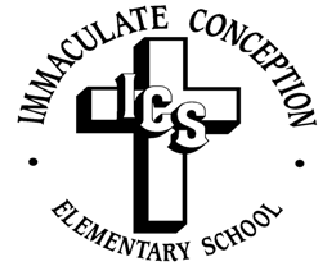


Immaculate Conception Elementary September 2011 Newsletter



Principal: Mrs. Donna Ball

Secretary: Mrs. W. Campbell

Superintendent of Schools: Mr. D. Godin

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On behalf of the entire staff, I extend a warm welcome both to those families returning to Immaculate Conception Elementary School and to those who are new to our community. We look forward to working again this year with all of our students and families. We urge you to support the school through various activities and by joining the Catholic School Council.

School Organization for 2011/12

JK Miss McMurray (Monday/Wednesday schedule)

JK/SK Miss McMurray (Tuesday/Thursday schedule)

SK Mrs. Roy (Tuesday/Thursday schedule)

Gr. 1/2 Ms. Devitt

Gr. 2/3 Miss Leont

Gr. 3 Mr. Buckley

Gr. 4 Miss Gagne

Gr. 5 Mr. Watkins

Gr. 6 Mr. Alderson

Gr. 7 Mr. Smith

Gr. 8 Mrs. Gorman

School Organization (cont'd)

Resource Teacher: Ms. Hibberd

Core French Teacher:

Madame Dwyer

Program Support Teacher:

Mrs. Meekin

Educational Assistants:

Mrs. Arsenault, Mrs. Camden, Mrs. Cymbaluk, Mrs. Kingdon, and

Ms. Mulley

Librarian: Mrs. O'Rourke

Custodian(s):

**Mr. Cavanagh and
Ms. Ovando**



Open House —Thursday, September 15

Barbecue 5:00—5:45 pm; Grade 8 Bake Sale—. 50 each ; Meet the Teacher

5:45—6:15 pm; Everyone Gather in Gym 6:15—6:30 pm

Open House Barbecue and Meet the Teacher will be held on Thursday, September 15th (times are noted above). An officer from the Police Department will be in attendance for you to complete a criminal check if you have not done one in the past (each person will need 2 pieces of ID (one with a photo) cost is \$6.34—exact change. To volunteer at school, school trips, etc. You need an up to date criminal check . **If you have completed a criminal check for the school in the past—contact School Office to complete an Annual Declaration Form.**



Student Accident Insurance

The PVNC 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:

Dental expenses (resulting from an accident) Total and permanent disability; Paralysis/loss of use;

Special disability benefits; Death benefits. Student Accident Insurance Forms will be sent home with one of your children the first week of school.. **NOTE: you can also apply on-line at:**

www.insuremykids.com

Sports Information



Cross Country—students in grades 3—8 will be invited to join the Immaculate Conception Cross Country Team. We will practise during the school day in the upcoming weeks. Students should also be doing some jogging at home in order to get themselves in shape. Our goal is to have lots and lots of students participating.

Soccer—we will also begin tryouts for the school soccer teams.

Cross Country Meet is on Monday, October 3 (alternate Oct. 4th) Beavermead Park

Soccer Tournament is on Monday, September 26th, (alternate Sept. 27th) Beavermead Park



The School Day

Opening Exercises	9:00 am			
Morning Recess	11:09—11:24			
Student Lunch	12:04—12:24			
Lunch Recess	12:24—1:04			
Afternoon Recess	2:40—2:55	Dismissal	3:35 pm	

**** Please call the school (705-745-6777) before 9:00 am to report if your child will be absent or late.**

Supervision on yard begins at 8:45 am. For safety reasons, students should not arrive before this time. Thank you.



Opening School Mass—Immaculate Conception Church

Our opening School Mass will be held **Friday, September 9th at 1:30 pm**. All parents and younger family members are invited to join Father George, the School Staff and the students as we pray for God’s blessing on our school community.



School Bussing & Safety

Please know your child’s bus route #. If your child’s bus is running late or not running at all it will be announced on the local radio station.

The route numbers are:

S-695 (Call a Cab Route)

STC 697B

STC 634 B

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.



