



Dear Parents and Guardians,

We are having a great end of year – the Farewell Mass for our 8th graders yesterday was simply beautiful, and the children are beautiful. They had a terrific field trip with their classmates and chaperones. All is well! We will celebrate their graduation next week. We know it is hard for you to see them grow up quickly. And, for us, some of the children we have known since they were three years old – they are in our hearts if they have been here 11 years or 1!

Onward to summer plans– here are some details and items to be watching for:

- Your child's classroom teacher is sending home Summer Learning Documents, or they already have. Please keep your child reading, practicing math and engaged in fun – outside activities, going to the library, picnics, visiting a park or museum. Many thanks to Keegan McSherry for working on those details!
- I have included attachments today with summer ideas for *Screen Free Time* and *Summer Free Activities*. Thanks so much for compiling this Ms. Bennett, counselor and City Connects Coordinator!
- Looking ahead to August and September, the School Calendar is attached. Please plan family vacations around the scheduled breaks.
- Next week, Field Day, the last day of school, is Wednesday, June 7. The teachers are providing many details about what to wear, what to bring, etc. Please feel free though to let any of us know if you have questions!
- We need athletic uniforms returned, athletic fees paid, and lunch/breakfast bills paid. It is how we pay our bills and our staff.
- School Uniforms – next school year, we are making the full shift to uniform updates for students. We did state that the Middle School Girls could wear their vests for one additional year. *So, 8th grade graduates, please return vests and skirts to us. These are cherished items!*
- Please note the invitation to the Farewell for Fr. James Peterson. We are asking Chorus and 6th graders to sing at that event. Let's show him the love and gratitude for his vocation!

Thank you for your attention to all of these details.

Today we celebrated Preschool Graduation and half of our 7th graders did yard clean up for a nearby home of a parishioner. So many great things every day!

Be the Light!

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Mission Statement

Immaculate Conception School is a thriving Catholic community ministering to 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 we hold a strong commitment to becoming disciples in the world.

Screen-Free Activities

☐ General

- ☐ Make a list of things you want to do this summer
- ☐ Pray
- ☐ Read
- ☐ Have a play date

☐ Get Moving

- ☐ Stretch
- ☐ Play tag
- ☐ Go on a walk
- ☐ Shake out your wiggles
- ☐ Dance

☐ Outdoors

- ☐ Have a picnic
- ☐ Draw with chalk
- ☐ Find shapes in the clouds
- ☐ Create a backyard obstacle course or an obstacle course at the park
- ☐ Blow Bubbles
- ☐ Ride your bike
- ☐ Roller skate
- ☐ Hula Hoop
- ☐ Jump Rope (learn a rhyme)
- ☐ Go on a scavenger hunt
- ☐ Garden
- ☐ Run through a sprinkler
- ☐ Swim
- ☐ Collect flowers
- ☐ Set up a birdfeeder
- ☐ Play catch
- ☐ Practice your favorite sport
- ☐ Stargaze
- ☐ Start a rock garden
- ☐ Do a daily devotion outside

☐ Inside

- ☐ Write a story
- ☐ Draw a picture
- ☐ Paint
- ☐ Write a letter
- ☐ Make a card
- ☐ Do a puzzle
- ☐ Do crosswords, word searches or sudoku
- ☐ Play cards or board games
- ☐ Have a family game night
- ☐ Make friendship bracelets
- ☐ Do research (pick an animal or place and become an expert on it!)
- ☐ Summer Learning-practice math or reading
- ☐ Make lemonade
- ☐ Have a pajama day
- ☐ Cook or bake something
- ☐ Have a bible study

☐ Out and About

- ☐ Visit a park you haven't seen before!
- ☐ Visit the Springbrook Nature Center
- ☐ Visit the library
- ☐ Visit a relative
- ☐ Volunteer
- ☐ Go to the farmer's market
- ☐ Go to the zoo
- ☐ Go to the beach
- ☐ Go bowling
- ☐ Go mini-golfing
- ☐ Watch a parade

Free Activities - Summer 2023

☐ Out and About

☐ Bowling

- **What:** Youth ages 2-15 can sign up for 2 free bowling games a day all summer long

When: All summer long

Where: locations in Minneapolis, Andover and Coon Rapids

Registration: <https://www.kidsbowlfree.com/>

Register for the location closest to you!

☐ Columbia Heights Library

- **What:** Family Storytime, for ages 2-5 and their caregivers, siblings are welcome

When: Mondays at 10:30 am

Where: Columbia Heights Public Library, 3939 Central Ave NE, Columbia Heights, MN 55421

☐ Como Park Zoo & Conservatory

- **What:** Zoo, Flowers & Plants. Mission Safari Maze- adventure maze open through Labor Day.

When: Open 10:00 am-6:00 pm all summer long

Where: 1225 Estabrook Drive, St. Paul, MN 55103

☐ Free Family Fun Day: Puppet Art Adventures at Silverwood Park

- **What:** Watch some kooky animal puppets as they stop Trasher the Trash Can from trashing nature. Puppet show followed by opportunities to do an art project or go on a walk with a naturalist.

