



November 30, 2017

"And as for you brothers and sisters, never tire of doing what is good." 2 Thessalonians 3:13

Do what is right, not what is easy.

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We are concluding the month of November with thankfulness in our hearts for the many gifts we experience each day. Your children are gifts to all of us here at ICS!

Our second grade students will be receiving the **Sacrament of Reconciliation** this Saturday morning. Please keep all the children in prayer along with their teachers preparing them for this special Sacrament.

As we begin Advent this weekend, we are hosting a **Food Drive** for the Franciscan Brothers of Peace. We will collect nonperishable food items through Decembere 14. On that day a couple of the Brothers will come have lunch with the students and the kids can help pack the food in boxes. Please consider sending at least two or three items.

Thanks to so many of you that supported the 7th and 8th grade students during their **candle sale**. It is very much appreciated! The items are supposed to arrive the week of December 11.

Thanks as well to those that purchased a poinsettia. These flowers will arrive here on Tuesday, December 5th. You may pick them up that evening during the **Social and Preschool Christmas** concert – see the enclosed flyer for details. **You will also see when the concerts are scheduled for Grades 4-8, Band, Chorus on December 12 and Grades K-3 on December 14.** It is a magical experience listening to children sing and make music.

Looking ahead to Catholic Schools Week at the end of January (wow!), one of our highlights is the **Scholastic Book Fair**. Begin shopping early by purchasing a **gift certificate** while you are at our Social on Tuesday, December 5. The gift of reading is a positive impact on our lives.

Finally, we have included a pink sheet which explains a way you can **give to the staff at ICS for Christmas** through a monetary donation. The sheet explains all. Thank you for your support!

Counting our Blessings and Looking Forward to Advent,

Jane Bona, Principal

Mission Statement

The School of the Immaculate Conception is a Catholic community ministering to the children within the parish and throughout the surrounding neighborhoods. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are dedicated to fostering academic excellence, spiritual growth, and a strong commitment to living Gospel values.

Give the Gift of Reading



Purchase Book Fair Gift Certificates to use as Stocking Stuffers this Christmas!

- * Available at the Social and Preschool Concert on December 5th in increments of \$5, \$10, \$15 and \$20.
- * Can be used at the Scholastic Book Fair January 26th through February 2nd during Catholic School's Week.
- * Each card is tracked to ensure any child issued one uses it before the end of the Book Fair.

Give the gift of memories and instill a love of reading!

Christmas Gift Giving for the Teachers & Staff at ICS



Years ago it was determined that cash gifts were appreciated as much or more than gift certificates, and many parents & students now a days find this way of gift giving to be very easy. Anyone interested in choosing this option of gift giving please use the form provided on the backside of this letter to indicate who the gift is for, whom it is from and the dollar amount of your gift. You can allocate different amounts to different teachers/staff members and write only one check (see example #1 below).

Before the Christmas break, each teacher will receive a Christmas card with the cash gift inside and a list of the names of each student/family that contributed for that teacher/staff person. **There will be no dollar amount listed in the card, only your name will be noted** (see example #2 below). ICS volunteers will record, sort and deliver cash gifts to the teachers and staff. **This is entirely an optional program.** You do not have to participate and you should not feel obligated to do so. The individual dollar amounts are also voluntary.

Please return the completed form with cash or check (payable to ICS) **no later than Wednesday, December 13th (8:00am)**. All forms should be returned in an envelope marked "Attention: ICS Office".

