



Immaculate Conception

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This month our theme is Respect

RESPECT

**“When we do good things, our self-respect grows”
Abraham Heschel**

As the school year begins, we pay particular attention to our calling to learn about God’s creation and our human response to these blessings.

Blessed Mother

Remind us always to be respectful of others as you were respectful during your life, both in good times and in bad times.

Teach us to never give up. Remind us that winning is not achieved by the last person to score in a game, but by the whole team. Help us be supportive of everyone with whom we work or play.

Teach us not to look for the glory, but for the good.

Amen.

The Virtue of Respect is highlighted in our vision of the learner as a “caring family member” who attends to family, school, parish and the wider community. In a time when there is little reverence for the image of God in the human person, we are summoned to care for human life with an ultimate respect. We have respect

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SEPTEMBER SCHOOL MASS

Our first school mass will be held on Friday, September 18th at 10:45 am at Immaculate Conception Church. Mrs. Gorman’s grade 8 class are preparing the readings for this mass. Parents are welcome to attend. The theme of the Mass will be **“Respect”**.

OPEN HOUSE & BARBECUE- SEPT. 17TH

*Our annual Barbeque and Meet the Teacher Night will be held on **Thursday, September 17 from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.** Police Officers from the Torch Run will be taking care of the barbecue; order forms have been sent home with the students and are due back on Monday, Sept. 14th. Exact change only.*

Volunteer Criminal Checks - will be available for parents who wish to complete them at the barbecue. Each person will need two pieces of ID and the cost is \$5.89 - exact change only!!!! If you have completed a criminal check in the past you will only need to get the declaration form from school office stating that nothing has changed from your last criminal check. All parents/guardians require this done to go on a school trip or to help in classroom.



VISITORS TO THE SCHOOL

As in the past, all visitors (parents, relatives, resource personnel etc.) must report to the office immediately upon entering the school. To facilitate this, all exterior school doors will remain locked during the day. Visitors must come to the front door and press the buzzer on the brick wall to access someone in the office. This system ensures that staff can easily identify visitors when they are in the building. In order to minimize disruptions to instruction, we are simply asking that all parents come to the office and not go directly to the classroom and knock. The secretary will be happy to pass on messages to your child. We appreciate no disruptions to the classroom. **Parents are asked not to enter the building through the student entrances. Please drop your child off at the front door.**

SAFE ARRIVAL PROGRAM

If parents know their child will be absent and/or late from school, please call in stating the child's name, teacher and the reason. **Parents please call and leave a message before 8:00 a.m. on the school phone - 745-6777.**

Student Information Forms

School Information forms will be sent home separately & are due back to the school on or before Tuesday, September 15th. Please complete this form with the most current information. Your prompt attention to this form helps to ensure that we have accurate, up-to-date information on file about your children for home-school communication and in case of an emergency.

Breakfast Program

The Breakfast Program is run by volunteers. Each Program also has a Program Leader who is responsible for the organization, scheduling, setting the menu and maintaining consistency of routines and expectations. If you can spare an hour per week to volunteer at the Breakfast Club please call the school. We currently need one volunteer for Fridays. Please call the school if you are able to do the Breakfast Program on Fridays.

The first benefit is providing children with a good start to the day - a nutritious meal. Other goals, such as offering nutrition education and providing a positive social experience, are also important reasons why Immaculate Conception School has a Breakfast Program. Sometimes the more intangible goals are considered the most important ones.

Our Breakfast Program begins again on Monday, September 14, 2009.

AGENDA PLANNERS

One of our greatest tools for organization, planning and communication between school and family is our planners. We have purchased these planners again for every child in grades 1 to 8. The cost is **\$5.00 per child**. Please send this amount to your child's teacher as soon as possible.

The front section of the planner provides you with useful information about expectations and procedures. These books are also an essential communication link between home and school. Immaculate students are to consider the Agenda Book a priority each day. Parents are encouraged to set aside the time each evening to review your child's Agenda, check work, record concerns or comments regarding your child's effort and progress. Please sign /initial your child's book each day. We kindly ask that all money be sent in by September 17th. **We appreciate your support!**

STUDENT ACCIDENT INSURANCE

The Peterborough Victoria Northumberland & Clarington Catholic District School Board does **not** provide accident insurance coverage for student injuries that occur on school premises or during school activities. Accidents can and do happen. Some injuries incur medical, dental or other expenses that are not covered by provincial health care or employer group plans. As a parent or guardian, you become responsible for these expenses. We do make available

an Accident and Life Insurance Programme for students. Participation in such a programme is voluntary and the costs are to be paid by the parent or guardian.

