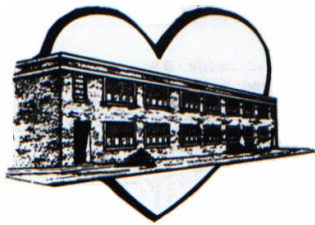


IMMACULATE CONCEPTION SCHOOL
PRINCIPAL – Mrs. Mary Kirkwood



June 2008

“the little school with the BIG heart”

From the Principal's Desk:

Dear Families:

Father Joe requested an article for the parish bulletin this week. In reviewing the school year, it was impossible to “keep it short”. This has been such a busy year, from the beginning to the end. It has been challenging in many ways and I want to thank you, as parents, for recognizing the difficulties that have arisen over the course of the year by supporting your children and the teachers as we worked through the challenges.

Each month I have shared with you the achievements of the children and the projects in which we have been involved. What an amazingly generous community we have! Sister Mary Unger has sent her personal thank you for the \$568.00 raised by our families last week for the Sisters of Saint Joseph “Change for Change” project. Do you remember all you have done for so many this year...Parish Outreach, Iraqi children, servicemen and women, an African mission? God bless you!

Along these lines several parents have suggested that we offer monthly jeans pass days to fund classroom needs. Another idea on the table is a monthly tuition raffle: for a \$10 ticket you have a chance to win a month's tuition (for one child), in cash. These ideas will be discussed in H S A board meetings, so let the officers know how you feel through H S A Schoolnotes.com.

As summer approaches the temptation to relax and resist rigorous schedules may extend to our relationship with the Lord. Let us make a concerted effort to remember Morning Prayer (it is how we start each morning at ICS), grace before meals, and a nighttime thank you for all the blessings of the day and a special intention for those in need of our prayers. Absolutely, we are all included in that group. We have continued what you began with your child at Baptism, a Catholic way of life, rooted in the love of God and neighbor. Your continued example to your children of what it means to be the Lord's disciple will guide them on their faith journey, enriching their relationship with the Lord. May we find the time to enjoy summer's freedoms, to remain steadfast in our faith, and to rejuvenate our spirits for the challenges of a new year.

With Gratitude

On a personal note, I am so grateful to the kindergarten parents who recognized Mrs. Broomall, Mrs. Larmore and myself with generous gifts. Thank you for sharing your little angels with us! They truly are a gift to our school community.

To the eighth grade parents, a thank you on behalf of the eighth grade teachers whom you recognized. The truth of the matter is that it takes a village to educate a child. The success of our graduates is directly related to the consistency in teaching at every grade level. It is the dedication of this entire faculty and staff to the education of your children that makes ICS the school that it is. With your support, we will continue to provide an outstanding education.

FACTS tuition forms

Please return financial forms to Mrs. Callahan ASAP. They were due last week.

Cleaning Day

On Wednesday we will have cleaning day. Students must wear gym uniforms. Please inform teachers if your child should not be exposed to cleaning products. We do attempt to use environment friendly products and wipes to eliminate soaps and aerosol cans.

Our Lady of Lourdes

On Thursday morning the students will watch a movie entitled "Bernadette". This is part of our series of movies about our Blessed Mother and her apparitions.

Dismissals

Thursday is a noon dismissal with no aftercare.

Mass

On Friday, June 6 we will attend Mass at 9:30 a.m. Awards will follow Mass and then students will be dismissed from church to the cars. We strongly urge you to attend this final school Mass with your children. Your presence is a present to them on many levels.

For 2008-09

- School opens on Monday, August 25, 2008 at 7:25 a.m. with a noon dismissal. The calendar for next year will be posted by June 15. Remember that every month we update the calendar.
- As a uniform reminder, be aware of neat hair styles, brown, black or navy tied or buckled shoes. Dockside and trendy shoes are not acceptable. We do not follow fashion trends.
- Changes to our staff include Ms. Vickie Boyle to grade 4, Mrs. Lena Kumpel to grade 3 and Mrs. Kim Paoli to first grade assistant.
- Mrs. Street has shared that her salon, Lydia's Salon located at 747 Pulaski Hwy in Bear DE, is ready for new clients so if you want to see her and get a new "do", give her a call at (302) 323-1945.

Class of 2008

Scholarships:

Carly Baczkowski.....Padua Academy

Peyton Hobson.....St. Mark's

Austin Major.....St Mark's. Presidential Scholar

Taylor Nieves.....St. Mark's

Presidential Educational Award:

Meghan Angelina, Carly Baczkowski, Daniel Carpenter, Emily Ferver, Anya Harjung, Peyton Hobson, Emily Kennard, John MacLeod, Austin Major, Marisa Marchegiano, Taylor Nieves, Chelsea Richards, Rachel VanHorn.

First Honors:

Meghan Angelina, Carly Baczkowski,
Emily Ferver, Taylor Nieves, Chelsea Richards

Second Honors:

Haley Burnham, Daniel Carpenter, Erin Coulter, Rose D"Alexander, Peyton Hobson, Emily Kennard, Austin Major, Marisa Marchegiano, Haley Novak.

All A's Average:

Meghan Angelina, Carly Baczkowski, Peyton Hobson, Taylor Nieves, Chelsea Richards.

Perfect Attendance:

Taylor Nieves and Chelsea Richards

Subject Awards:

Religion: Sarah Demers and Rachel VanHorn

Spelling: Chelsea Richards

Vocabulary: Peyton Hobson

Reading: Rose D"Alexander and Meghan Angelina

Grammar: Taylor Nieves

Written Expression: Emily Ferver

Math: Carly Baczkowski and Rose D"Alexander

Science: Emily Ferver

Best Science Fair Project for All Three Years: Austin Major

Social Studies: Daniel Carpenter

Spanish: John MacLeod

Technology: Andrew Chicosky

Art: Grant Stewart and Haley Novak

Physical Education: Marisa Marchegiano and Michael Gedz

Most Improved: Hunter Vasquez

Service:

Erin Allen, Haley Burnham, Mitchell Fairer, Michael Gedz, Peyton Hobson, John O'Rourke, Kyle Palalay, Molly Reilly, Chelsea Richards.

Robotics:

Meghan Angelina, Richard Barbor, Daniel Carpenter, Andrew Chicosky, Michael Gedz, Peyton Hobson, Austin Major, Marisa Marchegiano, Taylor Nieves, Haley Novak, Rachel VanHorn, Mr. Richard Barbor.

Citizenship: John MacLeod and Anya Harjung