



Immaculate Conception School Newsletter September 29, 2011

The trees are turning golden, reds and orange – fall is here. We are off to a good start here at ICS. Thank you to all who came for Meet the Teacher Night. As you can see, we have a wonderful faculty. “Thank you” especially to those who stayed for the important Home School Association Meeting afterwards. (We realize many were at St. Francis and East Aurora High School’s meetings that night.)

For those who missed out on the meeting, you are **all** needed to help with fundraisers. It’s how we get to know one another, as well as keeping Catholic education strong here in East Aurora.

September 30th -- Dress Down Day (50¢ per student)

Please help your children remember our **4 watch words for school and cafeteria:**
They are good watch words for us, too.

- **Respect**
 - each other, students and adults
 - space and time – in particular each classroom and teacher, and his/her rules
- **Prepared**
 - we have to bring what we need to class, gym, cafeteria, activities, library and art
- **Responsible**
 - for our actions and words
 - for our own work and our space
- **Safe**
 - we watch out for everyone
 - we drive slowly and carefully in the parking lot

October Service: This year our faculty set up some dates for service projects for the year.

- **October 3rd-7th** -- The Pet Food Collection
- We normally have a November/Thanksgiving food collection. However, this year, across the diocese, parishes and schools have been invited to engage their young people in a unique way to honor our Bishop on the occasion of this Jubilee Celebration for his many years of service to the Church. To commemorate the occasion, in the spirit of Bishop Kmiec’s motto of charity and service, we have been invited to collect non-perishable canned goods for a donation of our choice. Along with Religious Education, we have chosen FISH and the Response to Love Center (RTLCL). We only need to send the total number of items collected to the Catholic Education Department. The Division of Catholic Education will present Bishop Kmiec with a certificate to commemorate this charitable effort undertaken in his honor by the youth of the Diocese of Buffalo. Collection dates are **October 11th – 20th**.
- Our Dress Down Day (50¢) for African famine will be Friday, **October 28th**.

October is a colorful month of **saints:**

- St. Francis pet food collection – **October 3rd -7th**
- St. Francis animal blessing – **October 4th**, 2:30 p.m. in the parking lot
- Mass of Creation – Wednesday, **October 5th**, **9:15 a.m.** (with blessing of the spring bulbs)

October is a colorful month of **explorers**:

- Columbus Day observed on **October 10th**.
 - On **October 7th** at 9:30 a.m. in the church – “Tribute to Columbus”

October is a colorful month of **ghosts and witches**:

- Halloween is **October 31st**. All students may wear casual clothing for the day.
 - Grades K-3: Costumes are put on after lunch. **Please NO costumes of monsters, gore, blood, etc.** Think positive – think hero, think storybook, think explorer, etc.
 - Grades 4-8: Orange and purple t-shirts etc. are allowed after lunch.

October 5th, 9:15 a.m. School Mass – All are welcome!

October 7th, Early Dismissal at 11:30 a.m.

October 17th is Picture Day. Students may wear regular clothes that you would like to see in their school picture. Order forms are in this Thursday’s envelopes. If you want to order pictures, your child must have the order form and money for the photographer on October 17th.

October 22nd is Festa con Vino! Please support this wonderful evening with us.

Our Scholastic Book Fair will be on **October 26th**.

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

November 1st is All Saints Day. Our 3rd Graders will be dressed as saints for the November 1st All Saints Liturgy at 9:15 a.m.

Heads up in November! Our 6th and 7th Graders will be making fleece tie blankets for RTLK. If you can donate 1 ½ yards of 2 yards of fleece, 1 piece print and 1 solid, we would be grateful. Joanne’s has coupons and sales now.

FROM THE HEALTH OFFICE: Mrs. Lynn Daigler has enclosed a health alert letter for your information in this Thursday’s envelope.