For your convenience, we have arranged a Student Accident Insurance Policy exclusively through Reliable Life Insurance Company. This programme offers a variety of plans and benefits at affordable prices. Benefits included are:

1. dental expenses (resulting from an accident)
2. Total and permanent disability
3. Paralysis/loss of use
4. special disability benefits
5. death benefits

If your child participates in co-curricular activities or activities outside the school day, there is a plan tailored to your needs. All rates are one-time annual premiums. Family rates for 3 or more children are also offered.

The insurance agreement is between **you** and **Reliable Life Insurance Company**. If you wish to subscribe you can apply directly on-line at:
www.insuremykids.com

Any questions should be directed to Reliable Life Insurance Company toll free at **1-800-463-KIDS (5437)**.

HEALTH ISSUES

The PVNC Catholic District School Board has a policy concerning medication in the school. Students who require any medication at school (prescription and non-prescription) must have an Administration of Medication form completed and returned to the school. All medication must be kept in a locked cabinet and will be administered only by authorized personnel. Under no circumstances are students allowed to carry medications or administer medications to themselves. Teachers may not keep medications in their desks. Students with asthma who require puffers may keep the puffers with their classroom teacher. If your child requires medication at school please contact the school to request the appropriate form.

School Pictures

ALL STUDENTS IN SK - Grade 8 will have their pictures taken on Tuesday, October 7th at 9:10 a.m.

Junior Kindergarten students will have their pictures taken on Wednesday, October 8th beginning at 9:10 a.m.



School Council News

This year we hope you will take part in many of the school activities offered at Immaculate Conception School. We also encourage new families to get involved in the life of the school through our Catholic School Council.

The first meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 15th at 6:30 p.m. in the school Library.

Environment Club

Last year the Environment Club got started learning ways to protect and support our Earth. Boy, were they excited about it! We'll be asking everyone in our school community to join us in doing this. Try to bring litterless lunches, use reusable bags, use less bottled water, don't idle at the school, ride your bike or walk to school. Little things work.

We will look to adding to the gardens. If you are dividing perennials this Fall, please send them to us. Any Fall bulbs you would like to donate to us would be greatly appreciated. Last year we planted bulbs that bloomed in the Spring for someone whose memory we wished to honour.

Bussing Safety

Please do not walk behind busses when they are parked in front of school. Also at dismissal time we would appreciate it if you are picking your child up – do not park on the south side of Robinson.

Terry Fox Run

The Terry Fox Run will be taking place on Wednesday, September 30th. Over the last five years Immaculate Conception School has raised close to \$27,000. We hope to continue this impressive tradition this year. Pledge sheets will be handed out at the rally. The students with the highest pledge total in each class will receive a Terry Fox T-shirt. Together, we can beat cancer!!!!

MedicAlert's No Child Without Program is at Our School

The *No Child Without* program offers a free MedicAlert membership to students who attend our school and are between the ages of 4 up to their 14th birthday. If your child has a medical condition, allergy or is required to take medication on a regular basis then you should consider a MedicAlert membership through this program.

Your child's voice in an emergency, MedicAlert membership;

- Gives emergency first responders immediate access to your child's medical

information on their MedicAlert bracelet or necklet

- Enables first responders to quickly obtain up to date medical information by means of the child's Electronic Health Record through the **24 Hour Emergency Hotline**.
- Communicates with the parent or emergency contact upon activation of the **Hotline**
- Allows free updates of the child's medical record as needed

MedicAlert identification can alert school staff, friends, coaches and others about your child's medical condition should an emergency occur.

For further information come to the office for a brochure or visit www.nochildwithout.ca. To register your child you will need a *No Child Without* brochure from the office.

If your child is already part of the *No Child Without* program and there have been changes to their medical condition, medications or emergency contact information, call MedicAlert at 1-866-679-3220 Ext 1 to update your child's file.

for the sacred part of one another and God.

