

The Charger Chronicles

Immaculate Conception School Parent Newsletter

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From the Principal

Dear Parents,

The new school year has gotten off to a great start, and we had a joyous opening school Mass last week. I'd like to thank Father Jimmy, the faculty and staff, and our parents and students for the warm welcome I've received and for the work and support of everyone! I have enjoyed meeting and visiting with several of you at the "Meet the Principal" coffees. Please remember that if you ever have any issues of concern, questions or suggestions, please feel free to contact me at k.dimarco@icschargers.org. If you'd prefer to meet in person, email me to set up an appointment.

"Lunch with the Principal" I will begin meeting with the students in an effort to know them better, and listen to their thoughts and ideas on how we may improve and support our school and wider community. The month's lunches will be as follows: Thursday, September 14th for 7A(7-1); Thursday, September 21st for 7B(7-2); Thursday, September 28th for 7C(7-3) I will provide pizza and drinks for the students.

Thanks also for your patience and cooperation during the ongoing construction and the back to school **arrival and dismissal procedures**. Overall, I think the arrival and dismissal has gone well. Please remember to be courteous of others by not blocking resident driveways. In the mornings, before 7:30 a.m., we will be placing a cone in the right lane at the intersection of Ave. D and 6th street to keep the line from moving forward on Ave. D before 7:30 and blocking faculty from their parking spots. At 7:30 the cone will be lifted, and you may move forward. When the line starts to

move at 7:30, it goes rather quickly. Also, if your child has an unusually heavy load, requiring assistance, you may put on your hazard lights to signal a duty teacher.

The weather has delayed the **construction** timeline, and it appears as if this week will be more of the same. The next phase is the pouring of the asphalt which was planned for Thursday and Friday of this week, but likely will be pushed back. During this next phase, Beverly Construction will continue to keep us updated and provide safety fencing and a viable walking path for us.

Thanks to all who attended our first **PTO meeting** on August 23rd. If you signed up to help with one of our many activities this year, the event chair will be contacting you soon.

Occasionally throughout the year, we will have **free dress/no uniform days**. Please refer to the acceptable dress policy which was included in the Tuesday Bulletin and is also attached to this September Chronicle.

In response to the catastrophic flooding caused by **Hurricane Harvey**, the Catholic Schools in the Archdiocese of New Orleans will be collecting both nonperishable food items and school supplies to benefit students and families who attend affected Catholic schools. Our first drive will take place the week of September 5th-8th. Students who donate, will receive a free dress day on Friday, September 8th (see guidelines)

ITEMS NEEDED:

Pop-top canned goods that don't require can openers, water, MRE's that are still in date,

cleaning supplies such as bleach, gloves, mops, and garbage bags, Personal hygiene items: toilet paper, soap, shampoo, tampons, diapers, razors, etc. All items need to be in its original store wrapping and/or box. The second drive for school supplies will take place the week of September 25th-29th. Students who donate school supplies in original packaging (notebooks, paper, pens, pencils, crayons, markers, scissors, glue, etc.) will receive a free dress day on Friday, September 29th (see guidelines). Thank you in advance for your generosity!

Please plan on you and your family joining us on **Sunday, September 24th for Family Mass at 11:00 a.m.** followed by the parish picnic. Students who attend will receive a free dress coupon to be used in October.

Important Dates

- 9/1: Faculty Meeting – **NOON Dismissal (Aftercare will be provided)**
- 9/4: **Labor Day – No School – Nursery closed**
- 9/5-9/8: Hurricane Harvey Donation Drive (Non-perishable items)
- 9/12: Smoothie King money due - \$3.00 (**CASH**)
- 9/13: Chick-Fil-A Night (5:00pm – 8:00pm)
- 9/14: Smoothie King Day (Strawberry Xtreme)
- 9/24: Family Mass at 11:00am. Picnic to follow.
- 9/25-9/29: Hurricane Harvey Donation Drive (School supplies)
- 9/27: School pictures (grades 4-7)

Safe Environment Program

Safe Environment Training for middle school will take place during the month of September, primary school in October and early childhood in November. Here is a brief description by grade level:

- PK3, PK4 - Safe and Unsafe Touches, and Words to Use to Keep Them Safe
- Kindergarten - Rules about the Body
- Grade 1 - Rules for Interacting with Others
- Grade 2 - Listening to Your Intuition
- Grade 3 - Secrets: Those You Keep and Those You Share
- Grade 4 - Healthy Friendships (includes information on peer to peer abuse)

- Grade 5 - Healthy Privacy and Internet Safety
- Grade 6 - Definition of Boundaries, Recognizing Abuse, and Internet Safety
- Grade 7 – Review of Boundaries, How to Respond to Boundary Violations, and Who Could You Tell

No Uniform/Free Dress Guidelines

Acceptable Wear: jeans, T-shirts, blouses, skirts, leggings/skinny jeans may only be worn with a top or dress that falls below the buttocks, low heeled shoes. NOTE: Pre-K2 through Kind. must wear their school shoes or similar like shoes with velcro- no shoe strings.

Unacceptable Wear: too tight or too short pants/skirts, no shorts (except for PE shorts) spaghetti straps, tank tops, bare shoulders, inappropriate writing or slogans on T-shirts, exposed stomach/mid-drift, high heels, leggings worn with a short top.

Salesian T-shirt Day Guidelines



Students may wear a Salesian shirt with uniform pants, uniform skirts, PE shorts, or jeans and tennis shoes only.

NOTE: Pre-K2, Pre-K3, Pre-K4 and Kindergarten must wear velcro shoes on all Salesian t-shirt days and free dress days.

Box Tops/Ink and Toner Cartridges

Please continue to turn in Box Tops for Education and ink and toner cartridges. Thank you for all you do for our school!



ICS Back to School “Who Dat” Raffle



Back by popular demand! This year’s raffle includes more cash prizes and tickets to the New Orleans Saints verses the Carolina Panthers game. Raffle tickets will be sent home with the students. *Geaux Saints!*

If you have any questions about the raffle or would like more raffle tickets, please contact Silvana

Collins by email at s.collins@icschargers.org or by calling her at school at 504-347-4409 ext. 21.

8th Annual Golf Tournament



Tee off with the Chargers at the annual "On a Swing and a Prayer" tournament at the beautiful English Turn championship course. Entry fees includes green fees and cart, food, beverages, contests and prizes.

Hole and Corporate Sponsorships are available. If you have any questions about the golf tournament, please contact Silvana Collins by email at s.collins@icschargers.org or by calling her at school at 504-347-4409 ext. 21.

IC Pops

IC Pops Meeting
Thursday, September 21st
7:00pm in the Cafeteria



Family Mass



Our next Family Mass is Sunday, September 24th at 11:00am. A parish picnic will follow Mass. We will recognize our fall sports' athletes.

Friday Night Sports Night

The first Friday Night Sports Night for Middle School Students will be held on Friday, September 29th from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.



The students will play a Dodgeball Tournament.

Crescent City Fall Classic



Please help ICS win a cash grant of \$3,000! We won the grant **THREE** years in a row!! Let's make it four! The event will be held on Saturday, November 4, 2017 at 8:30am in New

Orleans City Park. The cost is \$15.00 per person

and includes a t-shirt, food, drinks, and fun activities for the children. It is a fun family event! Please come out and support ICS!

Save the Date

4th Annual Gala-Silent Auction. Saturday, December 2nd at the Bayou Barn. Begin the Christmas season with your ICS family as we scale back the fancy and pump up the fun at this annual event. This party with a purpose, will feature live music, food, beverages as well as great auction items including personalized class artwork!