



September 14, 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,

It's the second week of school, and children are learning classroom routines and the staff is enjoying visiting with the kids and getting to know them and you, as parents.

It seems as if all the days and months are busy and I have some opportunities to share with you today and in the upcoming weeks:

- Mark your calendars for our **Marathon on Saturday, October 7th**. Students may ask parishioners to consider a sponsorship after the Masses this weekend. Please let me know if your child will be at Mass so I can balance participation after each service.
- We do need you to return the **Agreement Form for the Parent-Student Handbook** that was sent home last week for K-Grade 8. Preschool parents need to return the forms from their handbook as well. **Before we pass out Chrome Books to Grades 7-8, we need the Agreement Form.**
- **Picture Day is Monday, September 25.** Students may be out of uniform that day, dressed appropriately. If your preschool child does not attend on Mondays, they may come in that morning for a photo or wait for our Retake Day on Thursday, November 2.
- How do we respond to the Gospel's Call to help those in need? We have talked about each of us donating \$1.00 each to the victims of **Hurricane Harvey and Irma**. Thank you – it's an easy way for us to help! Please send these dollars in by the end of next week.
- **PreciouStatus is back!** You don't want to miss this chance to have teachers send you photos and reminders. Please follow the instructions to download the app. Questions? Please ask Mary Beth Pfeifer for guidance on this.
- **Campbell's Soup Labels for Education** will continue to be collected through December of this year.
- Please note invitations to the local **Girl Scout and Boy Scout Troops**.
- We invite you to volunteer and thank you for your time! **The course that needs to be taken is Virtus**, offered here in the church on Saturday, September 23, 9:00-Noon. See the pink flyer.
- The **Heights Happenings** is included today. Our students may participate in these activities! It's a great way to stay busy and active.

Thanks for all you do to support the school and your children!

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.

VIRTUS TRAINING OFFERING!

The Archdiocese and Immaculate Conception requires Virtus training. It is an awareness session which better equips adults to protect children in the world around them.

All volunteers who are in contact with any children under the age of 18 are required to go through the training session before volunteering in school events. Since parents/guardians of our students are actively involved in volunteering at Immaculate Conception, we are making this training more convenient for you.

Immaculate Conception Church will be offering Virtus training at their site. All sessions will be held in the Church Fellowship Hall (lower level) on the following date and time:

<u>Day</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>
Saturday	September 23, 2017	9:00 am - 12:00 pm (Noon)

If you plan to volunteer in the school or church anytime in the future and *have not attended a Virtus training session*, please register for the session listed above on the website listed below:

www.virtusonline.org

If the above session at Immaculate Conception does not meet your needs, you may take the Virtus training at any church within the Archdiocese. Go online to the Archdiocese website to see where and when other sessions are being offered. You will also be required to complete a Background Check and Code of Conduct online.

WE'RE NEW!

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By: PreciouStatus

1 STEP

Search for PreciouStatus. Then scroll down to the "Parent and Loved Ones" App



2 STEP

Download and open app. Click on "Create New Account" to begin using PreciouStatus.





SALEM, HOLA, HELLO EVERYONE!

My name is Kelley Stoneburner. I am the School Counselor this year at Immaculate Conception. I will be in the building every other Monday throughout the year. By way of introduction, I graduated from the College of St. Benedict with a BA in Government, and have a Master's in School Counseling from the University of Wisconsin at River Falls. School Counseling is my second career. I spent twenty plus years working for several companies, including Thomson Reuters and UnitedHealth Group in Human Resources. My husband Tom and I have been married 30 years and have two children. When my kids went off to college, I decided it was time to pursue my passion of working with kids! I truly enjoy working with students and doing all I can to help them grow in their social/emotional and academic skills.

Throughout the year I will be teaching in their classrooms lessons on self-control, friendship, perseverance, life skills, etc. I also organize small groups which meet with me to focus on strengthening social/emotional skills. Sometimes students can use some extra help dealing with anxious feelings in school, or other hard emotions. I am eager to help remove barriers interfering with your child's love of learning. Please reach out to me anytime if you'd like to discuss your child's situation.

Miss Kelley- Kelley.stoneburner@gmail.com

Looking for Girls K-5!

Interested in joining Girl
Scouts!

Come join us for a meet &
greet.

When: September 21, 2017

Time: 3:00pm

Where: ICS Art Room

Come and get registered and
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In comic books, in movies, but in real life...

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Frisbee!



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Tuesday September 19th, 6:00-7:00 PM

Sign up at any Elementary School

Or sign up online at Heroscouts.org

Grades K-5

783-231-7201

Heroes are all around us.

They come in all colors, shapes, and sizes. They are TRUSTWORTHY, LOYAL, and BRAVE. Heroes - ordinary youth doing extraordinary things.

Scouting is a thrilling outdoor advancement adventure that will positively affect your child's life by teaching:

- Self-Reliance
- Leadership
- Responsibility
- Value of Family
- Confidence
- Teamwork
- Social Skills
- Environmental Awareness



Activities

- Family Outings
- Learning New Skills
- Community Service
- Camping
- Adventure Field Trips
- Fun!

How it Works

A den is 6-8 youth in the same grade who meet twice a month. All dens meet together once a month as a Pack

What it Costs

Cub Scout registration fees are \$32*, all youth can join regardless of their ability to pay.

*Some Packs have additional costs.

Sign up now at:

HEROScouts.org

What You Get

All new youth receive a free glow-in-the-dark t-shirt and frisbee when they sign up.



For Girl Scout Info:

girlscoutsrv.org