# December 2025 Newsletter Virtue of the Month -Charity



### Immaculate Conception School

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As we begin the season of Advent, we prepare our hearts and homes for the birth of Christ. I invite all families to share in the joy of this blessed season and to celebrate, with great anticipation, the birth of our Saviour, Jesus.

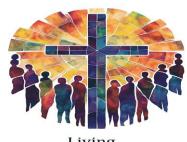
On December 8th our school will celebrate our feast day, The Feast of the Immaculate Conception. We celebrate Mary, who has born without sin, willingly and faithfully placed her trust in God. We will begin our day with school mass. Students are asked to wear red and green that day and we will eat lunch together in the parish hall. We will conclude our festivities with a Grade 7 versus staff volleyball game in the afternoon.

Our Christmas Concert will be held on December 16, with a 12:30 and 7:00 pm live show. We will be holding a dress rehearsal on December 15 at 9:30 am for any parents or family members who may be interested in joining the school that morning.

Many of you have graciously volunteered for various opportunities in the upcoming weeks. Please check the website under Parents/Letters and Forms, which will have the links to the Google sign up documents if you have forgotten what you have volunteered for. Thank you so much for generously volunteering your time.

In the midst of the holiday cheer and many festivities, we remember the less fortunate in our community and in our world. We continue to pray for peace in our world, for all those who are sick at this time and for their families and caregivers. May God's love bring healing and solace to those in most need.

On behalf of our entire staff, we want to wish all of our students and our families a very blessed Christmas season!



# Living, Celebrating, & PROCLAIMING OUR FAITH

#### <u>Upcoming School Events</u>

#### December 8

School Mass led by Gr 3@ 9 am Feast Day Red & Green Day

#### December 9

MunchaLunch Opens at 3 pm for January Ordering

#### December 10

PSG Meeting -In person

#### December 11

Christmas Store

#### December 12

1st Term Learning Updates sent home

#### December 15

Christmas Concert dress rehearsal at 9:30 am

#### December 16

Christmas Concert at 12:30 and 7 pm

#### December 17

Cookies & Choir at 1 pm

#### December 19

Christmas Sweater Day Early Dismissal at 11:45 am

#### January 5

Classes resumes at 8:25 am

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### Faith Matters

### 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.

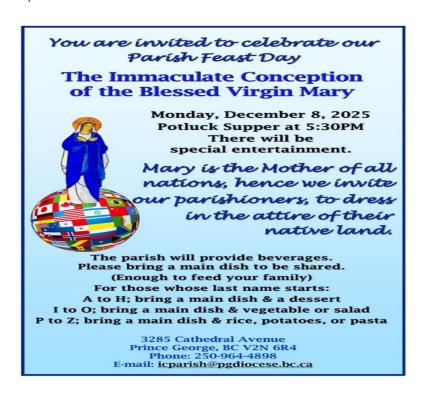
This year we will celebrate the Feast of the Immaculate Conception in the hall with our fellow students on Monday, December 8<sup>th</sup>. Students will gather in the hall to eat lunch together and receive a cupcake. We ask that parents bring a treat for their child if they have dietary restrictions.

#### Parish/School Mass

Masses will be held on Christmas Eve at 5 and 8 pm. The 5 pm Mass will be our Parish/School Mass. Students are invited to take part in readings, offertory, and the nativity procession. Please see the attached letter for more information.

#### **Parish Events**

You are invited to celebrate the Feast Day with the Parish. Please see flyer for more information.



# Faith Matters Important Dates

#### **School Mass**

School Mass on Monday, December 8, at 9 am. This Mass is led by Grade 3

Join us for Children's Christmas Eve Mass at 5 pm or Christmas Eve Mass at 8 pm on Wednesday, December 24th and Christmas Day Mass on December 25th at 10 am

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

#### December 13

Christmas Concert cast dress rehearsal 9-12:30 pm

**December 15** 50/50 Tickets due at 9 am

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### **Parents**

#### **Christmas Concert – Two Performances**

"The Herald Angels Learn to Sing"

Our Concert this year will take place on Tuesday, December 16th, with a matinee performance at 12:30 pm and evening performance at 7 pm. We encourage any family or extended family members to take advantage of the opportunity to come and enjoy the performances. Attendees can make a donation to support the Prince George Hospice Palliative Care Society.

