



Immaculate Conception School

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Dear Parents/Guardians,



During the month of February we celebrate the virtue of COMPASSION. In Luke's Gospel we read "Be compassionate as God is compassionate." We understand compassion not only as the ability to empathize with another but also to act on behalf of that other person. It is evident when we care deeply and want to help others, even if we do not know them. It is being kind and forgiving to someone who has hurt you. We practice COMPASSION when we:

- are helpful to a person or animal in need
- notice when someone is hurt or needs a friend
- imagine how another person might be feeling
- take time to show you care
- forgive others when they make mistakes
- reach out in the broader community to share our resources and skills

The more we talk, teach and learn about compassion, the closer our graduates come to dedicating themselves to the common good and to doing God's work.

Your in Catholic Education,

S. Hiebert-St. Denis, Principal

A good heart is better than all the heads in the world.

Edward Bulwer-Lytton

JUNIOR KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATIONS

Parents wanting to register their child for Junior Kindergarten are asked to contact our school during the month of **February**. Registration appointments and interviews with the school Principal will be arranged when you call the school. Children must be 4 years of age by December 31, 2010. Parents are asked to bring the following at the time of registration: **Birth/Baptism Certificates, Health Card Number, Immunization Card and Tax Roll Number** (found on our tax bill).

Parents - Feel free to brag about Immaculate Conception School. Encourage your friends/relatives/neighbours to call us for an appointment: **897-4483**.

PARENTS OF CURRENT JK STUDENTS are reminded that they do not need to register their children for Senior Kindergarten for September, 2010.

When you begin to touch your heart or let your heart be touched, you begin to discover that it's bottomless, that it doesn't have any resolution, that this heart is huge, vast and limitless. You begin to discover how much warmth and gentleness is there, as well as how much space.

Molleen Matsumura

“ALL I EVER REALLY NEED TO KNOW I LEARNED IN KINDERGARTEN”

Most of what I really need to know about how to live, what to do, and how to be, I learned in kindergarten. Wisdom was not at the top of the graduate school mountain, but there in the sandbox at nursery school.

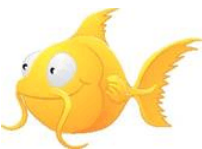
These are the things I learned:

- Share everything.
- Play fair.
- Don't hit people.
- Put things back where you found them.
- Clean up your own mess.
- Don't take things that aren't yours.
- Say you're sorry when you've hurt somebody.
- Wash your hands before you eat.
- Flush.
- Warm cookies and milk are good for you.
- Live a balanced life.
- Learn some and think and draw and paint and sing and dance and play and work every day some.

Take a nap every afternoon. When you go out into the world, watch for traffic, hold hands, and stick together. Be aware of wonder.

Remember the little seed in the plastic cup. The roots go down and the plant goes up and nobody really knows how or why, but we are all like that.

Goldfish and hamsters and white mice and even the little seed in the plastic cup - they all die. So do we.



And then, remember the book about Dick and Jane and the first word you learned, the biggest word of all: LOOK. Everything you need to know is in there somewhere. The Golden Rule and love and basic sanitation, ecology and politics and same living.

Think of what a better world it would be if we all - the whole world - had cookies and milk about 3 o'clock every afternoon and then lay down with our blankets for a nap. Or if we had a basic policy in our nation and other nations to always put things back where we found them and clean up our own messes. And it is still true, no matter how old you are, when you go out into the world, it is best to hold hands and stick together. -Robert Fulghrum

MONDAY FEBRUARY 15th is FAMILY DAY. The children have NO SCHOOL!

STUDENT OF THE MONTH

Congratulations to the following students who were awarded “Student of the Month” for January, 2010. Our theme was “responsibility”. Kylie M. (JK/SKF), Makannah L. (1F), Kyle M. (2/3F), Taylor B. (3/4F), Shelby F. (5/6F), Kaiden F. (JK/SKR), Alyssa S. (1/2R), Bryce F. (2/3R), Aleah G. (3/4R), Crystal T. (4/5R), Kayla H. (5R), Taylor L. (6R). February’s “Student of the Month” assembly will take place on February 25th at 2:00 p.m. in the gym. The criteria for this month is “compassion” - the act of caring for others as God does. When we act with compassion, we love. Love transforms into actions, an action that extends beyond concern for ourselves.