News from Catholic School Council

All parents are welcome to join us at our first Catholic School Council of the school year on Tuesday, September 13th at 6:30 pm in our Library. This is a planning session for the school year.





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1. **Agenda Planners**—have been sent home with students in grades 1—8. They are a great communication tool between school and parent. Agendas are \$5.00 each and payment is due to classroom teacher by Friday, September 16th.
2. At this time, as indicated in the Government of Ontario document **Growing Success—Assessment, Evaluation and Reporting in Ontario Schools 2011**, teachers **are not to use assignments** completed at home for reporting purposes. I would ask that you resist the temptation to complete homework or assignments for your child. Assistance is greatly appreciated however. For your child to be truly successful at school **they** must complete the work to gain the knowledge.
3. **Student Information Forms**—will be sent home this week, we are looking for updates on information and are due back to the school by Tuesday, September 13th. 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.
4. **School Picture Dates**: Thursday, October 13th (SK—Gr 8) and Friday, October 14th for JK
5. **Dancethon**—Friday, October 14th—raising money for our school—great prizes!!!!
6. **Picking up Students at Dismissal**—if you plan on picking your child up early or at dismissal time, we **MUST** know first thing in the morning. Please use the agenda for communicating this request. **A phone call at the end of the day is for emergency situations only! Thank you for your cooperation.**
7. **Volunteers**— Under School Board Policy 707—volunteers in our schools, states that volunteers are required to have a Criminal Records check and a Vulnerable Sector check. After the initial Criminal Record Check is done, only a Declaration is required each year. If you plan on volunteering through this school year, please contact the office.
8. **Indoor Shoes**—It is imperative that all students have a pair of indoor shoes. They must be suitable for physical education activities in the gym (no black soles). This is also a safety issue. Floors need to be kept dry in the school in order to avoid slipping and shoes need to be worn at all times in case of a fire alarm going off during the day.

Breakfast Program will begin shortly

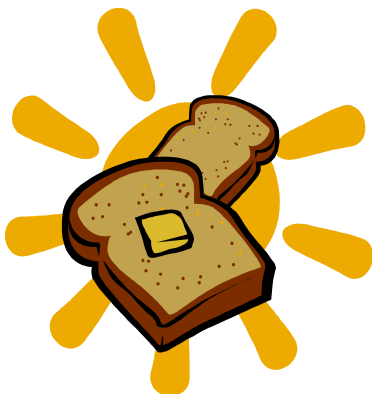
Thank you to Donna McPhee who co-ordinated the Breakfast Program last year.

Kathy and Gerry Hiltz are now the new co-ordinators.

The Breakfast Program is run by volunteers. Our Program has a Program Leader who is responsible for the organization, scheduling, setting the menu and maintaining consistency of routines and expectations.

We need volunteers to help prepare food in the morning, if you can spare an hour per week to volunteer at the Breakfast Club please call the school.

The Breakfast program will begin when we have all our volunteers in place.



Theme for September is: Respect

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.

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 for the sacred part of one another and God.



Hot Lunches begin in October—order forms for October will be sent out the second week of September—volunteers are always needed—please contact Catholic School Council if you are able to help on Hot Lunch Days.

Protecting Anaphylactic Students **SABRINA'S LAW—BILL 3**

On Jan. 1, 2006, legislation was enacted to protect anaphylactic students in a school setting. Anaphylaxis is a serious allergic reaction that can be life-threatening. Food is the most common cause of anaphylaxis, but insect stings, medicine, latex, immune therapy, or exercise can also cause a reaction. 90% of serious food allergy reactions are caused by peanuts, milk, egg, food additives, shellfish, fish, wheat, tree nuts, soy and sesame. It is the duty of each school to develop and implement a School Prevention and Management Anaphylaxis Plan that fulfills the school's obligations through information sharing; creating awareness; reducing risks; and executing emergency procedures. **Parents must inform the school about their child's life threatening allergies; complete an Emergency Response form; and ensure their child carries and EpiPen Twinjet at all times.** In addition, an additional emergency EpiPen must be provided to the school. All staff receive anaphylaxis training on an annual basis. **A brochure is on the Board web site: www.pvnccdsb.on.ca under Parents/Publications.**

Please make the school aware if your child has a medical condition.