



Immaculate Conception School
223 South 14th Street
Fort Smith, AR 72901

A Commitment to Christ ... A Commitment to Excellence

Monday, January 30, 2012

Dear Parents/Guardians,

This is Catholic Schools Week across the United States, and we are celebrating with many special activities! The national theme is "Faith, Academics, and Service." Please make note of the different activities that occur each day so that your children don't miss out on anything. They are listed on the calendar.

A big thank you goes out to all the parents and teachers who help to make this celebration of our Catholic school so memorable. Your participation in all our activities is necessary and much appreciated!

Sincerely,

Sharon Blentlinger

Sharon Blentlinger, Principal

SPAGHETTI DINNER

Our 42nd annual Spaghetti Dinner will be held on Sunday, February 26, from 4:00- 7:00 pm in the Msgr. Galvin Parish Center. We are in need of a lot more volunteers for this event!! Please volunteer for a shift by emailing me, sblentlinger@icschoolfs.org or calling the school office at 783-6798.

SELL! SELL! SELL! Ticket order forms will soon be sent along with information on the ticket contest. Please record purchasers' names and return the form and payments to school. Deadline for orders and the ticket contest is **Thursday, February 23, at 3:00 pm.**

OPEN HOUSE AND REGISTRATION FOR 2012- 2013

An Open House will be held on Tuesday, February 7, 6:30- 8:00 pm, in the preschool and elementary school buildings for all interested parents and students. This is open to the public as well as our parish and school families. Please spread the word to anyone you know or bring a friend. This is an informal evening to tour the buildings and gather information.

Registration for **NEW** parish and non-parish students for the 2012-2013, preschool through grade 6, begins in February during school hours. Parents registering a child for grades K- 6 need to bring a state-issued birth certificate, immunization record, social security card, baptismal certificate (if Catholic), and a \$100.00 registration fee is required for each child. Parents registering a child for preschool will need the same information but the registration fee is \$175 which includes supplies and snacks for the year. **A child entering preschool must be 30 months on or before September 1. Children entering kindergarten must be 5 years old on or before September 1.**

Registration forms for returning students in preschool through fifth grades will be sent home in Tuesday folders later this month. A \$100.00 registration fee for grades K- 6 and \$175.00 for preschool will be included on your March statement of fees.

LABELS FOR EDUCATION AND BOX TOPS

Please remember our school's Labels for Education program and Box Top program. There are a ton of participating products with each program that I'm sure people use on a daily basis. The collection boxes are at school.. Examples of some of the participating products for Labels for Education : All Pepperidge Farm products, Campbell's soups, Pop Secret microwave popcorn, Bic pens, Prego, SpaghettiOs, all Wolfgang Puck products, Post cereals, Swanson products, etc. Products for Box Tops: Bisquick, Hefty, Welch's, Nestle Juices; many cereals, Betty Crocker, etc.



Service Projects

Wednesday is the last day for money to be donated for *Baby Bottle* campaign to benefit the Heart-to Heart Pregnancy Clinic, our January service project.

Items for our military men and women are also being collected at this time.

Pre-school	granola bars	Mrs. Maestri	small packages of baby
Mrs. Borchert	granola bars	wipes	
Mrs. Paskey	granola bars	Mrs. Frala	hard candy
Mrs. Becker	men's white gym socks	Mrs. Danciu	hard candy
Mrs. Hindman	men's white gym socks	Mrs. Vrazel	granola bars
Mrs. Robertson	beef jerky	Mrs. Waynick	pens
Mrs. Weidman	beef jerky	Mrs. Hill	men's white gym socks
Mrs. Elwood	small packages of baby	Mrs. Smith	pens

wipes

Other items will include cards/letters from students.

Teleparent

A test using *Teleparent* was sent last Thursday to all I.C. parents with an active Edline account. A message was sent via voice mail, email, and text depending on the information you have put in your Edline account. The text portion did not work last week but the other two methods were received by parents and staff. Please let me know if you did not receive the test message.

PTO News

With the beginning of a new year comes new opportunities to be involved with activities at IC School. Please mark your calendars for the following upcoming events...

Catholic Schools Week 1/30 to 2/3 - check info sent home in last Tuesday's folder for daily events

Spaghetti Dinner – Sunday, February 26th

Pie Sale numbers are in and we exceeded our projected budget with a net profit of over \$27,000! A HUGE thank you to Mary Jo Rivaldo, Chandler Doss and Amy Rouse for their leadership and to all families who sold pies.

Our Christmas Luncheon was a special time to gather together before Christmas break and enjoy a warm bowl of soup and delicious cinnamon rolls. Thank you to Jennifer Yaffe, Sara Goodwin and our cafeteria staff for their preparation and efforts to make this tradition a success.

Thank you to Lucy Coleman and Kim Green for organizing our Wishing Tree project this year. Our teachers appreciate the opportunity to select items that benefit their classrooms and it makes shopping for the parents so nice.

Kellie Schmitz is once again instrumental in helping our students understand that it is important to share our time, talent and treasures with those less fortunate. The students did a fantastic job collecting, sorting and packaging items for the Thanksgiving and Christmas boxes this year. We continue to collect change for the Heart to Heart Pregnancy Clinic and items (assigned by grades) for our care packages for our soldiers.

It is time to begin thinking of PTO Officers for the 2012-2013 school year. If you are interested in serving as President Elect, Treasurer or Secretary please contact me at 782-9811 or weindel5@cox.net.

Parents along with Faculty and Staff continue to work hard to make IC School a place where our students learn Faith, Academics and Service. Should you have suggestions to help enrich this effort, I encourage all input so please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Jill Weindel, PTO President