



Immaculate Conception School

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Dear IC Families,

Welcome back to a new school year!

After a beautiful hot summer (despite the smoke of the past few weeks) it is time to return to school and start a great year together as a Catholic school community! We especially welcome all of our new families and ask you to extend that welcome during the coming months. The office and teaching staff have been very busy getting everything ready for the first day of classes. We look forward to seeing all of you on September 5th!



We are looking forward to working closely together with our parents so that together we will make this the best school year it can possibly be for all our children. Below you will find many of the details for the week to come.

Our Lady and patroness Mary has watched over our school for the past 64 years and we pray she will continue to hold us in her care during the coming year. May God bless us as we return to school and give us the grace to be "Living, Celebrating and Proclaiming Our Faith" this school year!

In Christ,
Maurice Jacob
Principal

We welcome...

Ms. Shockey to Learning Resource, Mrs. Fisher to Room 5
and Ms. Sebastian to Room 2

Along with our new Education Assistants...

Ms. Janus, Ms. Ferrer, Ms. Brennan, Ms. Stewart and Ms. Mendoza

First Day of School: Tuesday, September 5th, 8:50am - 12:00pm

School will begin at 8:50am.

All students are to arrive in full uniform and are to bring the grade-required school supplies labeled with their names.

Dismissal will be at 12:00pm.

Kindergarten classes are on their own schedule that was shared by letter this week.

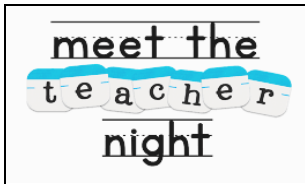
There is no bus service on the first day. Bus service will begin on Wednesday, September 6th.

Gym Strip Sale: 8:30am-10:00am, 11:30am-12:30pm September 5th

We will be continuing our wearing of the gym uniform on days the students have PE as it saves a tremendous amount of transition and actual instructional time not having to change during the day. However we will be tightening up what the students wear over their gym uniform. We are not requiring



the IC Delta sweatshirt but if parents choose not to purchase the sweatshirt in the coming weeks, we ask you to have your children wear plain navy sweat tops, hoodies, sweatpants or track pants with no logos or graphics.



Meet the Teacher Night:
Thursday, September 7th at 7:00pm

All parents are welcome to come and meet their children's classroom teachers as the school year begins. We will begin in the Gym for a school wide meeting at which parents will be introduced to the school staff and to the Parish Education Committee. A brief outline of school expectations and routines will be given. Class meetings will follow in rotation at which teachers will give an overview of the expectations, programs and routines for that particular grade.

Meeting Rotation: 7:40pm 3, 7 | 8:00pm Gr. 1, 2, 6 | 8:20: Gr. 4, 5

That evening at 6:30pm there will be meetings for the parent participation groups for crosswalk and supervision as well as other groups as required by group coordinators who will notify parents in advance if they are to be in attendance.

School Routines

Drop-off and Pickup of Students

School doors open at 8:50am in the morning. Supervision is in place at 8:30am until the opening bell. Students who arrive before 8:30am should go directly to the church to attend the morning mass and come over to the school once mass has ended.

We will continue to use the drop-off circle or parents may park and bring their children to the school doors.

Afternoon dismissal will continue at 3:00pm or 2:15pm on Mondays.

Absences

If your child is absent from school, please email the office at info@icdelta.org. You are welcome to email the teacher as well but please email the office and give the reason for the absence. This serves as the note for our government funding audit. It is not sufficient that a sibling advise the office of your child's absence.

Medications

If your child will be using medication at school such as an EpiPen or inhaler, please ensure these are brought to the school office on the first day.

First Tuition Debit and Parent Participation Fees

A reminder that September's tuition will be automatically debited from your account on September 1st. Please call the office immediately if your banking information has changed since registration time. As well, if you have opted out of Parent Participation, the \$400 or the first \$200 installment (depending on what you indicated on your form) will be debited on September 1st.

If you have moved, changed contact numbers or changed any medical information or alerts, please contact the office to help us update our information.

If you have any school visitor badges that were accidentally taken home last year, please return them to the office as soon as possible.



Gym, French and Music Classes

These classes will begin on Wednesday, September 7th. Mr. Cutri will send an email to all families with the Gym schedule so you know which days your child will wear their gym uniform to school. Please see the uniform information below for details.

School Uniform

All students of Immaculate Conception school are required to wear the uniform as set out in the guidelines.

Students who are unable to wear the complete uniform (including gym uniform) at any given time are required to

have a note of explanation from their parents. Students who do not wear the prescribed uniforms will have their parents notified. The uniform for Immaculate Conception School must be purchased through Neat Uniforms with the exception of socks/tights, shoes and gym strip, and is as follows:



- Please ensure that all uniform items (and any items brought to school) are clearly labeled.
- If there are any orders that have not been filled by Neat Uniforms please have your child wear items as close to uniform as possible until the items arrive.

