
October 2024 Newsletter
Virtue of the Month - Gratitude



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A huge thank you to all of our staff members, students and parents for making our first month of school so incredibly successful. Thank you to all the families who came out to our Open House. It was wonderful to see you all!

For the month of October, our Virtue is Gratitude and our Grandfather teaching is Respect. As Thanksgiving approaches, we thank God for His many blessings, and respectfully honour the gifts He has bestowed upon us. We come to God with a grateful heart and consider how He may be asking us to reach out and help those around us.

This month we honour our Blessed Mother, Mary. Throughout this month, students will be learning how to pray the rosary. We are hosting our Rosary assembly on October 9th at 10:45 am in the church. We encourage families to join us in prayer that morning.

We have kicked off many events this month, so please keep checking the online calendar on our website for the most up to date information. We endeavor to send out reminder emails, but our calendar always has the most current information!

We thank parents for their continued diligence in keeping children home if they are displaying any cold like symptoms. We ask that this practice continues as cold and flu season has begun. If your child has vomited or had diarrhea, we ask that **they remain at home for a minimum of 24 hours** to reduce the likelihood of transmission.

In November, we will be bringing back Explore Fridays (November 8-29). Explore Friday is a one-hour multi age session for our students. They sign up for activities that they may be interested in learning more about. We are looking for any



Living,
CELEBRATING,
and Proclaiming
OUR FAITH

Upcoming School Events

October 2

Kodiak Cross Country Run 3 PM

October 3

Gr 3 & 7 Exploration PI Fieldtrip

October 8

MunchaLunch Opens for October
Ordering at 3pm

October 9

Rosary Assembly 10:45 AM
PSG Meeting at 7 PM

October 11

School Mass Kindergarten 9AM
Thanksgiving Food Drive items due

October 14

Thanksgiving Day-**No classes**

October 17

Individual Student Photos
Westside@IC volleyball game 3 pm

October 22

MunchaLunch closes for October
Ordering at noon

October 24

IC@Cedars volleyball game 3:15 pm
Parent/Teacher Interviews, 5:30 PM

October 25

Parent/Teacher Interviews, 8:30 AM-Noon-**No Scheduled Classes**

October 28

Gr 6 Immunizations @ 12:30 pm

October 31

Halloween dress up day

volunteers who may be willing to lead a session. Some ideas for activities may be: knitting, sewing, baking, crafts, outdoor education, self-defense, yoga, etc. Please consider sharing your gifts and talents with our students!

On behalf of all the staff at Immaculate Conception School, we wish you and your families a very blessed month.

Thanksgiving Food Drive

We are organizing our annual Parish/School Thanksgiving Food Drive for St. Vincent de Paul and we will be accepting non-perishable food items until Friday, October 11th. All donations are greatly appreciated.

Faith Matters

The Rosary

During the month of October we honour Mary, the mother of Jesus, who was an extraordinary person. Students will be learning about a special prayer to Mary called praying the Rosary. A letter is attached to the newsletter email providing more details about how to pray the Rosary.

Parents

Terry Fox Run

This year, students ran 452 laps totaling 542 km. Well done, Kodiaks! Thank you everyone who contributed so generously to the Terry Fox Foundation.

Parent Teacher Interviews

Parent/teacher interviews have been set for Thursday, October 24th, afterschool and on Friday, October 25th, during the morning until noon. A booking link will be sent by email shortly so parents may book the interview time most convenient for their schedule.

Faith Matters Important Dates

School Mass

Join us in prayer Friday, October 11, at 9 AM led by Kindergarten.

Mass Schedule IC Parish

Daily Mass 9 AM Mon – Fri
Sunday 9 & 11AM, 7 PM

Please check the parish website regularly for further news and updates.

Pastor: Fr John Garden & Fr
Matthew Bellerive
www.icparish.ca

Important Information and Forms Due

October 11- Have all donations for the Thanksgiving Food Drive to the office by end of day.

Parent Support Group

PSG Next Meeting

Wednesday, October 9, at 7 PM by Zoom. A link will be sent to parents before the meeting date.

Volunteer Sign Up

Volunteer opportunities can be found on the school website under the Parents tab, Letters & Forms [HERE](#). Parents can sign up via google docs on the website or contact the office.

Parent Support Group

Website Link [HERE](#)

Please find the following message from our newly elected PSG Chairperson, Chelsea Handford.

Dear ICS Families,

I hope this message finds you well! My name is Chelsea Handford, and I am the mother of Avree in Grade 6 and Enzo in Kindergarten. I am excited to introduce myself as the Chair of the Parent Support Group (PSG) at Immaculate Conception School for the 2024-2025 school year.

Parent and family engagement is essential to our school community, and there are numerous ways for you to get involved and support our students. Our continued fundraising will allow us to further invest in school equipment and support fieldtrips.

Please take a look at some of our previous years' fundraisers and their success:

	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24
Art Cards	\$1,191.94	\$1,369.39	\$1,273.04
Valentine's Dance	n/a	\$901.87	\$1,041.46
Purdy's Chocolates	\$2,293.68	\$1,253.04	\$679.74
50/50 Draw- one day event	n/a	n/a	\$580
50/50- multi-week event	n/a	\$4,492.48	n/a
North Roast Coffee	\$675	\$615	\$545
Golf Tournament	n/a	n/a	\$14,012.55

Once again, many thanks to those who helped make these fundraisers happen; it truly takes a village.

Stay tuned for upcoming fundraising opportunities, as your participation will make a significant difference in enhancing our children's educational experience. We will continue to share upcoming fundraisers, volunteer opportunities via Facebook/ Instagram, school newsletters, and the school website.

On behalf of the PSG Executive Board, we thank you for your continued support!

Warm regards,

Chelsea Handford

Chair, Parent Support Group

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