



Immaculate Conception School

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Principal's Message

Welcome to the season of Advent. We are getting our hearts and homes ready for the birth of Christ. I invite all families to share in the joy of this special season and to celebrate, with great anticipation, the birth of our Saviour, Jesus. On December 8th we celebrate our feast day, The Feast of the Immaculate Conception, where we honour Mary, who has born without sin, and willingly placed her trust in God.

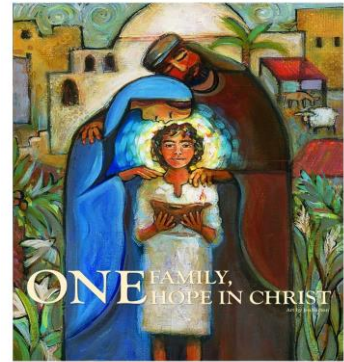
While this Advent season looks a little different again this year, we are trying to fill the hearts of our students with hope and joy. Many of our usual festive activities have been cancelled, and once again, our Christmas concert will be a virtual event. Nevertheless, concert rehearsals have begun, and Christmas carols fill our hallways and classrooms!

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

This has undoubtedly been another challenging year, but during this Christmas season, we take the time to remember our greatest blessing of all... Jesus!

On behalf of our staff here at Immaculate Conception School, we want to wish all of our students and our families a very blessed Christmas season!

We look forward to seeing you all back on January 4th.



Upcoming School Events

December 3

The Giving Tree donations due in the morning

December 7

MunchaLunch opens for January ordering, 3 pm

December 8

Feast Day
Red & Green Day
Crazy Christmas Hat Day

PSG Meeting by Zoom at 7pm

December 10

First term reports go home

December 14

MunchaLunch closes for January ordering at noon

December 17

Christmas Sweater Day
11:45 am dismissal for Christmas Break

January 4

Classes resume Tuesday, January 4, at 8:25 am

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 class on Wednesday, December 8th.

Parents

Staffing Update

We would like to introduce our new bookkeeper, Nadine Forseille. We warmly welcome Mrs. Forseille in her new position.

Christmas Concert – Costumes and Recording Dates

"A Celebration of Carols"

Filming will occur on Wednesday, December 8th, which is also our Feast Day. On that day students can wear red and/or green coloured clothing to school. Please disregard the notice to not wear green clothing that day as previously stated in the November Mid-Month Bulletin. The decision was made not to include a green screen while filming.

Choir students will film their performance on Monday, December 6th. They will need to bring a red top and black bottoms to change into.

Kindergarten students will be wearing school provided costumes over their clothing. The school costumes have been washed and sanitized.

Red & Green Day

Remember to wear red & green on Wednesday, December 8th. We will also be holding Crazy Christmas Hat Day, so be sure to bring your zaniest Christmas inspired head wear to help get into the festive spirit. This is a non-uniform day.

Faith Matters Important Dates

Mass Schedule IC Parish
Please visit the parish website for more information regarding Christmas Eve Mass

Pastor: Fr Chris Lynch
www.icparish.ca

Important Information and Forms Due

December 3

The Giving Tree donations due in the morning

December 6

Filming of the Choir for the Christmas Concert

December 8

Filming of the classes for the Christmas Concert will begin on Wednesday, December 8th.

December 14

MunchaLunch closes for January ordering at noon

More Important News & Information

The Giving Tree

The last day to donate to The Giving Tree is the morning of Friday, December 3rd. The list of items can be found on our school website [HERE](#). Thank you to all who have donated.

MunchaLunch

The MunchaLunch site will be open Tuesday, December 7th to the 14th, to order hot lunch for the month of January. The order time is shorter than usual due to Christmas Break. Please be sure to watch for notification emails indicating the opening and closing dates.

Communicating Student Learning

Communicating Student Learning Reports for term one will go home on Friday, December 10th. Please watch for these to come home with students and in the planners.

Kindergarten Registration 2022

Registration for Kindergarten 2022 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 [HERE](#) or on our school website admissions page.

Christmas Break

The Christmas break will begin on Friday, December 17, **with early dismissal at 11:45 am.**

Remember to wear your Christmas sweaters to school on Friday, December 17th. This is a non-uniform day.

School will resume on Tuesday, January 4, at 8:25 am with a full day of classes.

PSG Information

PSG Website Link [HERE](#)

Purdys Chocolate Fundraiser

A big heart felt thank you to all who participated in the PSG Purdys Fundraiser. Notification will be sent once the orders have arrived and are ready for pick up.

Parent Support Group

PSG Next Meeting

December 8

PSG Meeting by Zoom at 7pm

A link 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 Friday, December 3rd, at noon or to Nick Reiffarth at icspsggc@gmail.com by December 5th.