

Immaculate Conception School Newsletter  
September 15, 2011

***From the Principal's Desk:***

We are off to a great start this year! Our enthusiastic faculty met on Tuesday, September 6<sup>th</sup>, to get ready to meet your children to start a new year of learning. ***This year's theme for Catholic Schools Week is: Faith, Academics, Service.***

**For Faith:** On opening day, Fr. Bob blessed our new statue of St. Francis, patron saint of peace; he visited everyone's classes today to bless the crucifix as today is the Feast of the Triumph of the Cross. **This Friday** our 8<sup>th</sup> Graders will act out the story of the Good Samaritan (Who is my neighbor?) at the **9:15 a.m. Mass.**

**For Service:** We have planned our service calendar for the year which includes many simple activities (like making placemats or cooking for Response to Love), to monthly dress down days, to various collections for a variety of places.

**For Academics:** Almost every class has begun learning and reviewing the 6 + 1 traits of writing, so you will see more writing this year. Technology is really integrated into most of the subject areas. Art, Physical Education and Music are going strong too!

The lunch program seems to be working smoothly with all of our parent volunteers.

We hope all of you will join us next Wednesday, **September 21<sup>st</sup>**, from 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. as you visit your child's classroom and then stay for a brief Home & School Association Meeting from 7:00 – 7:30 p.m.

**Our First Dress Down Day** will be on **Friday, September 30<sup>th</sup>**, **50¢ per student**, for Fr. Peter OFM whose hospitality retreat ministry (Bethany Ministries) was virtually destroyed by Hurricane Irene's flooding. Fr. Peter is a good friend of Mrs. Kegler and was ministering in Middleburgh, New York. Our donation will help him rebuild.

Correction to ICS Calendar: For Grades 5 – 8 and chaperones, the field trip to the **Lion King** at Shea's is on **Thursday, October 27<sup>th</sup>**, not October 26<sup>th</sup>.

**DON'T FORGET TO RETURN THE**

- Student Emergency cards
- Student Acceptable Computer Use Policy form
- ICS Children's Choir form
- Parent/Student Calendar/Handbook form
- Family Survey form from the Diocese
- Paul Effman Instrumental Music form