



KNIGHT LINE

AN IMMACULATE CONCEPTION HIGH SCHOOL QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

Mark Your Calendar

SEPTEMBER, 2011

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

Soph Class Rings – Period A
Senior Caps and Gowns – Period B

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

Back to School Night, 7:00-9:00pm

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

Late Arrival Schedule – 8:55 am

SEPTEMBER 15

Soph ring orders due

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

Junior Class Car Wash 1:00 pm

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

PLC- Activities 2:10 pm

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

Parents Club Meeting, 7 pm

Booster Club Meeting, 8 pm

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

Photo retakes-ALL

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

Freshman Retreat – On Campus

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

Freshman Activity-Enchanted Castle

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

Junior Class Car Wash (rain date)

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2

Homecoming Week begins

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 4

PLC – Faculty, Students dismissed at 2:01 pm

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 5

Mass, Chapel – 9:40 am

Homecoming Pep Rally – 2:00 pm

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 6

Homecoming Pep Rally – 7:00 pm

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 7

Late Arrival Schedule

Homecoming Game – 7:30 pm

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8

Homecoming Dance 7 – 10 pm, MPH

MONDAY, OCTOBER 10

Columbus Day, No School

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 12

PSAT, PLAN, STS Test Day 9-12

No School for Seniors

Parents Club Meeting, 7:00pm

Booster Club Meeting, 8:00pm

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 13

Volleyball Senior Night 6:00 pm

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 14

END OF FIRST QUARTER

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 18

PLC – Activities, 2:10pm

OPEN HOUSE – CLASS OF 2016 7-9 pm

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 20

12:05 Dismissal, Faculty Institute

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22

Football Senior Day 12:30 pm

MONDAY, OCTOBER 24

Parent Teacher Conferences: 3-5 pm & 6-8:30 pm

1:55 dismissal

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 25

Parent Teacher Conferences 6 – 9 pm

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 26

Late Arrival Schedule – 8:55 am

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Principal's Note

Dear Parents,

Please accept my best wishes as we embark together on another school year. The energy level and enthusiasm coming from students and teachers permeates the building and is highly contagious. The freshman class is settling in, and the faculty and upperclassmen are carefully watching over them. This quarterly newsletter contains a great deal of information, so please read it very carefully. Best wishes for a wonderful school year.

May our Blessed Mother continue to guide and protect us.

Sincerely,

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Edline

Students can access homework through their Edline account. When a student is absent, he/she should use Edline to access homework. There should not be a need to request homework through the main office. Parents can access student grades using their own Edline account – your activation code and instructions were mailed the first week of school. If you are a returning student, please use your previous year's user name and password. Please contact Mr. Holleman if you have any questions.

ICHS Website

The ICHS Website is a great resource to use when looking for information on events, handbook questions, curriculum questions, "how-to's" and much more! Please refer to the school website at www.ichsknights.org for the school calendar, student-parent handbook, monthly cafeteria menu, Parents Club information, Athletic schedules, Knight Spirit Wear and posting of the most recent editions of the Knightline!

The Guidance Department Newsletter will also be available on-line each month!

Parking

Please be advised that the parking lot at First United Methodist Church and St. Peters United Church of Christ is NOT to be used by Immaculate Conception students or parents for parking, pick-up or drop-off during the school day. **These parking lot are contractually leased by Elmhurst College and are clearly marked.**

The First United Methodist church parking spaces, also clearly marked, are for that church's staff, visitors and Raggedy Anne Learning Center only. The St. Peter's Church spaces are also clearly

marked. License plates of improperly parked vehicles will be recorded and may be towed, at the owner's expense. Thanks for your cooperation.

Staffing & Additional Program Enhancements

In an effort to further enhance our academic course offerings, athletics and co-curricular programs, school leadership has taken two immediate steps for this school year:

First, an Assistant Principal/Director of Student Activities has been added to the staff. Mr. Jack Doyle will oversee all areas of extra curricular programs including athletics, activities and clubs.

Second, a new daily bell schedule was established that will allow more focused time for extra curricular activities and clubs to meet during the school day. After a year of research and planning, school leadership has determined that this new bell schedule should lessen interference with other after school activities, including athletic games and practices. In addition, Chorus and Band have been integrated as course offerings into the context of the school day.

