

Week of August 3, 2009

Dear all,

Welcome Back!! As we begin our 15th year of Our Lady's School, we draw upon all of the blessings that our intercessors ask in our behalf. We pray that St. Mark and Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception will look after us throughout 2009-2010 as we work together with great enthusiasm to "Teach As Jesus Taught!" Let's Begin!!

ICCS STAFF THEME FOR 2009-2010: Same as the school theme:

THEME OF THE YEAR:

**"Whoever lives the truth comes to the light, so that his works
may be clearly seen as
done in God..."
John 3:21**

VIRTUE OF THE MONTH FOR AUGUST: ENTHUSIASM!!

The 2009-2010 National Theme for Catholic Schools is "*Catholic Schools—Dividends for Life*".
See www.ncea.org

--THIS WEEK, MONDAY THROUGH WEDNESDAY: Come and go...work in classrooms....
*****Grades 6-8*******Check with Rebecca in the library for Teachers' Guides******

NOTE: There is a sign-in sheet in the teachers' workroom. The first day of sign-in is Thursday, August 6. While we are still in Come-And-Go mode, please sign the August 7 sheet.

SCHOOLNOTES: Please have your School Notes Page updated no later than Monday, August 10. We will be letting parents know that they can access your updated School Notes and e-mail address from the website as of Monday, August 10. Ask Jill if you need any help with technical questions.

Aug. 3-7: The School Office is open for business during regular operating hours of 7:45 a.m. to 4 p.m. All of the school and gymnasium are available for room setup.

Monday-Wednesday, August 3-5: Come and go in preparing rooms, lesson plans, etc.

Wednesday, Aug. 5: Elaine at Diocesan Principals' Meeting in Ft. Worth.

Wednesday, Aug. 5: Chuck-E-Cheese Reunion Night 3 to 9 p.m. at the Chuck E Cheese in Denton. Show your Teacher ID, if you have one, and you eat free (I think!)

Thursday, Aug. 6: Staff In-Service begins with Mass at 8:15 a.m. in the Immaculate Conception Church chapel for all full-time professional staff. Breakfast snacks will be available after Mass. In-service will begin at 9:30 a.m. in the library (see tentative schedule in this mailing). Nurse's Meeting in Ft. Worth.

9 a.m. Sign in and Breakfast snacks in Teachers Workroom

9:30 a.m. Opening Prayer

9:30 to 10 a.m.: Staff Orientation for 09-10: Mission Statement, Handbooks, Policies, Catholic Identity, Hartford Curriculum Overview

10 a.m. to Noon: Joint meeting, emergency management, with Immaculate Conception Parish Staff and IC Parish Religious Education teachers.

Noon to 1:30 p.m. Lunch provided by Immaculate Conception Parish.

1:30 to 3 p.m. Laura Soreto with Catholic Charities presentation.

Friday, Aug. 7: Teacher Workday...Come and go as you need to....

Friday Aug. 7: ALL NEW STAFF MEMBERS—FULL TIME AND PART-TIME: Mandatory New Personnel Meeting in Ft. Worth from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Monday, August 10: Tri-School Retreat at St. Mary's in Gainesville. **Mandatory for all staff.**

Tuesday-Friday, August 11-14: Staff In-service and Development Days. ******In-Service Agenda:** We are finalizing some in-service presenters. We are also planning to do some technology training in addition to various cluster staff meetings. Mandatory for all full-time professional teaching staff and encouraged for part-time teaching staff.

*******CLASS LISTS:** Beginning on Monday, Aug. 3, Evelyn will be able to give you an updated class list as is current and will give you any additions as we approach the first day of school. You can also access your class lists on Churchwerks.

*******CLASS ROSTERS WITH TWO SECTIONS: IMPORTANT:** If you are teaching a grade with a double section, be sure to get with Evelyn to review the class lists. This includes the teachers from the prior year! Make sure that all of your recommendations have been put into place as is feasible. I know you all put a lot of thought into making the recommendations. There have been some changes made due to special requests, special considerations, boy-girl ratio, etc., but it is our goal to mix the classes each year so that all the students will be to know each other and also make sure we are working with teacher and student strengths, whether it be academic, social, spiritual, etc. Thanks!

*******IMPORTANT*****IMPORTANT*******

CLASS ROSTERS OF DOUBLE-SECTION CLASSES MAY NOT BE RELEASED TO PARENTS UNTIL THE "MEET THE TEACHER" NIGHT AUGUST 13 WITHOUT PRINCIPAL APPROVAL!!!! PLEASE ASK IF THERE IS SOME SPECIAL REQUEST!!!

WEEK OF AUGUST 10-14

*****ALL FULL-TIME TEACHING STAFF ARE REQUIRED TO BE ON SITE DURING THESE PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAYS******

*******NOTE:** On all contracted days, it is diocesan policy that you officially sign in when you arrive at school. On regular school days, arrive by 7:30 a.m. and remain on campus until 3:45 p.m.

*******NOTE:** Remember our school policy about the bulletin board right as you walk into your classroom being dedicated to Catholic Identity. There are posters, etc. in the teacher workroom if you need additional items. Also ask your fellow teachers. When anyone walks into this school or into your classroom, they immediately need to know they are in a Catholic school.*****

*******SEE YOU SOON!!!!*******