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# Immaculate Conception School

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## The IC Connection



*We give You glory, thanks and praise. Bless our work and guide our ways.*

### ITBS Testing

Students have already begun with ITBS Testing. Grades 2<sup>nd</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> will be given the assessment. It is very important that all students get to school on time, eat breakfast and get a good night's rest. This test is used to analyze the student's academic learning and the results help to guide our school curriculum.



### **Important Dates:**



- **Sept. 16<sup>th</sup>:** Sept 27<sup>h</sup> ITBS Testing Gr. 2<sup>nd</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>.
- **Sept. 18<sup>th</sup>:** Fr. Ken Deasy will speak at the faculty meeting regarding MCA.
- **Sept. 18<sup>h</sup>** Room Parent Meeting 7pm in Teacher's Lounge
- **Sept. 20<sup>th</sup>:** LA County Fair!
- **Sept. 24<sup>th</sup>:** Mixed Bag Fundraiser Ends.



### **Missionary Childhood Association**

We have invited a very special guest Fr. Ken Deasy to come out and speak to the students and faculty in regards to the Missionary Childhood Association.

### **Knights of Columbus Breakfast**

A special thanks to the Knights of Columbus for sponsoring the Scholarship Breakfast this past Sunday, September 15<sup>th</sup>. Thank you to all the parishioners and families who came out in support of the school. The money allocated will be used to provide 8<sup>th</sup> grade students with High School Academic Scholarships.



### **Sports News**

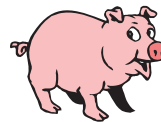
#### **Guidelines and Policies – Immaculate Conception Student Athletes**

- All student athletes who participate in practice or compete in the CYO sports program must obtain a minimum GPA of 2.5
- Students Athletes will conduct themselves as respectful young men and young ladies, respecting all teammates, coaches, opposing team players, referee's, at all times.
- Student Athletes will be subjective to weekly grade checks. If at any time the student athlete is falling behind in class work or homework, or whose conduct is not to school standards, the student athlete will not be allowed to participate, until he/she has taken the correct steps and the teacher has given the ok for the students to return.



### **LA County Fair**

This coming Friday, students will be partaking in their first school wide fieldtrip to the LA County Fair. We are in need of chaperones. All chaperones must have their **VIRTUS Certificate and Fingerprints** on file in the school office. We want to ensure the safety of all students. If you are interested in chaperoning please speak to your child's teacher.



*Save the Date: Friday, October 4<sup>th</sup> (Blessing of the Animals).*

SEPTEMBER 17, 2013 – GIRLS VOLLEYBALL GAME

SEPTEMBER 19, 2013 – BOYS FLAG FOOTBALL, GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

### *Message from the Principal ...*

*"For where two or more are gathered together in My name, I am in their midst" (Matthew 18:20)*

We are starting our 3<sup>rd</sup> week of school. So far, we have gathered in Christ's name during our opening of the school year mass, welcome back breakfast, family and friends barbecue, back to school night, and grandparent's day. What a lovely way to start the year! As I visit each classroom and look throughout the campus, I have witnessed the students coming to school with a big smile on their faces daily. There is a lot of learning and interaction taking place at our school. The teachers continue to make the students' learning fun, engaging, and inviting. Above all, the parents continue to render their services by helping with supervision during recess, lunch, after school, sports program, and school events. We know Christ's love is amongst us all. Let us ask the Lord to continue to guide us and make us instruments of his peace.

Yours in Christ,  
Mrs. Norma Moreno

### *Message from the Vice Principal ...*

*Oh Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console.*

"There are many people in need in today's world. Am I self-absorbed in my own concerns or am I aware of those who need help?"- Pope Francis on Twitter - September 17, 2013

We have the joy of being with your children each day. Seeing them discover new things about themselves and about the world. We are entertaining the angels in our community - all the while there can be struggle and challenge in the day to day lives of others. We want them to experience love and kindness the way Jesus loves us - unconditionally. We want them to know God's presence in their life and help them to see God in those that they meet. There is so much more access to information - on the car radio, on the television, on the internet. They know more about struggles in our communities and in the world than we sometimes wish that they knew at their young ages.

Today I woke up with a roof over my head. Today I have something warm to eat for breakfast and something to bring in my lunch to school. Today there are floods that have risen in the State of Colorado in Boulder and Larimer counties where roads have been swept away, some people are missing, and perhaps 1,500 families lost their homes and 19,000 families have their homes damaged from the risen waters.

In the midst of these tragedies there is hope and many examples of people helping each other out of kindness. We want to remind children how much we are blessed when we reach out to others who are in need. We want to model for them the power of prayer - and point out the ways that we can come together in prayer in our homes, in our schools, in our parish, and in our community to pray for others.

Today we pray for those who need to be consoled. Today we lift up those that are able to model's God's love and presence to those in great need. Again today, we are abundantly blessed.

To become more mindful of Technology Safety through the eyes of faith, US Catholic Bishops offers this link:  
<https://faithandsafety.org/at-least-read-this>

Thank you and God Bless,

Mrs. Bradshaw