Example #1 - Mr. & Mrs. Major (for their daughter/son Katie & Kevin) sent in a check for \$32 to be distributed as follows:

<u>Grade</u>	<u>Teacher/Staff Person</u>	<u>Gift Amount</u>	<u>From</u>
PreK	Mrs. Sheffield	\$ 8.00	Katie Major
PreK Aide	Mrs. Hinrichs	\$ 6.00	Katie Major
5 th grade	Mr. Kocon	\$ 10.00	Kevin Major
Food Svs.	Mrs. Zelinka	\$ 8.00	Katie & Kevin Major

Example #2 - From: Tom Anderson
Susan Brown
Katie & Kevin Major

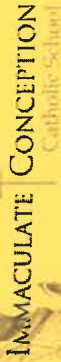
Please note that the inside of the teacher's or staff's card will read only the names of the people who have donated a monetary gift to them. No dollar amount will be listed as shown above.



Christmas Gift Donation Form

Grade/ Department	Teacher/Staff Person	Gift Amount	From
<i>TEACHERS</i>			
Pre-Kindergarten	Ms. Bridgeman		
Pre-Kindergarten	Mrs. Sheffield		
Kindergarten	Ms. Piché		
Grade 1	Mrs. Kurt		
Grade 2	Mrs. Kulikowski		
Grade 3	Mrs. Wallrich		
Grade 4	Ms. Harlander		
Grade 5 and Middle School Social Studies	Mr. Kocon		
Grades 6 and Middle School Science	Mrs. Pender		
Grade 7 & 8 and Middle School Lang.Arts	Ms. Becker		
Middle School Math and Music (Grades Kind. - 4)	Mrs. Wall		
Computers (Grades Kind. - 5)	Mrs. Blake		
Physical Education/Athletics	Mr. Couillard		
<i>STAFF</i>			
Pre-K Aide	Ms. Ashmore		
Pre-K Aide	Ms. Fagen		
Pre-K Aide	Mrs. Hinrichs		
Pre-K Aide	Ms. Wadd		
Food Service Coordinator	Ms. Zelinka		
Health Aide	Mrs. Bridgeman		
Admin.Assist./Hlth. Aide	Ms. Breza		

'tis the season... Join us at Immaculate Conception School for our Christmas Concerts!



Social and Preschool Christmas Concert

Tuesday, December 5, 2017
5:30 - 7:00 p.m.

IT'S AN EVENING OF FUN, FAITH AND FELLOWSHIP AT ICS!
Students, invite your family & friends to meet your teacher
and show them your school. Everyone is welcome!

- 5:30 PM SCHOOL CAFETERIA
WELCOME—MS. BONA PRAYER—FR. JOHN MITCHELL
- 5:30-6:15 SLOPPY JOE DINNER (FREE WILL OFFERING)
- 6:15-6:30 PRESCHOOL CHRISTMAS CONCERT
- 6:30-7:00 FUN ACTIVITIES AND SCHOOL TOURS AVAILABLE



Please bring a non-perishable food item
for the Franciscan Brothers of Peace
who will distribute our donations to
those in need this Christmas season.

"Oh, come all ye faithful"



"And as for you, brothers and sisters, never tire of doing what is good."
2. Thessalonians 3:13



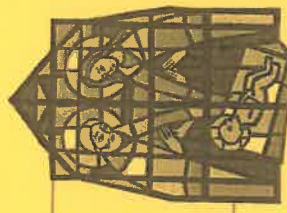
Christmas Concerts

Immaculate Conception School Auditorium

Grades 4 - 8 Band & Choral
Tuesday, December 12, 2017
7:00 p.m.

Grades K - 3 Choral
Thursday, December 14, 2017
7:00 p.m.

Enjoy an evening of both sacred and secular
Christmas classics performed by Immaculate
Conception students under the direction of
Katherine Wall, Tucker Moore, Phil Smithley
and Tim Hoffmann. Accompanist, Dr. Ray Bannon.



Admission is free - all are welcome!



