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Important Dates to Remember:

- Open House — September 26
- P.A. Day No School — September 27
- Catholic School Council Meeting — September 19
- School Pictures — September 30

Welcome Back!

by Mr. Mathieu

Welcome to the 2019-2020 school year! I am delighted that you have chosen to be a part of our school community this year. I hope you will join me, the staff, and all members of our community in working together to make this year the very best!

No matter where I've been, I've learned that the needs of students are essentially the same: they need a meaningful curriculum delivered by passionate, dedicated teachers, and supported by involved parents and families.

I look forward to getting to know each student as the year progresses. I thank all parents for their commitment to their son or daughter's education and for their support of our Catholic school.

I promote openness and transparency with all partners in education. I am available and willing to listen if you have concerns, now or during the year. Come and see for yourself all the good things that are happening at Immaculate Conception Catholic Elementary School!

I hope to see everyone at our Open House on Thursday,

September 26 from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. Please do not hesitate to contact us at 705-897-4483 if you have any questions.

This year, let us resolve:

...to experience life at its fullest even when it brings the cross rather than the resurrection.

...to say yes to each moment by being fully present to what we are about.

...to be gentle with ourselves as we discover our imperfections.

...to be equally gentle with students, staff, friends, and families as we become aware of their weaknesses.



Mr. Mathieu has been leading school communities in the Sudbury area in his role as principal since February 2002. He feels privileged to be a member of a special team of staff, students, and parents who work and have fun together.

Catholic School Council

by Mr. Mathieu

Our first Catholic School Council meeting will be held on Thursday, October 3, at 5:00 p.m. Please consider putting your name forward to be a council member.

Participation on the council is not only rewarding in itself, but provides a wonderful opportunity to meet other parents



and the teaching staff. A nomination form is included in the first day handouts. The deadline for nominations is Friday, September 13, 2019. Each nominee will be contacted by telephone to confirm receipt of the nomination form. School Council meeting dates will be indicated on the monthly calendars (usually three to four meetings per year) and are open to any parent or guardian who wishes to attend. A full list of council members will be published on our school website after elections have taken place.

I look forward to working with you.

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"A mind once stretched by a new idea never regains its original dimensions."

Anonymous

Getting the School Year Off to a Good Start!

by Mr. Mathieu

Getting the new school year off to a good start can influence children's attitude, confidence and performance, both socially and academically. The transition from summer holidays to September is often difficult for both children and parents, because holidays are carefree, while back-to-school means a more structured environment. First, parents are encour-

aged to start a school sleeping schedule for the child. The safety of the child, going to and coming from school, should be a priority. It is important that both the parent and child know and understand the rules that govern children's behaviour on and off the school premises. Children must be encouraged by their parents to follow the rules. If they are not clear, speak to the classroom teacher.

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PICTURE DAY
September 30



School pictures will be taken on Monday, Sept. 30 by Life Touch. It is very important that students make a special effort to be present on this day to avoid delays in receiving school pictures. A reminder will be sent to parents the week prior to Picture Day.

Think about a few basics ahead of time, such as bringing a hair brush to school with you for quick touch-ups and limiting exposure to the sun a few days before Picture Day. Other things to keep in mind include checking your hair and shirt collar at camera time, practicing your smile, remembering good posture, and relaxing and smiling at the camera as if it's your best friend. Say cheese!

PIZZA DAY EVERY WEDNESDAY!

In order for us to better serve the overall student population, Pizza Days will be held on Wednesdays again this year. Pizza slices are \$1.25 each. Our first Pizza Day will be held on September 18, 2019. Pizza days are indicated on the school calendar for your convenience.



Important Reminders for Parents and Guardians

by Mr. Mathieu

All medication must be handed in to the main office for proper storage. To ensure everyone's safety, students are not permitted to have medication in their possession. If your son or daughter is required to take medication during the school day, the school requires a release form to be signed by a parent or guardian. If your son or daughter requires an Epi-pen, a waiver must be signed granting school personnel permission to administer the injection. Students with severe allergies should wear a medic alert bracelet or necklace clearly identifying his or her allergy. We promote an environment that is free from nuts, peanuts, tree nuts, sesame seed/oil, sunflower seeds, shell fish and latex.

If your child is going to be absent from school, please call the office and inform us of the absence between 8:00-8:55 a.m. A call will

be made to your home if we did not receive a call from you, once we discover through morning attendance that your child is not at school—this does include snow days/no transportation days when schools are open. We need to know that your child is safe at home with you or another caregiver.

The Code of Conduct can be found on our school website. A copy is also being sent home with all students on Friday, September 6, 2019. Please review this important documentation at home with your son or daughter. All community members will work together to develop spiritually, intellectually, physically, socially, and emotionally by aspiring to the highest possible standards of Catholic conduct, in living out the gospel values, and by fostering a Catholic culture of respect, responsibility and concern for the common good.



