



# The Charger Chronicles

Immaculate Conception School Parent Newsletter

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## From the Principal

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Dear ICS Family,

The month of January is full of Salesian feasts!

January 22, we celebrate Laura Vicuña, a student at a Salesian School. She offered her life for her mother.

January 24, we celebrate St. Francis de Sales, the patron of the Salesian family. The word "Salesian" comes from the word "Sales." Don Bosco chose him for the Salesian family because of his kindness and gentleness.

January 31, is the feast of St. John Bosco! There is so much Don Bosco says to us! Perhaps his most powerful statement that would apply to parents in particular would be, "It is not enough to love the young. They must know they are loved."

Our children need to know that they are loved. Parents need to really listen to their children; not multi-task while the child is speaking. This will lead to a rapport that is the foundation of trust. The car ride home from school can really be quality time with a child.

Pray to Don Bosco for your children. Pray with your children to Don Bosco.

God bless and Mary guide us all!

Sr. Maria Colombo, FMA

## Don Bosco Celebrations

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Salesians are always ready to celebrate! On January 31, the eighth graders will be attending celebrations at Archbishop Shaw High School. The day starts with Mass at 8:15 and continues with sports, inflatables, games, and of course, food!

On February 1, ICS grades K through 8 will celebrate Don Bosco. The day will start with a 10:00 a.m. Mass followed by a carnival! Sr. Michelle Geiger, Principal, and the campus ministry team from Academy of Our Lady have organized games complete with prizes, for ICS. Games include Bingo, Face Painting, Carnival Bean Bag, Disc Drop, Basketball, Mini Golf, Lollipop, Inflatables and more! Mrs. LoCascio and Mrs. Rawle are preparing special activities for the PreK3 and PreK 4 students.

Due to the nature of the day, ICS students will be able to dress in their P.E. shorts/sweats with a Salesian shirt.

More information to follow!

## **Provincial Visitation**

Sr. Karen Dunn, FMA, our new provincial, will be making her official visit to Immaculate Conception and Academy of Our Lady Schools. Sr.



Karen arrives on January 28 and departs on February 2. Sr. Karen's presence with us will be a time of sharing all the good that is being done and of dreaming for the future!

## **First Penance**

Our second graders will be receiving the sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time on February 8, 2012. This is a special moment in the lives of our children, for they will experience the tender forgiveness of Jesus.

This year, the Parish Director of Religious Education, Ms. Lynn Gordon, will be coordinating the sacrament of Reconciliation. There will be a rehearsal on Thursday, February 2 at 7:00 in Church. We ask all parents of second graders to attend.

## **Calendar Reminders**

January 23-27

- Returning Student Registration

January 25

- Kindergarten Field Trip: Ronald McDonald

January 27

- 1<sup>st</sup> Grade On-Campus Field: Trip Children's Museum

January 28

- ICS Golf Tournament at Stonebridge

## **Parent-Teacher Conferences**

Thank you to all the parents who responded to our survey regarding the times for parent-teacher conferences! The following arrangements seem to be the best for everyone.

*Thursday, February 2*

Parent Teacher Conferences—6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

*Friday, February 3*

Parent Teacher Conference—8:00 to 10:00 a.m.

We realize that the second grade First Reconciliation Rehearsal is on Thursday evening. The second grade teachers will be available from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. on Thursday evening as well as on Friday morning.

On Friday, February 3, four teachers will be involved in Edline training from 9:00 to 10:00 a.m. This was the only time available for the Edline Webinar. These teachers are Carmel Hebert, Jennifer Anastasio, Zetta Gauthé and Jeri Duthu.

If anyone needs a special appointment with a teacher, please call the front office. We will do our best to accommodate you.

Remember, we have no school on Friday, February 3, 2012 so we can have these conferences and a faculty in-service.

## **Edline Update**

Last Friday, January 19, 8<sup>th</sup> grade students activated their accounts. Tuesday, January 24<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> grade students activated their accounts. By the end of next weeks, we hope to have all the middle school students on Edline. We will then start with the primary students.

We hope to send out activation codes to parents Monday or Tuesday of next week. In the meantime, parents can use the student activation code.

## Golf Tournament

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Immaculate Conception's 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Golf Tournament will be held on Saturday, January 28, 2012 at Stonebridge Country Club from 10:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. For more information please contact Scott Walker.

## Quiz Bowl

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Good luck to the Alpha (7th&8th Grade) and Beta (5th&6th Grade) Chargers who will compete in the Winter Knowledge Masters Open (KMO) on January 25. The KMO is a world-wide, computerized academic competition against nearly 1,000 schools.

On January 28, a dozen ICS students will participate in the President's Tournament at Tulane University. We are proud of these scholars and wish them well in the competition.

The quiz bowl teams participated in the National Geography Bee sponsored by the National Geographic Society. Congratulations to champions: Jade Duthu, Michaela Brown, Bailey Reyes and Ishmael Reyes.

The teams also participated in the National History Bee, sponsored by the History Channel. Congratulations to: Tommy Giang, Michaela Brown, Luke Pertuit, and Jenna Wright.

## A Night to Fleurish

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It is time for Academy of Our Lady's Auction Gala, *A Night to Fleurish!*



A silent auction, gourmet food, complimentary beverages, and dancing make this a special night for adults. It will be held at English Turn Country Club on March 3, 2012. Doors open at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$60. For more information contact Julie Chastant at 341-6217.

## Crawfish Cook Off

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It's Crawfish Cook-Off time again! Volunteers are needed for Friday, March 23 in the evening for three to four hours and Saturday, March 24 all day.

Saturday is broken down into three shifts of three hours. Volunteers may purchase a t-shirt at the discounted rate of \$5.00 and get free admission on the day of the event!

If you would like to help, please email Allison Camp at [abkay@live.com](mailto:abkay@live.com). Please include your name, phone number, day and time in which you would like to volunteer and your shirt size if you are purchasing a shirt. Please send the \$5.00 to the school office with your child to her attention.

Thanking you in advance for willingness to help out the IC Pops and ICS so we may make ICS the best it can be for our children.



## Athletics

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Congratulations to the ICS Girls Basketball teams. Both teams placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in the City playoffs held last week at AOL. The senior girls finished the regular season undefeated and the junior girls completed their season with only one loss.

Good luck to the Boys Basketball teams who are beginning district playoffs.

Congratulations to the girls who made the softball team! Special thanks go out to all the girls that came out and participated in tryouts. We look forward to a great season with Ms. Britney Rouse as the head coach.

Baseball Try-outs will be held after the Mardi Gras Break.