When: June 11th, 2023, 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm

July 9th, 2023, 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm

Where: Silverwood Park- Silverwood Great Hall

2500 County Road E, St. Anthony, MN 55421

More Info:

<https://web2.myvscloud.com/wbwsc/mnthreeriverswt.wsc/iteminfo.html?Module=AR&FMID=396564641>

☐ Parades and Fireworks

☐ Columbia Heights Jamboree

- **What:** Parade

When: Parade is on June 23, 6:00-8:00 pm

Where: Starting at 44th Ave NE and Quincy St. NE and ending at Zurek Pond at Hentges Heritage Park

- **What:** Fireworks

When: Fireworks are on June 24th, at dusk

Where: Huset Park West, behind Murzyn Hall at 530 Mill St., Columbia Heights, MN 55421

☐ Spring Lake Park Tower Days (June 8th-June 11)

- **What:** Parade

When: Parade is on June 8th at 6:30 pm

Where: Starting at 81st Street & Able Street

- **What:** Fireworks

When: Fireworks are on June 10th at dusk

Where: Lakeside Lions Park-7840 Pleasant View Dr. Spring Lake Park, MN 55432

☐ Movies in the Park

☐ Columbia Heights

- **What:** *E.T. The Extra-Terrestrial* rated PG

When: August 18th, 8:30 pm

Where: Huset Park West, behind Murzyn Hall at 530 Mill St., Columbia Heights, MN 55421

- **What:** *Black Panther* rated PG-13

When: August 25th, 8:00 pm

Where: Huset Park West, behind Murzyn Hall at 530 Mill St., Columbia Heights, MN 55421

- **What:** *Trolls World Tour* rated PG

When: September 15th, 7:30 pm

Where: McKenna Park, 4757 7th St. NE, Columbia Heights, MN 55421

☐ Music in the Park

☐ Columbia Heights-

- **What:** The Jolly Pops, children's music and entertainment group

When: August 9th, 11 am – 12 pm

Where: Huset Park East, 3965 Jefferson St. NE, Columbia Heights, MN 55421

☐ Fridley

- **What:** The Jolly Pops, children's music and entertainment group

When: July 26th, 11 am

Chalk the Walk and Kid's Book Swap starting at
10:30 am

Where: Commons Park, 6249 7th Street NE, Fridley, MN
55432

- **What:** Madagascar Jr., Musical

When: August 11th, 11 am

Where: Springbrook Nature Center, 100 85th Ave NW,
Fridley, MN 55432

2023-2024 Immaculate Conception School Calendar

5/2/23

July 2023						
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July

August

4-6 IC Summer Jam
15 Teacher In-Service
24 NEW Teacher In-Service
28-31 Teacher In-Service

September

4 Labor Day- NO SCHOOL
5 First Day of School
18 NWEA MAP Fall Testing Begins

October

5 Parent Drive Day- NO Busses
6 Parent Drive Day- NO Busses
6 NWEA MAP Fall Testing Ends
7 Marathon
13 Interims
16-17 Parent Teacher Conferences 3:30-7:00 PM
19-20 MEA - NO SCHOOL

November

7 Parent Drive Day- NO Busses
10 Teacher In-Service - NO SCHOOL
22 Marathon Free Day Must be Earned
23-24 Thanksgiving Break

December

1 End of the 1st Trimester 59 Days
4 Teacher In-Service NO SCHOOL
TBD K-4 Concert
7 Report Cards
8 Feast of the Immaculate Conception
13 Middle School Honor Roll Breakfast
TBD Gr. 5-8, Chorus and Band Concert
21-29 Christmas Break

January 2024

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January

1-2 Christmas Break
2 NWEA Testing Begins
15 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day - NO SCHOOL
26 Parent Drive Day- NO Busses
26 Spaghetti Dinner / Book Fair
26 NWEA Testing Ends
29-31 Catholic Schools Week!
29 Mass of the Holy Spirit

February

1-2 Catholic Schools Week!
1 Interims
8 Parent Drive Day- NO Busses
9 Teacher In-Service NO SCHOOL
13 Mardi Gras!
14 Ash Wednesday - Lent Begins
19 President's Day - NO SCHOOL

March

8 End of 2nd Trimester - 57 Days
14 Report Cards
19/21 Parent Teacher Conferences 3:30-7:00 PM
20 Middle School Honor Roll Breakfast
25-29 Spring Break - NO SCHOOL Holy Week

April

1 Easter Monday - NO SCHOOL
5 Teacher In-Service NO SCHOOL
10 Parent Drive Day- NO Busses
22 NWEA MAP Spring Testing Begins
26 Interims

May

2 Crowning of Mary Mass
3 Queen of May Dinner and Auction
TBD Gr. K-4 Concert
24 NWEA MAP Spring Testing Ends
TBD Gr. 5-8 Concert/Chorus and Band
27 Memorial Day - NO SCHOOL
30 Farewell Mass/Last Day for 8th Grade
31 Last Day for Preschool

June

4 8th Grade Graduation Mass and Reception
6 Last Day of School - FIELD DAY!
6 End of 3rd Trimester - 56 Days/172 TOTAL
7 Teacher In-Service