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Everyone is welcome at our school!

The Importance of the Home/School Partnership

by The Immaculate Conception Staff

Children learn best when the significant adults in their lives – parents, teachers, and other family and community members – work together to encourage and support them.

Parent involvement in schools leads to higher grades and test scores and better attendance and homework completion habits. These students also are likely to graduate and pursue higher education because their parents have taken an interest in their education and serve as role models.

Getting to know their students' parents helps teachers understand the environment and cultural influences that shape students' points of view and behaviour. This leads to improved communication between students and teachers, enhancing trust, mutual respect and the education process.

Parents who get to know their

children's teachers, about the curricula and the teachers' educational methods, are more likely than those who don't to help children with homework and ensure it's completed. And, by holding enjoyable family activities, schools encourage parental attendance and interest in participating in other useful activities, such as fundraising and volunteering in the classroom. These activities also strengthen bonds between parents and children. Interacting and working with parents to improve students' education provides outside points of view on operations and policies that can improve them.

The biggest winners in all of this are the children. When we walk into a school and see parents and teachers working together, in all sorts of roles, it's a sure sign that the school challenges the very best in students and helps all realize their fullest potential.

School Forms

by Mr. Mathieu and Mrs. Duguay

All parents and guardians received a package of forms that need to be returned to the school by Monday, September 9, 2019. Here is a brief explanation of each form:



We strive to support high-quality learning while giving every child the opportunity to learn in the way that is best.

• **Student Information Sheet** – This form is necessary to help us keep up to date information on your son or daughter. It is vital that this information be kept current. Should there be any changes to the information provided (i.e. work phone numbers) during the course of the school year, please contact the office at your earliest convenience.

• **Information Release Form** – To protect the privacy of students, your consent is required for your son or daughter's name or photograph to be published or displayed. We strongly encourage all parents to consider allowing their children to be photographed as it can be so rewarding for them to be included with the rest of the group.

• **Acceptable Use Agreement** The Sudbury Catholic District School Board is committed to establishing guidelines and expectations regarding the ethical and responsible use of the Internet and Information Technology. Students are expected to abide by the Student Responsible Use of Information Technology Agreement. The school will require that students and their parent/guardian sign a Student Responsible Use of Information Technology Agreement.

• **Student Accident Insurance** – If your child is involved in an accident, whether at school or during non-school hours, 'insuremykids' protects your family from the resulting expenses, which are not normally covered under your government health and group insurance plans.

• **School Bus Discipline Policy Guidelines Form** – Please review the Bus Policy Guidelines with your son or daughter. Student safety is our primary concern. A student who disregards bus safety rules may have their privileges suspended. Even if your child is a walker, he or she may ride the bus on school field trips.



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Safe Arrival Policy - For safety reasons, all doors including the ones by the office are locked at all times. All visitors must report to the main office upon entering the school.

September 2019						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Parents, please call and let us know if your child will be late or absent. The phone number is (705) 897-4483	September Virtue: RESPECT					
	Mutual respect is the way we live in harmony with one another. It helps us to see others as God sees them; to accept them as they are and to treat them with dignity. When we respect others, we see goodness in them, just as God created them to be.					
1	2 Labour Day	3 PA Day NO School	4 JK Interviews	5	6 Visit the School Website at: http://immaculate.scdsb.edu.on.ca	7 Respect yourself if you want others to respect you.
8 When we do good things, our self-respect grows.	9 Forms Due	10	11	12	13 Catholic School Council Nomination Form due	14
15	16 Agenda \$ Due Grade 5/6 Regular English class only	17	18 Pizza Day (\$1.25)	19	20	21 There is only one corner of the universe you can be certain of improving and that is your own self.
22 Treat everyone fairly. We are all made by the same Great Spirit.	23 Pita Pit and Subway Order Forms Sent Home First Pita Pit Day is Thursday, Oct. 10	24 First Subway Day is Tuesday, Oct. 8	25 Pizza Day (\$1.25) Virtue of the Month Assembly 1:45 PM	26 OPEN HOUSE 4:00-6:00 PM Pita Pit and Subway Order Forms Due Today	27 PA Day NO School	28 Trustee: Mr. M. Bellmore
29	30 Picture Day	ALL PARENTS/VISITORS ARE ASKED TO REMAIN IN THE LOBBY AREA.		SCHOOL ALLERGIES Please No nuts, peanuts, tree nuts, sesame seeds/oil, sunflower seeds, shell fish or latex.		<u>Help us protect the future of Catholic education: ensure that your property taxes identify you as a Catholic school supporter. Call the school if you move or are not sure if you are presently a Catholic School supporter.</u>