can help. It is completely anonymous. The results will help the school in its ACREDITATION STUDY for the year 2020-21. This is a great opportunity for you, the parents, to help your child's school grow programs that can aid yourself and the community at large. Please do not discount this. The S.A.C. thanks you in advance.

Due to an Anchor Bay teacher's union late contract settlement, our gym day will be changed this year starting next week January 28, 2019. I realize Monday gym class has been ingrained in this school's community for some time, but unfortunately with the contract settlement, teachers were moved around, and Mrs. LaPorte was reassigned to us on Wednesdays and Thursdays beyond her and my control. We will issue reminders to you to make sure the students are aware WHEN to wear gym shoes to school moving forward. (See below.)

Congratulations to both of our girls basketball teams as they played hard this season. Thank you to coaches Kehoe and Meter for your guidance with the JV team and coach Commyn as well with the Varsity team. We had a great turn out for the Varsity level as I.C. hosted it. Sometimes change is good. For the first time, the tournament was held all on one day as the teams battled it out in the seeds. The Athletic department would like to thank all parents for their help and support this season. The Athletic department would like to thank Mrs. Arnold and Mrs. Pukala at concessions who didn't even have girls in the tournament and Mrs. Kehoe and Mrs. Heath for their time aiding the teams and helping continuously. Of course, thank you to all those behind the scene as well keeping the program together. I personally would like to thank Mrs. Luzynski, co-athletic director, for all the time, energy, organization, patience, and continuously wearing a smile running the Athletic department as co-A.D. Mr. Luzynski attended to outside commitments during this time.

A little fun fact to share with you from Bottom Line Magazine-Jan 1, 2019. Dogs can help children read. "The presence of a friendly dog improves the speed and accuracy with which young children handle mental and physical tasks, including reading. Dogs seem to reduce anxiety while building motivation, confidence and feelings of support – helping children who have difficulty reading." Just saying.

Have a warm and safe weekend!

God Bless, Mr. Ricard

What's ahead for next week:

- Sunday, January 27 - 9:30am-4pm, Confirmation Retreat
- Monday, January 28 - Cardinal Mooney HS K-8 Field Trip
- **NO PM BUSING**
- Wednesday, January 30 - 1:50pm, K-8th-Rosary
- Thursday, January 31 - Catholic School Week Fun Day
- K-9 Presentation
- 2:45-3:15, Student Council
- Friday, February 1 - 8:30am, Mass, (wear white, logo, shirts)
- 7:30pm, 8th Grade Bowling Fundraiser

It has been brought to my attention from Anchor Bay public Schools, who provides our gym teacher Mrs. LaPorte, that they had to make changes to their special schedule for second semester due to contract obligations, which affected all of their teacher's schedules.

Starting the week of January 28th, Mrs. Laporte will be coming to IC on **Wednesdays** for 3 PE classes and **Thursdays** for 6 PE classes. Grades K-2 will have gym class on Wednesdays and grades 3-8 will have gym class on Thursdays. I know our community is used to Monday gym class and reminders on refrigerators and from the school as well will help make this transition smooth and regular for your children.

See the rest of the Spotlight for: Basketball Schedule, Teacher Talk, Bowling Fundraiser, IC Fundraising Opportunities, and More.

Teacher Talk



Mrs. Marr's Preschool Press

Cougar Cubs:

Our three-year-old preschoolers are cruising into the second half of our school year! We meet on Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 9:00 – 11:30. What a fun group! We are learning to share and take turns, as well as use our words and problem solve. Friendships are forming and it's such a joy to see!

Our students are practicing writing their names, and using scissors, as well as getting elbow-deep into paint, playdough, and the rice in our sensory table. January brings us snowy themes, including wintry stories, finger-plays, puffy-paint snowmen, cutting circles, and corn-starch "snow."

Pre-K:

The minds of four and five-year-old children are truly like sponges! These boys and girls amaze us daily! We meet on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, from 8:30 – 11:30, or from 8:30 – 2:50 if you choose full days. This group of children has learned kindness and compassion. They play together so well and are truly concerned for one another. It is so beautiful to hear their prayer intentions. Not only do they pray for their families, but will often pray for one another, especially if a friend is absent.

Pre-literacy skills are abundant in our class! We are learning letters, practicing beginning sounds, writing journals, making class books, and learning to follow multi-step directions. We are also learning math concepts through practicing numbers, building, counting, patterning, and using terms like biggest and smallest.

Mostly, we are having so much fun! The best learning happens through hands-on play and interaction. Heading into the second semester, we look forward to lots of wintry fun. We will continue to grow our brains and our hearts!

Our preschoolers are such a blessing to our school! Mrs. Freeman and I are so grateful to be able to teach and love these children. We both are moms to college-aged children, and it seems like yesterday that our own were this age! Please feel free to stop in and see us at our upcoming Open House on February 24th from 11:00am – 2:00pm.

