



Immaculate Conception School

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NEWSLETTER – May 2015

Live the Joy of the Gospel



Principal's Message

Welcome everyone to the month of May, only two months to the end of the school year. There are lots of field trips coming up and we hope you can come and help but make sure to get those criminal record checks done on time.

May is a month when we honour Mary the Mother of Jesus. What an amazing woman, what a role model! Mary is an important part of our Catholic faith. Every student learned how to pray the rosary this year and May is a good month to pray that prayer a few times. SO PROUD of our IC students and families for all of your amazing help in raising funds for NUDF and for the Children's Hospital Foundation. We hope you can be part of our Kare Bear team at the Relay for Life this month.

Finally, a huge CONGRATULATIONS to our Grade 2 students who make their First Holy Communion this weekend. They have worked hard for this special day. Well done to all. Have a great month everyone.

Dates to Remember

May 3	First Holy Communion 11 AM Mass
May 7	Band Concert 1 PM
May 12	Family Band Concert 7 PM
May 14	World Catholic Education Day
May 15	PD Day – No Classes
May 18	Victoria Day – No Classes
May 21	Hot Lunch Forms Due
May 21 & 22	Uniform Fit Days – RJ McCarthy
May 22	Used Uniform Sale
May 23	Spring Workbee
May 29	Terry Wilson Memorial Cup Gr 6 & 7

Please refer to our School Website for current month's calendar [HERE](#)

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Band

Congratulations to our Grade 6 & 7 Band students who both won gold at the Band festival. The band will be performing May 7 at 1PM. There is also an opportunity for families to attend a special Band concert on May 12 at 7 PM in the Parish Hall. Join us!

Uniforms

This is a great opportunity to order directly from our supplier RJ McCarthy. Fitting times will be from 2:30 – 5:30 PM in the parish hall May 20 & 21. Uniform samples are available for fitting to determine sizes when ordering your uniforms. There will not be uniform items for sale.

Friday May 22 there will be a used uniform sale.

We would ask that if you have any used IC School uniform items which comply with the dress code, please drop them off during these times for our used sale. Our school uniform coordinator is Tamara Monai icschooluniforms@gmail.com



Pitch In

Students will be busy over the coming weeks cleaning up our school grounds and around the neighbourhood.

School Council AGM

Wednesday June 3rd is our school annual general meeting. All are welcome and anyone considering running for school council next year, please contact the office for eligibility guidelines.

Field Trips

Many field trips are currently being planned for the end of the year. Please watch for permission slips coming home. Students must have a permission slip to attend any field trips. All forms can also be found on our school website [HERE](#). To volunteer parents must have a current criminal record check on file at the office. Drivers must provide copy of current insurance, copy of valid driver's license and a current drivers abstract must also be on file at the office. All forms are available [HERE](#).

Art Exhibition/Evening of the Arts June 4th 6:30 PM

Yes, it is coming to that time of the year when we will be celebrating the artistic talents of our students. Everyone is encouraged to plan to share their talent! A letter will be coming home shortly with important information as a slip to be signed and returned to the school. Students must let Mrs Gilbert know by May 14th if they plan to participate.

Students playing an instrument simply provide Mrs Gilbert with the title of the music they are playing. If they wish, students may preview their performance May 28 with Mrs Gilbert. Students who are singing or dancing should provide a copy of the music they will be using on May 28th to be reviewed for lyrics and content. During lunch hours of the following week, time will be provided to practice on stage. We will also be having our art exhibition this evening.



Relay for Life

The ICS Kare Bears have put together a team for the Relay for Life taking place at Masich Place Stadium May 9 & 10. Come and support our team! We would love volunteers to take a walking shift or to walk with other team members. Please email Mrs Barth kbarth@cispjg.ca if you are able to help

PPP

Volunteer Hours Opportunities for May and June

Spring Workbee – Our spring workbee will take place May 23rd. Many hands make light work! Please consider coming out to help with this.

Year End BBQ – A coordinator for the year end BBQ is also needed. Please contact the school if this is something you can help with.

Hours Logs for 2015 are due May 15th! Cheques will be cashed for those who have not submitted hours.

It's easy, you can complete your form [here](#) online.

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Faith Matters

First Holy Communion

First Holy Communion will take place on Sunday May 3 at 11 AM mass. Congratulations to all our students who will be receiving the sacrament and we offer our prayers for them at this very special time.



Mass in the Park

The outdoor celebration of Mass in the Park will take place Thursday June 4th. More information to follow.

Mass Schedule IC Parish

Daily Mass 9 AM M-Sat
Sundays 9 AM, 11 AM, 7 PM
Pastor: Fr Chris Lynch
www.icparish.ca



Acts of Service

Thank you for the generous donations to the NUDF fundraiser. Together you raised \$1,600.00 to support farmers in buying more seeds and tools in Uganda! Well done! There is still an opportunity to donate.



**May we celebrate the
Month of Mary**

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Parent Support Group

Thank you thank you for your support for the Annual Spring Fundraiser!

Thank you especially to the Immaculate Conception community for your generous support and donations. Thank you to all parents who volunteered their time for this event and made it such a successful evening. Donations this year totaled \$20,500.00.

PSG Meeting

Next meeting will be held Tuesday May 19 at 7 PM in the school library. Please join us!

PSG would like to donate a case freezer to anyone in need. If you know of anyone please contact the office. Thank you!



Craft Fair:

It may be spring, but that doesn't mean you can't be thinking about the Fall Craft Fair!! Preparations for the November 14th 2015 Immaculate Conception School Craft Fair are underway. If you or anyone you know may be interested in being a vendor at our school's event this Fall and would like an application or more information, please contact Carrie Connelly at icscraftfair@yahoo.ca



Plant Sale Fundraiser

The letter regarding the the Art Knapp Plantland Sale forms is coming home! Between May 8th and June 7th, Art Knapp Plantland will generously donate 20% of your purchase amount from all bedding plants, annual planters, annual hanging baskets, vegetables and/herbs to the IC Parent Support group!

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Extra-Curricular:

Relays

Congratulations to all our Kodiak relay team members. A special thank you to Ms Ames for all her work in helping with this event!



5th Annual Terry Wilson Memorial Cup

Friday May 29th

All Grade 6 & 7 students will attend. We strongly recommend that all students wear cleats and shin guards. Catholic schools from as far away as Prince Rupert, Terrace, Smithers, Dawson Creek, Quesnel and Williams Lake will be attending this year.



Camp Morice Summer Camp Schedule

Camp Morice is our Catholic summer camp located on the beautiful shores of Stuart Lake in Ft St James.

July 5-10 Counsellor Training (All youth age 13 and up)

July 12-17 Teen Camp (completed Gr7-Gr 12)

July 19-24 Tween Camp (completed Gr 4-6)

Aug 3-7 Kids Camp (completed Gr 1-3)

Aug 9-14 Tween Camp (completed Gr 4-6)

Aug 16-21 IGNITE (completed Gr 7-12)

Aug 23-28 Cana Family Camp Sep 11-13 Young adults Weekend

To register or for further information visit www.campmorice.com

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