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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.*



### Welcome Back!

What a great way to start our new year with the Welcome Back Mass and Welcome Back Breakfast. The students were filled with lots of excitement. A special thanks to Deacon Richard Medina, Fr. Nava, Fr. Cassidy for their wonderful support and blessings. Thank you to all the parents and teachers who joined us this morning.



### Important Dates:



- **9/3**—Welcome Back Mass at 8:00 a.m. followed by Welcome Back Breakfast
- **9/6**—Back to School BBO at 5:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. Location; Grass area
- **9/10**—Mixed Bag Fundraiser Begins
- **9/12**—Mandatory Parent Meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the Hall followed by Back to School Night
- **9/13**—Grandparent's Day

### Safeguard the Children

IC School is committed to safeguarding our children. In accordance to the guidelines of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles, all volunteers/drivers to and from fieldtrips or sporting events must be fingerprinted and VIRTUS trained. Livescan fingerprinting is free of charge. Please call the church rectory to sign up for the next trainings at (626) 358-1166.



### Royal Dining Food Program

This year we are continuing with the Archdiocese of Los Angeles Royal Dining Program. The hot lunch program will begin the second week of school starting, Monday, Sept. 9th. The price for lunch is \$3.00 per day (including milk). More information has been sent in your family envelopes.



### Sports News

Mr. Rey Barrasa, our new athletic director, is now working with our sports program and CYO. Any parents interested in coaching, please call the school office to receive more information.



### YMCA Enrichment Program

For any information or questions, please call Tzeitel Paras, Sr. Program Director at (626) 359-9244 Ext 7683.

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

*"Our greatest glory is not in never failing, but in rising every time we fall."*

*—Ralph Waldo Emerson*

I am so excited to begin a new school year with all of you. This summer we have been working extremely hard in our marketing efforts by increasing student enrollment and adopting the new core curriculum standards. This summer, the faculty and staff attended the Core Curriculum Standards training at St. Louis de Marillac School. Our focus this year is on strengthening and providing a rigorous curriculum throughout grade levels. IC is adopting the new core curriculum standards. We are embracing the shift to common core standards as a pathway of teaching a Catholic way of life; opening doors and empowering IC students to reach their full potential. Common core standards create continuity across the grade levels, building strength, year upon year, for the benefit of the whole child. The common core standards inform student mastery of critical thinking so IC students will be better prepared as leaders with the tools, skills and knowledge needed to face the challenges they will encounter in high school, college, workplace, and community settings-as Catholics and citizens of the world.

Yours in Christ,  
Mrs. Norma Moreno

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

"Today we begin a new school year. We are on a mission! Academic curriculum is rigorous and engaging!

#### **Committed to educate the whole child**

Catholic school education is rooted in the conviction that human beings have a transcendent destiny, and that education for the whole person must form the spiritual, intellectual, physical, psychological, social, moral, aesthetic and religious capacities of each child. Catholic schools should develop and implement academic, co-curricular, faith-formation, and service/ministry programs to educate the whole child in all these dimensions.

*(The Catholic School, 29).*

Archbishop José H. Gomez wrote in the Tidings about the Catholic vision of education

"We all know the best teachers are those who practice what they preach. We've all heard that line about St. Francis of Assisi — "He preached the Gospel, sometimes using words." That's the way we need to live. And we do that by living our faith in Jesus with optimism and happiness."

Holy Father Pope Francis said this summer at World Youth Day: "Young people are the window through which the future enters the world."

Our Catholic schools are shaping this future. Forming our future leaders in the Church — and also the future leaders in our society and culture.

Our Catholic vision always calls us to see deeper — and to give more of ourselves in love. Our Catholic vision always calls us to see with the loving eyes of Jesus; with the eyes of God.

That's what a good Catholic education prepares for — a life of love and service to God and others. This is the life we pray about at the end of every Eucharist: "Go in peace ... glorifying the Lord by your life."

Thank you and God bless,  
Mrs. Bradshaw