



The Charger Chronicles

Immaculate Conception School Parent Newsletter

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From the Principal

Dear ICS Families,

Happy New Year and welcome back to the second semester of school. I hope everyone had a restful and enjoyable holiday break. I'd like to thank everyone for the lovely Christmas cards and gifts.

January is filled with much activity and excitement. As a Salesian School, January is the month that we remember and celebrate our founder, St. John Bosco. His feast day, fittingly so, falls during Catholic Schools Week and is on January 31st, which is also Immaculate Conception's Open House Day. As we prepare for both St. John Bosco's Feast and our open house, we celebrate our rich history and tradition as well as our future and the future of our youth. Five tenets of the Salesian Way are to be cheerful and kind; do my duties well; stay close to Jesus in the Eucharist; honor and love Mary as my Mother and Helper, and choose to serve rather than be served. We continue to reiterate these values with our children, as well as the importance of making good choices and doing the right thing, at the right time, for the love of God. I am so very proud to have been brought up in the Salesian Way, and to have the opportunity to help spread the Salesian Charism and Catholic values to our youth.

On January 31st, I invite parents to join us for our Feast Day Mass and celebration, and I ask for your assistance and prayers that we have a successful open house. Our open house will be held from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. Open House is

a pride-filled and energetic evening in which ICS will open its doors to the public and welcome visitors to come in, see what we're all about, feel the ICS difference, and enjoy our hospitality. We will need the help of our entire community. We would greatly appreciate if you would spread the word by sharing our facebook page and website; putting a yard sign in your yard or outside your business; putting up a flyer at your place of work or businesses in the area, and by volunteering to help on the evening of open house. We will need parent volunteers to greet visitors, work at the sign in area, help with refreshments, and possibly accompany students on tours. Please contact Advancement Director, Silvana Collins, at s.collins@icschargers.org if you are able to volunteer for open house.

A huge and integral part of the success of open house, lies with our student tour guides. We will be asking for MS students to volunteer to give tours to prospective parents. Each of us have gifts, and we do not all share the same gifts. I will be asking for those students, who are available from 5:30 until approx. 9:00 p.m., and who feel comfortable talking in front of small crowds, and with people they do not know. Students need to also feel excited about sharing their positive experiences as an ICS student and promoting ICS to prospective families. We will distribute tour guide applications on Tuesday, and the following week we will begin training interested students on giving open house tours.

Next week, 2018-19 re-registration packets will be sent home along with the new tuition and fee schedule for next year. Re-registration for

returning students will take place from Monday, January 22nd through Friday, February 2nd. New student registration will be held February 5th through the 9th. In order to hold your child's spot for next year, it is imperative that the re-registration form and fee be returned no later than Friday, February 2nd.

As many of you may have heard, Mrs. Stacie Prejean will not be returning to teach art for the second semester. I am currently interviewing candidates, and I am hopeful that I will be able to announce a new art teacher by next week. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me.

Report cards were sent home yesterday, both with the students and electronically. Please check that you received your child's report card, and don't forget that Parent-Teacher Conferences are today from 3:30 until 6:00 p.m.

In Christ,
Kim DiMarco
Principal

Martin Luther King Holiday

ICS will be closed on **Monday, January 15th** in honor of Martin Luther King Day. School will resume on **Tuesday, January 16th**.



The Nursery, PK-1, and PK-2 will be open.

2018-2019 Returning Student Registration Packets

Registration packets for the 2018-2019 school year will be sent home on Monday, January 22, 2018 and are due back Friday, February 2, 2018.

Open House 2018

Invite your family and friends to experience Charger Nation! Our school will be holding Open House for new students on Wednesday, January 31 from 6:00 until 8:00pm. Private tours will also be available on Tuesdays by appointment. Your recommendation is so very important for the

growth of our school. Here are some ways you can help:

Facebook: Be sure to like our Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/icschargers/>. We created an Open House event and posted our Open House ad. Please share the ad with your facebook friends.

