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Immaculate Conception CES – Weekly Update for October 11th

Please visit our school [website](#) regularly throughout the year for the latest up-dates, messages, highlights, news, information, school calendar and up-coming school events.

Dear Immaculate Conception Catholic School Community,

We pray this email continues to find you well and your loved ones are healthy and safe. Please click on the link to view Father Peter's [Weekly Bulletin](#), [Homily](#) and [Weekly Mass](#).

Upcoming Events

1. **Wednesday, October 20 @ 6:30** : Grade 3 Communion
2. **Thursday, October 21**: ECE Appreciation Day
3. **Thursday, October 21**: Pizza Forms Due
4. **October 27, November 4**: Grade 3 Communion
5. **Thursday, October 28th**: Boo-a-thon packages due back
6. **October 28**: Pizza Day
7. **Friday, October 29th**: Boo-a-Thon: students can wear costumes, we ask that masks and props stay at home

Important Notes

1. On Wednesday, we will get to celebrate First Holy Communion with our first group of Grade 3 students. We look forward to and pray for our grade 3 as they make this important sacrament.
2. Our first pizza day will be **on Thursday, October 28th**, forms are due on **Thursday, October 21st**. Please be advised that these are trial days to ensure that we can deliver pizza in a safe manner. In order to slowly roll out pizza day we are trialing only pepperoni. If successful, we hope to be able to provide a cheese option.
3. We are excited for our Move-a-thon that will occur **October 29th**. Pledge forms are due back on **October 28th**. We ask that students collect pledges from friends and family. Once all pledges have been made, please click the [“Donate Now”](#) button on imco.hwcdsb.ca, please choose Immaculate Conception under Fund Destination and in message type in Boo-a-Thon. Pledge sheets are due back to school on October 28th. For each \$5.00 students raise students will receive a raffle ticket. If you have friends or family that would like a tax receipt (amounts over \$20) or are not in town, please have them complete the Donate Now on the website. Please record their pledge amount on your child’s paper.
4. We began our outdoor recess on Friday. Students did an excellent job exiting the building, cohorting and socially distancing. It was wonderful to be able to go outside half the school at a time.
5. A few members from CSC and myself met with the city from the department of safe schools planning. Unfortunately, at this time we do not qualify for a crossing guard across Southcote. After this meeting, I reached out to the planning department to see if they could provide a timeline for the redevelopment of Southcote. The project manager responded by saying, *“The project is currently in the detailed design phase with construction planned to start in 2022. There are still a few outstanding components, that we are currently working on, that will determine the final construction schedule. As soon as everything has been confirmed, communications will be sent out to the community.”*
6. We ask that parents continue to **wear masks** during pick up and drop off. This helps to model to all students the importance of mask wearing when physical distancing is difficult. Furthermore, this will help us as we begin to teach students how we as a school can be outside safely, with the hopes of being able to safely go outside during part of lunch.
7. For parents parking on Emick or Kitty Murrary we ask that you continue to be courteous. Please avoid blocking people’s driveways. **By-law may be doing their rounds in the next few weeks.**

Standing Items

1. Staff will be using LMS to update parents about information that is happening in the classroom. There is a parent portal, [click here](#) to find out how to access. If there are any questions, concerns or comments, please do not hesitate to contact the office 905-523-2463 or imco@hwcdsb.ca
2. For **dismissal**, we ask that parents pick up students at 3:35. Many parents have been arriving between 3:20 and 3:30. If you have an appointment, please let the classroom teacher know in the morning and please report absence to school messenger. Please avoid calling the office or pressing the buzzer between 3:00 and dismissal unless there is an emergency, the office becomes a very busy place as we ensure the safety of all.
3. **Online Donations:** The Donation Module can be accessed from your school website by clicking the “Donate Now” button , which is featured in the middle of our school’s website. When using this method you, as the donor, will automatically receive a charitable donation tax receipt which will be emailed directly to your email address. Be sure to remember that the online donation module is for “Advancement of Education” donations only, and not for the purchase of online items (ex. books, spirit wear, hot food items, etc.), nor is it for donations to external charities. Any funds posted for non-eligible donation related items will have your charitable tax receipt retracted. The donor will be asked to select a “Fund Destination” from the drop-down menu. Look for our school from the drop down menu or select others like the Board’s Equal Opportunities Project that is currently available choices as choices for your donation. As a donor your donation may be made in memory of someone by simply identifying the individual. Also, a donor can provide a message to the school and/or the Board (i.e. donation to move a thon; Football Booster; etc.). We encourage you to donate on line and thank you in advance for all your support.

We thank you for your continued support and understanding.

Yours in Catholic Education,
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