

IC SCHOOL NEWS

OCTOBER 2017



*Where Christ
is the Heart
of Education*

From the Principal's Desk

Dear Parents,

November is upon us; a time that the weather becomes a little more complacent. The vegetation goes into a dormant stage and so the sun it seems. The earth begins to look dead. This coincides with our faith observance of our beloved dead. There are two beautiful Holy Days in the month of November; All Saints Day and All Souls Day. These are days to remember those who have gone before us.

The Hispanic culture celebrates Dia de los Muertos (Day of the Dead) from October 31 through November 2. The Day of the Dead is a Mexican holiday celebrated throughout Mexico, in particular the Central and South regions, and by people of Mexican ancestry living in other places, especially the United States.

Our students will be learning about these special Holy Days and there will be a book of the dead where they may place names of loved ones to be remembered in prayer throughout November.

Often we think of Saints through a lens of awe; a state that is unattainable. Yet each one of us is called to Sainthood. Through our imperfections we set our gaze on the Creator because only by His Grace are we purified!

In Christ's Peace,

Ms. Sharon Alexander, M.Ed.

Principal, Immaculate Conception Catholic School



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FAITH

Our highlighted saint for the month is **St. John of Capistrano**. He was born in Italy in 1385.

St. John of Capistrano was an educated man who was appointed Governor of Perugia by the King of Naples. War broke out between Perugia and the Malatesta in 1416 and when St. John of Capistrano went to the Malatesta to propose peace they had him imprisoned. It was during this time of imprisonment that St. John of Capistrano began to think about his soul and had a dream in which St. Francis asked him to enter the Franciscan order.

St. John of Capistrano travelled to many countries preaching and healing the sick after he received the priesthood. He was eventually appointed by Pope Pius II to help the Christians defeat the Turkish army and prevent Turks from invading Hungary.

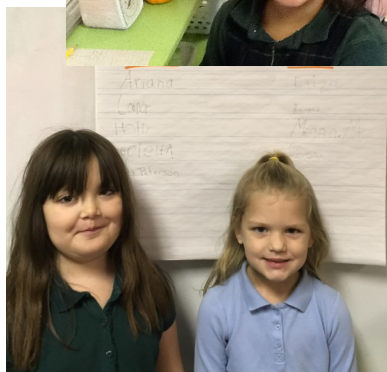


St. John of Capistrano is the patron saint of judges, lawyers and military chaplains.

KNOWLEDGE

PUMPKIN SCIENCE!

Lower elementary students at Immaculate Conception combined learning with a celebration of the autumn season. Science, Math, and Language Arts all came together as students used God's produce of fall to expand knowledge. Students estimated the circumference of pumpkins, estimated and weighed gourds, graphed who liked pumpkin seeds, and wrote fall stories. What a fun way to engage in hands on learning!



SERVICE

Our service project for the month of **November** is drive for DASAS (Domestic and Sexual Abuse Services) of Three Rivers.

We will be collecting hats, gloves, blankets and new or gently used stuffed animals.



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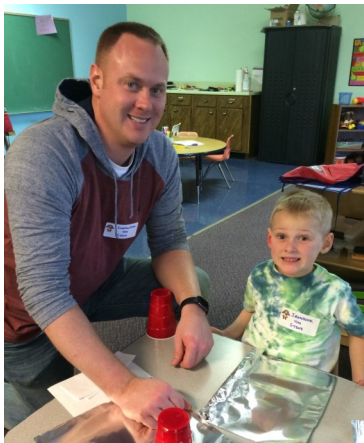
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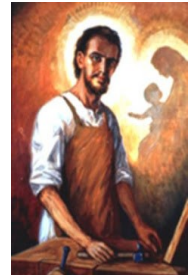
Short/Skort Season ends October 31st. As cold weather approaches please remember to dress for the weather; during outdoor recess children must stand on the sidewalk if they do not have suitable snow/cold weather attire (Coat, hat, gloves, snow pants, boots...)

Don't miss out on the fun!

Join us for our second Family Night on November 16th. We will start with supper & a IC Booster (Parents) Meeting before we get into the activities for the night; ALL THINGS MATH! We will be discussing the possible expansion of our Early Childhood Development Program during the parents meeting.



Our October Saint Joseph Award recipient will be announced during the first Wednesday Mass of the month!



-IC SCHOOL NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS-

Liam Burkey– 11/16 Mrs. LeVasseur 22/23

If you know anyone that needs prayers please let the office know so we can pray for them!

Pope's Prayer Intention for November

Christians in Asia

That Christians in Asia, bearing witness to the Gospel in word and deed, may promote dialogue, peace, and mutual understanding, especially with those of other religions.

Important Dates:

NOVEMBER 3 UNIFORM HOLIDAY & POPCORN FRIDAY

NOVEMBER 8 VETERAN'S DAY CELEBRATION AT IC: All veterans are invited to join us for a special Mass. Breakfast and a patriotic musical tribute by IC students to follow!

NOVEMBER 9 PICTURE RETAKE DAY! Only students having their picture retaken may have a uniform holiday.

NOVEMBER 13 HALF-DAY

NOVEMBER 15 FREE COMMUNITY PLAYGROUP: playgroup for children ages 0-5 years here at IC!

NOVEMBER 16 FAMILY NIGHT Join us for a night of everything MATH!

NOVEMBER 17 POPCORN FRIDAY– popcorn fact #3– Un-Popped kernels are playfully called “Old Maids” or Spinsters”.

NOVEMBER 22-24 THANKSGIVING BREAK