Yard Signs: Open House yard signs will be available next week. Signs placed in high traffic areas will help advertise our school to the public. Families able to place a yard sign at a family-owned business or workplace or have a home in a well populated area are asked to contact Silvana Collins at s.collins@icschargers.org or by calling the school office.

Thank you in advance for spreading the good news that is I.C.S.!

Robotics Team

Immaculate Conception Engineers(I.C.E.) of Charger Robotics competed at the state robotics tournament for Louisiana. With 153 registered teams, I.C.E. finished 16th overall with its robot named Frosty. Team members include; Grace Boyd, Victoria Collins, Alex Gaitan, Aimee Guillory, Jillian Monfra, Camryn Orgeron, Emily Tran, Angelina Verberne, Dan Vu, and Makenzie Wood.

Charger Robotics junior team, I.C.E. Chips presented its project and robot model at the state tournament. The I.C.E. Chips earned the Outstanding Teamwork Award. Team members of the I.C.E. Chips include Tyler Andrus, Lauren Breaux, Chandler Daigle, Grace Hernandez, Kruz Hernandez, Max Monaghan, and Michael Morris. Charger Robotics will have several of its robots on display at the ICPops Fish Fry during Lent. Freeport McMoran has generously given Charger Robotics a grant to underwrite a new robotics set for our 4th – 7th grade engineers and the ICPops sponsor our 1st – 3rd grade engineers.

First Friday and Eucharistic Adoration

Every First Friday of the month our church offers the opportunity to participate in Eucharistic Adoration. Mass is celebrated at 8 a.m. At the

end of the mass, the Blessed Sacrament is placed in a monstrance and set on the altar for all to adore in silent prayer. Consider attending mass at 8 a.m. and spending some time in silent prayer after bringing your children to school. Try it and you will see your spiritual life grow. Life can be quite challenging; we cannot do it alone. Jesus is waiting for you. Come spend some time with him.



2016-2017 Yearbooks

Extra copies of the 2016-2017 Yearbook are available! The cost is \$22 per book.

Charger Quiz Bowl

The Quiz Bowl participated in the Academy of Our Lady Middle School Academic Challenge. 3rd place medals were earned in Anatomy & Physiology (Mikayla Pugh and Emily Tran), Geometry (Aimee Guillory and Sanaii Webber), and Grammar Patrol (Malea Acklin and Mikayla Pugh). 2nd place medals were earned in Health & Nutrition (Camryn Orgeron and Makenzie Wood), Literary Devices (Malea Acklin and Antonio Cuartas), Mythology (Antonio Cuartas and Austin Gonzales), Pentathlon (Grace Boyd, Roland Kindell, Camryn Orgeron, and Makenzie Wood), SI Units (Aimee Guillory and Dan Vu), and Solve for X (Baylee Plaisance and Emily Tran). 1st place medals were earned in Draw It Out (Yelmary Aguilar, Grace Boyd, and Makenzie Wood). ICS finished 3rd overall in the sweepstakes competition. Geaux Chargers!

2nd Quarter Report Cards

The 2nd Quarter ended December 22, 2017. Report cards were distributed January 10, 2018.



Smoothie King

The flavor for January is Strawberry Kiwi Breeze. The ingredients are strawberry, kiwi, papaya, ice and water. There is no dairy and no added sugar.

Please advise of allergies. \$3.00 **CASH** money is due January 16th. The smoothies will be delivered January 18th. Thank you!

IC Pops

IC Pops Meeting
Thursday, January 18th
7:00pm in the Cafeteria



Father/Son and Mother/Daughter Program

Both the Father/Son Program for 11-14 year old boys and the Mother/Daughter Program for 10-12 year old girls will be held in the St. Philip Neri Parish Center on Friday, March 2, 2018. These programs bring each parent and their child together to share an experience designed to enhance their communication on important issues regarding sexuality and development. For more information please read attached flyers.