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

Mrs. Bradshaw Departing

Mrs. Bradshaw, our eighth grade teacher, has decided to pursue her teaching skills at the college level starting in January 2014. She has been here only a short time, but has put a tremendous amount of work and effort in improving our school. Mrs. Bradshaw will continue to volunteer as the monitor of the Academic Decathlon and several other positions. We will miss her skills and work habits, but all have been enriched by her presence over the past months. We wish her well as she returns to her role as college professor.

Welcome Mr. Loaiza!

Starting January 6, 2014, a familiar face is returning to Immaculate Conception School. Mr. Carlos Loaiza, who was teaching seventh grade at the ICA Middle School Campus, will take over as eighth grade homeroom, as well as the Religion and Social Studies teacher in our junior high program. We are happy to welcome him back to the Immaculate Conception community.


Enrollment Goal

The PTO and Advisory Board have set an enrollment goal of 180 students to begin the 2014-2015 school year. This goal is everyone's challenge and we especially need your help to obtain that number. To reach our goal, we need all families to tell their friends and relatives of the advantage of a Catholic School education, and about your experience here at Immaculate Conception. Also, collect name and phone number of families you think may want to attend our school and we will call them after the Christmas break to answer any questions. The single most obstacle for families is tuition fees. We need to let them know that we will work with them on any financial issues, as no child should be denied a Catholic education because of money.

Catholic Education Foundation

In January, we will be opening up the Catholic Education Foundation tuition assistance application process. We would like all families to apply, as each student that qualifies will receive \$1000 towards their tuition, and most that don't qualify at the time are eligible for a \$500 grant from a matching foundation. The application period begins January 10th and ends on March 30th. If you don't apply before the March 30th deadline, we cannot offer you any assistance. The application process is open to existing families and those considering our school for next year. This is a great program, especially for incoming families, to help with tuition costs. If a family applies, they are not obligated to attend school here, however, if they qualify, their tuition assistance can go to another student at our school. You will need your 2012 tax returns for proof of income to complete the application. If you have financial difficulties, please come and see Mr. McMains, so we can prepare a notarized letter of explanation for you.

Important Dates:



Dec	
19	Christmas Pageant 7PM Church
20	No School—Christmas Break
Jan	
6	School Resumes
16	Mandatory Parent Meeting 7PM

Reminder: Important Changes

We will be making several changes after Christmas break:

Our early dismissal day will be changed from *Wednesday* to *Friday* but the time will stay 12:00

We will be serving lunch every day including Friday, our new early dismissal day, students may take the lunches to afterschool care or home if being picked up. These will be sack lunches

We will be serving breakfast each morning from 7:15 to 7:45 am. All students receiving free or reduced will be included. Breakfast is not hot but will include cereal, fruit, muffin and milk.

Friday will be our regular Mass Day

We will be taking school off two more days to reach our 180 days school year:

Friday March 14, 2014—Religious Education Conference (Teachers Catechist Formation);

Monday March 31 Caesar Chavez—No School/ Parish Staff Retreat



Wishing you a Merry, Holy
& Blessed Christmas
from the entire
Immaculate Conception
School and Church Staff!!