“CARING - THAT’S OUR MOTTO”

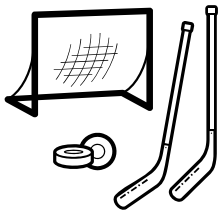
Recycling: In an on-going effort to be proactive in environmental issues, our school is one of many within the SCDSB participating in a “**Battery Recycling Program**”. Feel free to drop off your household batteries and our Facility Services Department will be more than happy to dispose of them at the Household Hazardous Waste Depot (City of Greater Sudbury).

Also new this year, is our **Destination Conservation Team**. Ms. Shewchuk's class (Gr. 4/5R), along with 7 other students who take care of "recycling" every week, will attend **The Energy Fair at Science North on February 11th**. Stay tuned for more initiatives as we all strive to **GO GREEN**.

"Chewing for Charity": On January 27th, we raised money for Haiti by "chewing gum" from Mrs. Rychlo's old-fashioned Gum Machine. We raised \$400.00 for the Canadian Red Cross Society. Way to go **COUGARS!** Thank you Mrs. MacNeil for your help that day!

NOON HOUR SPORTS

Floor Hockey:

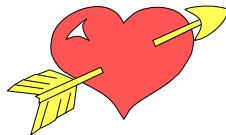


Junior students have been vigorously participating in floor hockey during their lunch recess. Congratulations to all teams who demonstrate good sportsmanship and teamwork. Thank you to Mrs. Rychlo and Mr. Olivier for being so giving

of their time.

CANDY GRAMS

During the week of February 8th to 11th grade 6 students will be selling Valentine Candy Grams at the cost of .50¢ each. This fund raising event will help support the Grade 6 year end field trip. Happy Valentine's Day! Candy Grams will be delivered to students on the 12th.



SHROVE TUESDAY (Feb. 16th)

Shrove Tuesday is the last day before Lent.



There is a tradition of going to confession on this day, in preparation for Lent. Other names for this day include "Mardi Gras" or "Pancake Tuesday", tied in with the tradition of Mardi Gras. We will be serving pancakes to all students at lunch. This celebration represents the last day of

feasting and fun before Lent (beginning the next day on Ash Wednesday). Information from your Catholic School Council members regarding volunteering for this activity (Pancake Lunch) will be sent home shortly. Stay posted!

ASH WEDNESDAY (Feb. 17th)



During Lent, we renew our commitment to living the holy life that Jesus asks of us. On February 17th, all staff and students from Immaculate will join Deacon Jenkinson from St. Kevin's Parish to celebrate at 9:15 in our school gym. Parents and relatives are

always welcome to join us. (Father Pat Woods sends his regrets as he will not be able to attend.)

HEALTHY SCHOOLS

1. Our daily milk program continues. If you wish to have your child participate in this endeavour, watch for the next milk order letter to come home in March.



2. A special thank you is extended to Mrs. Duguay, Mrs. Scott, and a group of volunteers who continue to co-ordinate Fruit & Veggie days every three weeks.

HOMEWORK CLUB

A reminder that "The Homework Club" is offered 2 times a week:

- ▶ Mondays from 3:00 to 4:00 p.m. (Gr. 1 to 3)
- ▶ Wednesdays from 3:00 to 4:00 p.m. (Gr. 4 to 6)



PARENTS, You must write a note in your child's AGENDA if he/she is staying that day. Thank you for your co-operation!

HEAD LICE CHECK

We ask parents to regularly check their children's hair for nits/lice and treat promptly. This is not a health risk but it is a nuisance. Please contact the school if you discover the problem so we can alert other children in the class. Children will be sent home if nits/lice are discovered and should not return until a treatment is completed and the hair is free of nits. Thank you for your co-operation.

GLAMOUR SHOTS

Our DAYCARE is inviting all of us to participate in "Glamour Shots" (**See attached flyer**). Further questions should be directed to the Daycare: 897-7779



Happy Valentine's Day!
From: Staff at Immaculate Conception
School



Prayer

Lord our God, help us to love you with all
our hearts and to love all people
as you love them.

Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ,
your Son, who lives and reigns with you
and the Holy Spirit, one God,
forever and ever.

Amen