IC BOYS BASKETBALL SCHEDULE 2018-19

1/29	(A)	IC @ ST. A'S** 6:30/7:30
1/30	(A)	IC JV @ HOLY CROSS (vs ST. PETERS) 6:30 IC @ HOLY CROSS 7:30
2/4		BYE
2/6	(H)	JV vs ST. PETERS 6:30 ST. MARYS 7:30
2/13	(H)	IC vs ST. A's 6:30/7:30
2/20	(H)	JV vs ST. PETERS 6:30 MCA 7:30
2/27	(A)	IC @ ST. MARYS (varsity only) 6:30
2/28	(A)	IC @ HOLY CROSS (varsity only) 6:30
3/4	(A)	JV only vs ST A's 6:30 ****at ST. PETERS!!!!
3/11	(A)	IC @ MCA* (varsity only) 6:30

*MCA plays at St Edwards on the Lake, Port Huron

** St A's plays at Holy Family in Memphis

****St Peters Richmond at Gratiot and 31 mile Rd.



IC ATHLETICS

8th Grade Bowling Fundraiser



Friday, FEBRUARY 1, 2019 • 7:30

**Check-In
7:00 PM**

Premier Lanes

33151 23 MILE ROAD • CHESTERFIELD, MI 48047

TICKETS:

\$20 In-Advance

\$25 Walk-In

\$10 IC Supporter (Non-Bowler)

INCLUDES:

- Bowling
- Shoes
- Pizza
- Pop



• RAFFLE BASKETS

- 50/50
- Mystery
- Strike Ball

100% of the proceeds support the IC class trip to Washington D.C.

(Sorry-no refunds)

*For more information on donations or corporate sponsorships
contact Bonnie Algar 586-419-2921 or Jennifer Opolski 586-506-9367*

FEBRUARY 2019 IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 8:30am, Mass 2	
3	4	5	6	7 6:30pm, 1st Reconciliation	7:30pm, 8th Grade Bowling Fundraiser 8 8:30am, Mass 9 6:30-8:30pm, Snowball Dance-St. A's	
10	11	12	13 8am, PTC Meeting 11:30-2, 1st & 2nd to Charlotte's Web	14 8:30am, Mass Happy's Birthday!	15 Winter Break	16
17	18 Winter Break	19 Classes Resume 6:30pm, 1st Communion Parent Meeting	20	21 2:45-3:15, Student Council	22 8:30am, Mass 23 Academic Olympics at St. A's	
24 Pancake Breakfast following all Masses 11-2, Open House	25 10:30, PS4 to Dave's Pizza	26	27 9:15am, 8th Grade to Holocaust Museum	28		



February 2019

Inmaculate Conception School Lunch Menu



Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
1% or Skim Milk Is Served With Every Meal	Happy Valentines Day			1
4 Chili & Crackers Celery Sticks Diced Peaches Fun Size Chips	5 Chicken Nuggets French Fries Mandarin Oranges Garlic Bread	6 Pizza Romaine Salad Diced Peaches	7 Build a Salad Day Lunch Bunch Grape Biscuit	8 Basca Sticks Marinara Sauce Carrot Sticks Pineapple Tidbits
11 Garlic French Bread Pizza Green Beans Applesauce Cup	12 Chicken Tenders Carrot Sticks Tropical Fruit Salad Goldfish Crackers	13 Pizza Romaine Salad Diced Peaches	14 Valentine's Day Hot dog on Bun Potato Starz Fruit Cocktail Strawberry Ice Cream	15 Winter Break
18 Winter Break	19 Cheeseburger Fries Pineapple	20 Pizza Romaine Salad Applesauce Cup	21 Meatballs with Meat Sauce Green Beans Mandarin Oranges Garlic Bread	22 Quesadillas Corn Lunch Bunch Grapes
25 Walking Tace Dorita's Shredded Lettuce & Cheese Refried Beans Fresh Orange	26 Boneless Wing Dings Curly Fries Fruit Cocktail Garlic Bread	27 Pizza Romaine Salad Pineapple	28 Mini Pancakes Sausage Patty Sweet Potato Fries Applesauce Cup	

FUNDRAISING OPPORTUNITIES

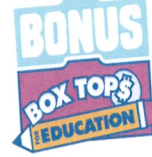


This semester we will engage in a little friendly competition to help rack up those Box Tops! I will be awarding the highest Box Top earner in the school a \$25 Amazon gift card to be used for anything about which you might be dreaming!! The class with the highest percentage of Box Tops earned per student, will receive a free pizza lunch and a dress down for one day in January. So, gather all your neighbors, aunts, uncles, and friends and start collecting those Box Tops!

Please sign up for the Box Tops App for your smart phone and earn more rewards for Immaculate Conception School. By using the app and downloading your grocery receipt with Box Top containing items, you can earn bonus points for IC. Please be sure when you turn in your Box Tops to the front office, that they are in a bag labeled with your student's name and grade level and that you can clearly read the expiration date on the Box Tops. (We do not receive credit for expired or unreadable box tops.) I will be sure that each child receives credit for the Box Tops he or she turns in.

Thank you for this small effort to make our school better! If you have any questions, concerns or great ideas for earning Box Tops for IC, please feel free to let me know! You can leave a note with Mrs. Martinelli or Mr. Ricard and they will forward it to me!

Michelle Ricard, Box Tops Coordinator



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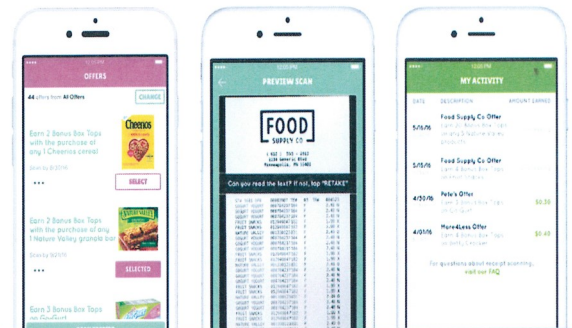
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