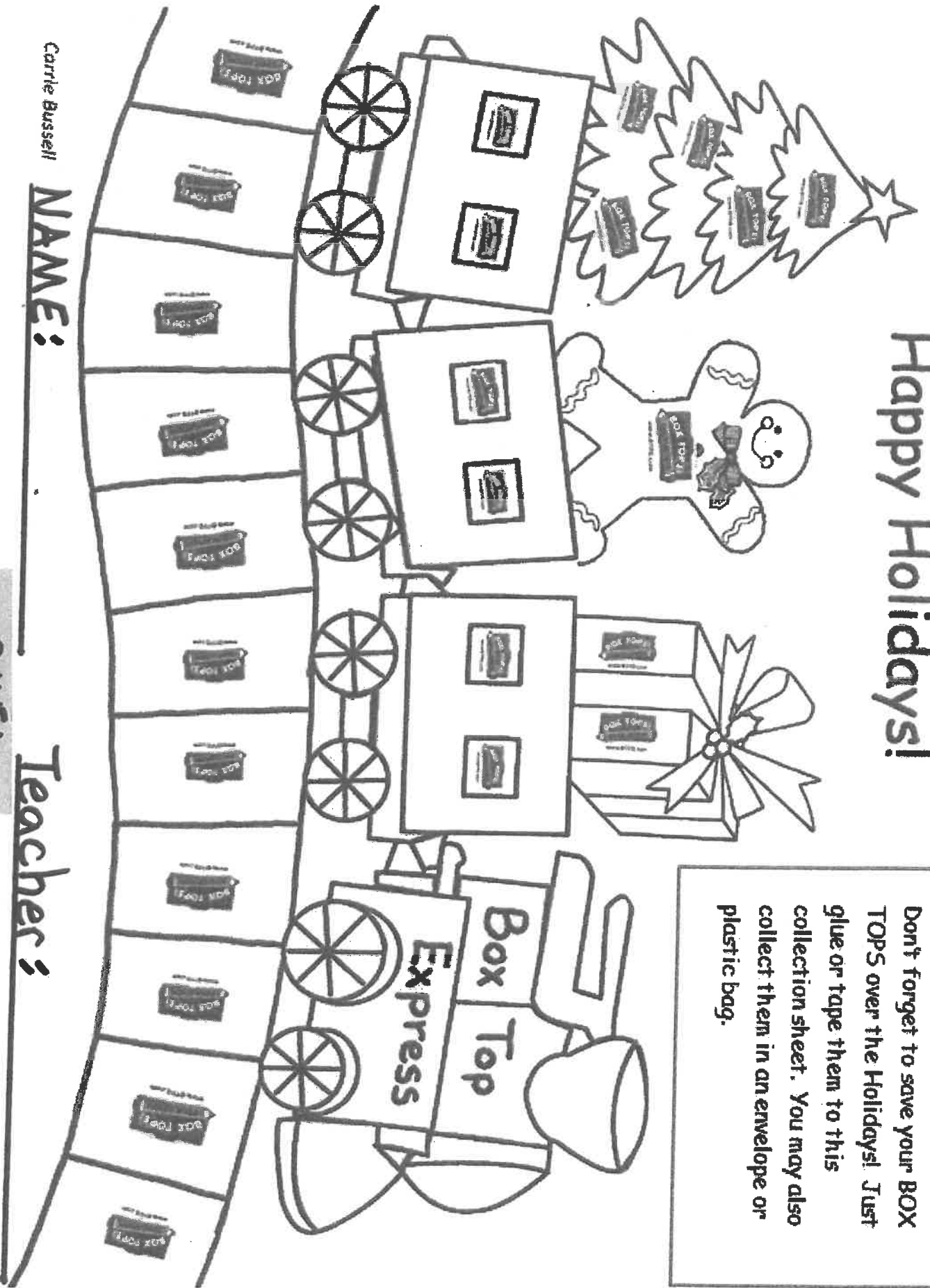
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Happy Holidays!

Don't forget to save your BOX TOPS over the Holidays! Just glue or tape them to this collection sheet. You may also collect them in an envelope or plastic bag.



Carrie Busseil

NAME: _____

Teacher: _____

DATE:
JAN.
5th