Boys

- Navy twill pants (plain)
- White IC-crested golf shirt
- Navy IC-crested pullover, cardigan or vest
- Solid black dress shoe or solid black runner. No high tops permitted
- Navy or white socks - absolutely no sockettes permitted

Girls

- Gr. K-3 Plaid tunic – knee length
- Gr. 4-7 Plaid kilt – knee length
- Navy twill pants (plain)
- White IC-crested golf shirt
- Navy IC-crested pullover, cardigan or vest
- White or navy knee-high socks or tights - no sockettes permitted
- Solid black dress shoe or solid black runner. No high-tops permitted

Summer Uniform – Completely Optional

Effective: May 1 – October 1

- Boys: Navy walking shorts
- Girls: Navy Skort or walking shorts

- White IC-crested golf shirt
- Plain white or plain navy socks – absolutely no sockettes permitted
- Solid black dress shoe or solid black runner. No high tops permitted

Gym Uniform – May be worn on gym days

- IC shirt and shorts (purchased through the school)
- Non-marking soled runners – to be worn for PE only
- Drawstring bag to store gym uniform at school

Please keep accessories simple and discreet. Small earrings may be worn; however, for safety reasons, large or dangling earrings are not permitted in school or at school functions. Students are not permitted to colour, dye, bleach, highlight or streak their hair. Hair accessories (ties, clips, headbands, etc.) must be the uniform colour: gray, navy, black, or white. No make-up or nail polish is permitted.

Dress for Recess Activities

For chilly, cold or inclement weather, students are expected to be dressed appropriately with coats, hats, gloves and boots.

Gym Uniforms on PE days

We will be continuing our wearing of the gym uniform on days the students have PE as it saves a tremendous amount of transition and actual instructional time not having to change during the day. **However, while we are not requiring the IC Delta sweatsuit, if parents choose not to purchase the sweatsuit in September, we ask you to have your children wear plain navy sweat tops, hoodies, sweatpants or track pants.** A sweat suit order will be made in September for any families wanting to purchase them. On school mass days, students will come in full regular uniform and then change into gym uniform for PE class.

All personal belongings including clothing must be marked with the student's full name.

Our school is fundraising with Mabel's Labels!

If you're not familiar with Mabel's Labels, they are personalized, durable, waterproof labels. They are great for everything from shoes, clothing tags, water bottles and backpacks. You can customize them with your name and a design, and they are dishwasher, laundry and microwave safe.

Mabel's Labels also offers clothing stamps, silicone bands for water bottles and medical alert labels. This is a great way to ensure your items don't end up in the lost & found or mixed up. To reduce the spread of germs, we highly recommend labeling but they are also useful for everyday life.

To support our fundraiser, please visit: https://mabelslabels.ca/en_CA/fundraising/support/
You can pick out whatever labels or product you want, and it will ship for free directly to your house!
Thank you for supporting us! 😊

Extra Curricular Activities and Coaching

We invite any parents who are interested in coaching or assisting our Extra-Curricular Athletic Program to contact the principal.



Safety

We ask you once again to sign in at the office and take a badge before entering into the school hallways. This is a safety precaution for all the children. Parents visiting the Annex will sign in and collect a visitor tag from Rm. 3. It is the first classroom on the left on the main floor as you enter the Annex.



Parents Visiting the School

During school hours, we often have parents who need to drop off something for their child or have a quick word with the teacher. For safety reasons, we can't permit adults to enter the school beyond the office to visit classes. Teachers need to attend to their classes during school time and are unable to conference with parents between the morning and dismissal bells. If you need to

speak to a teacher, please call the office and we will relay the message to the classroom teacher, or other staff member, and they can return your call. Any drop off of lunches or other items should be done at the main office; we will deliver it to the child.

Student Devices

It has been very successful for our intermediate students (Grades 4-7) to be bringing their own devices (chromebooks, laptops) to school for use in the classroom. Although we have some devices for shared student use, we are encouraging intermediate (only) students to bring and use their own devices. iPads and tablets are not the best match for the work done in the intermediate grades. A chromebook would be a useful tool in the intermediate grades and is required for many high schools. The school does not take responsibility for devices brought to school.



Devices do not need to be brought the first week. Teachers will inform students of when they should be brought to school and this will be discussed at the parents meetings on September 7th.

IC Draft School Calendar 2023-24

August	22	Office Reopens
September	5	First Day of School 12pm Dismissal - Assembly at 11:00am
	6	School Mass at 11am
	7	Meet the Teacher at 7pm
	13-15	Gr. 7 Outdoor Ed.
	29	Orange Shirt Spirit Day
October	2	Truth and Reconciliation National Holiday
	9	Thanksgiving Holiday
	10	School Mass
	18	Photo Day
	24	Living Rosary
November	1	All Saints Day Assembly (Gr.7) Dress up as a Saint Day
	10	Pro-D Day
	13	Remembrance Day Holiday
	24	Pro-D Day
	29	Term One Reports Out
	30	3-Way Conferences 3:30pm-7:30pm
December	1	3-Way Conferences 9:00am-12:00pm (No classes)
	8	Feast Day Mass
	14	Band and Choir Concert 7:00pm
	20	Primary Christmas Concert 1:30pm
	22	Last Day of Classes 11:15am Assembly (Dismissal at 12pm)
January	8	School Reopens
	16	School Mass
February	14	Ash Wednesday School Mass
	15-16	Catholic Educators' Conference Pro-D Days
	19	Family Day Holiday
	21	Parent Meeting: AGM and Registration 7pm
March	8	Term Two Reports Out
	9-24	Spring Break
	29	Good Friday
April	1	Easter Monday Holiday
	2	School Mass
	18	Student-Led Conferences
	29	Drama Week begins (Tentative)
May	3	Pro-D Day (Tentative)
	14	Living Rosary
	17	Pro-D Day
	20	Victoria Day Holiday
	28	School Mass
June	3	Pro-D Day - Planning Day (Tentative)
	21	Fun Day
	25	Gr.7 Promotion Mass and Ceremony at 7pm
	26	Last Day Mass at 9:30am, 11:00am Dismissal

