



Immaculate Conception School

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Principal's Message

We have now begun the season of Advent and we are getting our hearts and homes ready for the birth of Christ. I invite all families to share in this special season of Advent within our Church.

It is a busy time of year, especially in the school. Concert practices have begun, Christmas carols fill the hallways and there is an excitement in the air! In the midst of the holiday cheer, we remember the less fortunate in our community and in our world. We remember all those who are sick and suffering at this time. Let us give freely of ourselves to others and share our many blessings!

Christmas is a time to remember our greatest blessing of all... Jesus.

Wishing you all a very blessed holiday season!

Immaculate Conception Explained

In our Catholic tradition, December 8th is the day we mark the "Feast of the Immaculate Conception". In this instance, a feast does not mean a big meal, but a special day to mark a significant person or event. The Immaculate Conception refers to the Catholic belief that Mary, the mother of Jesus, was born without sin, she was immaculate. In this way, she was ready to carry Jesus, the son of God. Our school is named after this amazing miracle.

"What Do You Want of Me, Lord?"



Upcoming School Events

December 4

MunchaLunch opens for January ordering, 3 pm

December 5

Choir performs at Christmas Nights of Music, 7 pm.
Please arrive at 6 pm for warm-up

December 7

Feast Day and Mass led by Gr 5 at 9 am, Crazy Hat Day, Red & Green Day and staff vs. students volleyball game

December 10

Play & Learn, 6 pm

December 14

50/50 Tickets due, 9 am
Draw at 1 pm, Gr 6 Movie Night 5:30-all are welcome

December 18

Christmas Concert, 1 pm & 7 pm
MunchaLunch closes, 3 pm

December 19

Christmas Store, 9 am
Gr 4 & 5 Cross Country Skiing

December 20

Cookies & Choir, 1:30 pm

December 21

Spirit Day-Christmas Sweater Day, Noon Dismissal for Christmas Break!

Faith Matters

Feast Day Mass

We will celebrate the Feast of the Immaculate Conception on Friday, December 7th. This will begin with mass at 9 am, led by our Gr 5 class.

Parish/School Mass

Masses will be held on Christmas Eve at 5 pm, 7 pm and 10 pm. The 5 pm mass will be our Parish/School mass. Students are invited to be part of a children's choir. Please see attached permission form for more information. Those interested in participating, please return the permission form by December 14th. There will be a practice on Sunday, December 23rd from 2:00-3:00 pm for all readers and choir members.

Christmas Day mass will be held at 10 am.

Parents

Immaculate Conception Feast Day, Friday, December 7th

At 1:30 pm, staff will play the Grade 7 class in a volleyball game.

At 12 pm, lunch will be held in the hall. Parents are asked to provide cupcakes for this event. We require volunteers to make 230 cupcakes as well as volunteers to help set up and serve hot lunch. If you are able to bake cupcakes, please sign up [HERE](#) or contact the school office. Thank you very much to our incredible bakers and volunteers! If your child has an allergy and you wish to provide a special treat please send it with your child on Friday, or label it and leave it in the hall.

Friday is also Crazy Hat Day and Red & Green Day. Prizes will be awarded for the craziest hat in the primary and intermediate grades. We remind students that hats will not be worn in church. There will be many activities that day and ample opportunity to show off our hats. Remember to wear red & green to help get into the festive spirit. Friday is a non-uniform day.

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Faith Matters Important Dates

School Mass

Join us to celebrate our Feast Day Mass, Friday, December 7th at 9 AM led by Grade 5. Coffee and fellowship to follow. Please join us.

Parish/School Mass

Our Parish/School Mass will be held on Monday, December, 24 at 5 PM. Students are invited to be part of a children's choir.

Mass Schedule IC Parish

Daily Mass 9 AM M – Sat
Sunday 9 & 11AM, 7 PM
Pastor: Fr Chris Lynch
www.icparish.ca

Important Information and Forms Due

December 14

Permission for Parish/School Mass due

December 19

Christmas Store-9 am,
Gr 4 & 5 Cross Country Skiing
at Otway

December 20

Cookies & Choir, 1:30 pm

Extra –Curricular

Christmas Nights of Music

Our choir is performing at Vanier Hall as one of five school choirs on the evening of Wednesday, December 5th. The performance begins at 7:00 pm, and is about an hour. Choristers are requested to arrive at Vanier Hall at 6:00 pm for warm-ups. Choristers should be dressed in their school uniforms, black dress shoes, and a burgundy cardigan or vest if they have one. Hair should be neat and tidy, and off the face. Admission is by donation. Many thanks to Mrs. Schaubroeck who will be accompanying us.

Parent Support Group

50/50 Tickets

Over half of the 50/50 tickets have been signed out for sale. Great work Kodiaks (and parents) on supporting this school fundraiser. See the school office to sign out or purchase your tickets. Tickets must be returned to the office no later than Friday, December 14th at 9 am. The draw will take place at 1 pm.

Important News & Information

Christmas Concert – Two Performances

“A Beauty and The Beast Christmas”

Our Concert this year will take place on Tuesday, December 18th with a matinee performance at 1 pm and an evening performance at 7 pm. Our dress rehearsal will take place on Monday, December 17th at 9:30 am. **We encourage family or extended family members to avail of the opportunity to come to the afternoon matinee. Make a donation to support our work in Uganda at the door and win a front row seat!**

Christmas Store

Please have all Christmas store donations to the school ASAP. If you are able to help out with organizing or wrapping the gifts on December 19th, please sign up [HERE](#) or contact the school office. Volunteers will need to set up at 8:15 am.

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Parent Support Group

PSG Next Meeting

Tuesday, January 15th at 7 PM in the school library. This will be the PSG's Annual General Meeting. All parents are members and welcome, please consider attending.

PSG Hot Lunch FB Page

Please check out the IC Hot Lunch Support Group Facebook page. You can find the link [HERE](#)

PSG Craft Fair Volunteers

Thank you to all of the Craft Fair volunteers, the students, parents, and staff in Gr 5, 6, and 7. A special thank you to Carrie Connelly for all her hard work

PSG Dates To Remember

January 15

PSG AGM@ 7 PM

All parents are welcome to attend.

Cookies & Choir

Our annual Cookies & Choir event will be held on Thursday, December 20th at 1:30 pm. We require 26 volunteers to bake 2 dozen cookies and volunteers to help man the hot chocolate station. If you are able to bake cookies or man the hot chocolate station for this event, please sign up [HERE](#) or contact the school office. Thank you to all of the amazing bakers who provide treats over the holiday season.

Communicating Student Learning

Please **sign the first page** of your child's report card and return the signed page and envelope to the school office. Thank you.

More Important News & Information

Play & Learn

If you are a child who is 3 or 4 years old, bring your parents to the IC Community Play and Learn Program! This program is held one evening a month for any three and four year old and their parents. The evening will consist of a variety of fun, learning activities where children get to learn while doing interactive activities with their parents. We will also have a healthy snack with great discussion topics. Please join us on the following Monday evenings, December 10, January 7, February 4 and March 11.

Please RSVP to the office if you plan to attend.

Christmas Holidays

The Christmas break will begin on Friday, December 21st **with early dismissal at NOON**. Remember to wear your Christmas sweaters to school. School will resume on Monday, January 7th with a full day of classes.

Around the School