Mrs. Harris is looking for any students who would like to play a Christmas song on their instrument as part of the prelude before the concerts. Please contact her at <a href="mailto:rharris@cispg.ca">rharris@cispg.ca</a> with names or for more information.

The cast and crew dress rehearsal will take place on Saturday, December 13th, from 9-12:30 pm.

The school wide dress rehearsal will take place on Monday, December 15<sup>th</sup>, at 9:30 am. Students are to bring their costumes with them.

#### Red & Green Day

Remember to wear red & green on December 8th. This is a non-uniform day.

#### MunchaLunch

The MunchaLunch site will be open Tuesday, December 9th to the 16th to order hot lunch for the month of January. The order time is shorter than usual due to Christmas Break. Please be sure to look for notification emails indicating the opening and closing dates.

#### **Cookies & Choir**

Our annual Cookies & Choir event will be held on December 17th, at 1 pm. A huge thank you to all of the amazing bakers who provide treats over the holiday season.

#### **Communicating Student Learning**

Communicating Student Learning Reports for term one will be provided on December 12th. Please watch these to come home with students.

#### Kindergarten Registration 2026

Registration for Kindergarten 2026 is open, and we are accepting applications. If you have a child who is scheduled to enter Kindergarten this coming September, please make sure to submit an application form **before** Christmas Break. Application forms can be found <u>HERE</u> or on our school website admissions page.

### **More Important News & Information**

#### **Christmas Break**

Remember to wear your Christmas sweaters to school on December 19th. This is a non-uniform day.

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The Christmas break will begin on December 19th, with early dismissal at 11:45 am. School will resume on January 5th, at 8:25 am with a full day of classes.

### Parent Support Group

**PSG** Website Link HERE

#### **PSG Fundraisers**

A big heart felt thank you to all who supported the Sisters Soup Fundraiser. We raised \$313.00 to assist with playground needs.

#### 50/50 Raffle

Our annual 50/50 Raffle is officially underway, and we're excited to invite all families to participate! Tickets are just \$10 each, and one lucky winner could take home up to **\$5,000**. Please note that the form sent home incorrectly stated the potential prize was \$10,000.00. The correct prize amount is \$5,000.00 due to the limited run of tickets this year.

Ticket Sales: November 15 – December 15

Winner Draw: Cookies & Choir Concert — December 17 at 2:00 PM

Tickets are available through the school office or from participating families.

As always, this fundraiser supports ongoing improvements to our playground. If possible, we kindly ask each family to sell one booklet (10 tickets). Every ticket sold brings us one step closer to creating a safer and more enjoyable space for our students. Your name will be entered into a draw for a \$50.00 gift card for every book sold.

Thank you for your support and enthusiasm—our community makes all the difference!

Warmly,
ICS Parent Support Group (PSG)

#### **Parent Support Group**

#### **PSG Next Meeting**

#### December 10

PSG Meeting in person

More information will be sent to parents ahead of the meeting date.

#### **PSG** Dates to Remember

#### December 5

To receive your shopping cards before Christmas, please submit your order to the office by December 5th, at noon or to Sarah Roberge at <a href="mailto:icspsqac@amail.com">icspsqac@amail.com</a>

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# Northern Bounce December Academy

Northern Bounce is using the online platform **TeamSnap** for our program registration. This portal will streamline the registration process and will allow more efficient communication within our programs.



**December Academy** 

**Boys Grade K-8** 

When: Mon/Wed

Starts: Mon, December 1st



**December Academy** 

Girls Grade K-8

When: Mon/Wed

Starts: Mon, December 1st

Ends: Wed, December 17th Ends: Wed, December 17th

6 sessions 6 sessions

Time: 4:00pm - 5:00pm Time: 5:00pm - 6:00pm

Cost - \$135

**REGISTER HERE FOR OUR ACADEMIES!**