



# 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.

Next week we bring back many of our beloved festivities, including Christmas Store, and Cookies and Choir. On December 8th we celebrate our feast day, The Feast of the Immaculate Conception, where we celebrate Mary, who has born without sin, and willingly placed her trust in God.

Our Christmas Concert will be held on December 13, with a 12:30 and 7:00 pm live show. We will be holding a dress rehearsal on December 12 at 9 am for any parents or family members who may be interested in joining the school that morning.

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.

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



## Upcoming School Events

### **December 2**

Choir performs at the Festival of Trees, bus leaves at 8:30 am

### **December 6**

Christmas Store  
MunchaLunch opens for January ordering, 3 pm

### **December 7**

Cookies & Choir at 1 pm  
PSG Meeting by Zoom at 7pm

### **December 8**

School Mass led by Gr 2, 9 am  
Feast Day  
Red & Green Day  
Crazy Christmas Hat Day

### **December 9**

Giving Tree Donations due  
First term reports go home

### **December 12**

Christmas Concert Dress Rehearsal at 9 am

### **December 13**

Christmas Concert, 12:30 & 7 pm  
MunchaLunch closes for January ordering at noon

### **December 16**

Christmas Sweater Day  
11:45 am dismissal for Christmas Break

### **January 3**

Classes resume Tuesday, January 3, 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 the hall with our fellow students on Thursday, December 8th. We are still looking for volunteers to bake cupcakes for Feast Day. If you are able to volunteer to help bake for this event, please sign up [HERE](#) or contact the school office.

### Parish/School Mass

Masses will be held on Christmas Eve at 6 and 9 pm. The 6 pm mass will be our Parish/School mass. Students are invited to be part of a children's choir. Please see attached letter for more information.

Christmas Day Mass will be held at 10 am.

## Parents

### Christmas Concert – Two Performances

"Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer"

Our Concert this year will take place on Tuesday, December 13<sup>th</sup>, with a matinee performance at 12:30 pm and evening performance at 7 pm. Our dress rehearsal will take place on Monday, December 12<sup>th</sup>, at 9 am. Students are to bring their costumes with them for the dress rehearsal.

We encourage any family or extended family members to take advantage of the opportunity to come and enjoy the performance. Attendees can make a donation to support BC Children's Hospital and the BC Cancer Centre for the North.

### Red & Green Day

"Seeking Truth, Healing, and Reconciliation"

## Faith Matters Important Dates

### School Mass

**School Mass on Thursday, December 8 at 9 am. This mass is led by Grade 2**

**Join us for Children's Christmas Eve Mass at 6 pm or Christmas Eve Mass at 9 pm on Saturday, December 24<sup>th</sup> and Christmas Day Mass on December 25<sup>th</sup> at 10 am**

### Mass Schedule IC Parish

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

**Please check our website regularly for further news and updates from our parish [HERE](#)**

**Pastor: Fr John Garden**

## Important Information and Forms Due

### **December 2**

Choir performs at the Festival of Trees and Gr 3 & 4 Festival of Trees fieldtrip, 8:30-11:30 am

### **December 6**

Christmas Store

### **December 9**

The Giving Tree donations due  
First term reports go home

### **December 13**

MunchaLunch closes for January ordering at noon

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

### **Volunteer Boys Basketball Coach**

We are looking for volunteer basketball for the boys team in January. If you are interested in coaching, please contact Ms. Ames at [kames@cispq.ca](mailto:kames@cispq.ca) . All volunteers will need to have a valid criminal record check on file. If you need to obtain one, you can find the link on the website [HERE](#) or contact the office.

## **More Important News & Information**

### **The Giving Tree**

The last day to donate to The Giving Tree is the morning of Friday, December 9<sup>th</sup>. The list of items are attached and can be found on our school website [HERE](#). Thank you to all who have donated.

### **MunchaLunch**

The MunchaLunch site will be open Tuesday, December 6<sup>th</sup> to the 13<sup>th</sup>, 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.

### **Cookies & Choir**

Our annual Cookies & Choir event will be held on Wednesday, December 7<sup>th</sup>, at 1 pm. If you would like to volunteer to bake cookies 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**

Communicating Student Learning Reports for term one will go home on Friday, December 9<sup>th</sup>. Please watch for these to come home with students and in the planners.

### **Kindergarten Registration 2023**

Registration for Kindergarten 2023 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**

Remember to wear your Christmas sweaters to school on Friday, December 16<sup>th</sup>. This is a non-uniform day.

The Christmas break will begin on Friday, December 16<sup>th</sup>, **with early dismissal at 11:45 am**. School will resume on Tuesday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 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 participated in the PSG Nativity Kit and Purdys Fundraiser. Notification will be sent once the orders have arrived and are ready for pick up.

## **PSG News**

PSG will be looking for fundraising committee volunteers in the in the New Year. If you have any interest in helping with

- The year end BBQ & Carnival
- The Golf Tournament
- The Fall Craft Fair

Please watch for more information coming soon. If you would like to volunteer for any position listed, please reach out to Jes Hoeg at [jessikha.hoeg@gmail.com](mailto:jessikha.hoeg@gmail.com)

## **Parent Support Group**

### **PSG Next Meeting**

#### **December 7**

PSG Meeting by Zoom at 7pm

A link will be sent to parents ahead of the meeting date.

### **PSG Dates To Remember**

#### **December 2**

To receive your shopping cards before Christmas, please submit your order to the office by Friday, December 2nd, at noon or to Sarah Roberge at [icspsggc@gmail.com](mailto:icspsggc@gmail.com)