# October 2025 Newsletter Virtue of the Month - Gratitude



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A heartfelt thank you to all our amazing staff, students, and families for making the first month of school such a tremendous success. We're especially grateful to all the families who joined us for our Open House—it was wonderful to see you!

Our virtue this month is **Gratitude**. As Thanksgiving approaches, we give thanks to God for His abundant blessings and respectfully honour the many gifts He has bestowed upon us. With grateful hearts, we are encouraged to reflect on how we might reach out to help those in need—whether in our school, our homes, or the broader community. As our act of service this month, we will be collecting **non-perishable** food donations for St. Vincent de Paul. Donations are kindly requested by October 10th.

October is also a special month in which we honour our Blessed Mother, Mary. Throughout the month, students will be learning how to pray the rosary. We warmly invite families and parishioners to join us for our Rosary Assembly on October 15th at 10:45 a.m. in our garden (weather permitting), as we come together to pray the rosary and bless our beautiful new garden space.

Many exciting events are underway, so we encourage you to regularly check the **online calendar** on our school website for the most current updates. While we do our best to send reminder emails, the calendar is always your best source for up-to-date information.

We'd also like to thank parents for their continued vigilance in keeping children home when they are showing cold-like symptoms. As cold and flu season begins, please continue to follow this practice. If your child has vomited or had diarrhea, we kindly ask that they remain home for at least 24 hours to help prevent the spread of illness.

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



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# Upcoming School Events

#### October 6

Gr 6&7 Shane Lake Hike

#### October 8

PSG Meeting at 7 pm

#### October 10

School Mass Kindergarten 9AM Thanksgiving Food Drive items due

#### October 13

Thanksgiving Day-No classes

#### October 14

MunchaLunch Open for November ordering at 3 pm

#### October 15

Rosary Assembly 10:45 AM

### October 23

Parent/Teacher Interviews, 5:30 PM

#### October 24

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

#### October 28

MunchaLunch closes for October Ordering at noon

#### October 31

Halloween dress up day

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# **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 10th. 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 for Mary called praying the Rosary. A letter is attached to the newsletter email providing more details about how to pray the Rosary.

# **Parents**

# **Volleyball Schedule**

The Grade 6 & 7 boys and girls volleyball season will kick off on Monday, October 6<sup>th</sup>. Girl's practice is on Mondays, and boy's practice is on Tuesdays 2:30-3:30 pm after school. Games are scheduled on Thursdays. Please refer to the school calendar and website HERE for the schedule.

### **Terry Fox Run**

This year, students ran 400 laps totaling 480 km. Well done, Kodiaks! Thank you to everyone who contributed so generously to the Terry Fox Foundation.

## **Parent Teacher Interviews**

Parent/teacher interviews have been set for Thursday afterschool on October 23rd and on Friday, October 24th, 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.

### Volunteer Sign Up

Volunteer opportunities can be found on the school website under the Parents tab, Letters & Forms <u>HERE</u>. Parents can sign up via google docs on the website or contact the office.

Parents are asked to record their volunteer hours HERE.

# Faith Matters Important Dates

# **School Mass**

Join us in prayer Friday, October 10, 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 www.icparish.ca

# Important Information and Forms Due

October 10- Have all donations for the Thanksgiving Food Drive to the office by end of day.

# **Parent Support Group**

# **PSG Next Meeting**

The next PSG meeting is **Wednesday, October 8th**, at 7 PM. A Teams meeting invite will be sent to parents by email before the next meeting date.

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# Parent Support Group

Website Link HERE

# **PSG Meeting**

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## Friday Hot Lunch

Our Hot Lunch Team is looking for another volunteer. If you are available one Friday per month to help provide a fresh, hot lunch to students, please reach out to Anita Allen at <a href="mailto:ichotlunch@gmail.com">ichotlunch@gmail.com</a>. A hot lunch meeting will take place on Friday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> at 8:30 am if you would like to attend and learn more about the program.