On Professional Learning Communities (PLC)/Faculty days, our faculty will have dedicated time for professional development. In an effort to facilitate constructive professional dialogue and collaboration within and between academic departments, this new schedule allows for these Professional Learning Communities to meet monthly according to the school calendar. This time will be spent discussing departmental goals, inter department projects, school initiatives, and/or best practices for the improvement of instruction.



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On Project Learning and Clubs (PLC)/Activity days, our students will have the opportunity to enhance their participation in clubs/activities within the context of the school day. This PLC/Activity day will occur monthly according to the school calendar. Depending upon the nature of the clubs/activities offered, students may participate in one or two clubs/activities. Some organizations and clubs will also meet outside the regular school day.

Senior Class News & Notes

SENIOR RETREAT

Senior Retreat #1 will be held on November 7 & 8 at LaSalle Manor in Plano, IL. Senior Retreat #2 will be held on November 28 & 29, also at LaSalle Manor.

GRADUATION ORDERS

The Senior Graduation Assembly will be held on Monday, September 12 (STUDENTS ONLY). Information will be shared on high school graduation tradition and etiquette details. The cap, gown and graduation order forms will be collected at this meeting. Forms were distributed to seniors during lunch.

SENIOR PHOTOS & RETAKES

Seniors who have not had their senior photo taken for the yearbook and class composite will have an opportunity to do when HR Imaging/Root returns to campus on Thursday, September 22nd. Please remember to have your senior bring the appropriate clothing for the photo session.

Sophomore Class News & Notes

CLASS RING ASSEMBLY & ORDERS

The Sophomore Class Ring Assembly will be held on Monday, September 12th (STUDENTS ONLY). A Jostens representative will be on hand to present the ICHS ring program and distribute information packets for the students to take home. Jostens will then return to ICHS on Thursday, September 15th for sophomore class ring orders. Orders and measurements will be taken during the lunch periods.

Freshmen Class News & Notes

FRESHMEN RETREAT

There will be an on-campus freshmen retreat held on Friday, September 23rd during the school day. The Freshmen Retreat is conducted by the Theology Department and Christian Service Leaders. Attendance at this retreat is required.

FRESHMEN ACTIVITY

This year's freshman student activity will be held on Saturday, September 24, 2011 from 6 – 10 p.m. at Enchanted Castle in Lombard. Every year the student council organizes this event to continue to develop class cohesiveness and bonding. It is a nice opportunity for the students to have some fun with their classmates in a safe and organized manner.

The cost of the evening is \$18.00 per student payable by cash or check/money order payable to ICHS. Please complete and sign the permission form which was mailed to all freshmen parents last week, and return it with payment by Friday, September 16, 2011 to the main office. The package includes 2 slices of pizza, ice cream, and beverage, 20 game tokens, 2 laser tag games, 1



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round of GO KART, and unlimited Crazy Kars and miniature golf.

The event will be chaperoned by Mrs. Lostumbo and Ms. McEvoy as well as parents. If you can help chaperone, please complete that area on the permission slip and we will contact you to confirm. Chaperones must be *Protecting God's Children/Virtus* certified. Each family will be responsible for providing transportation for their student to and from Enchanted Castle. Please pick up your child promptly at 10:00 pm.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to email Mrs. Lostumbo at or Ms. McEvoy. Thank you in advance for your participation and we hope to see everyone there!

SMART NOTES

Please remember that Smart Family ID numbers consist of 3 items: school id number, school year, and family account number. Each year, the middle digits change for the new school year.

Please double check if you have bill payment on-line that your account number has been updated so your payments are being sent to the correct address to be credited properly.

Athletics

FAMILY ATHLETIC PASSES

Family Athletic Passes remain on sale for \$100. This excellent value will get your family into all IC home events except all IHSA state playoff games. Please send a check (payable to IC) to the attention of Mr. Darren Howard in the Athletic Office.

Parent Teacher Conferences

Monday, October 24

*1:55 p.m. dismissal for students.

Conferences scheduled from 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. and from 6:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Tuesday, October 25

*Regular School Day

Conferences scheduled from 6:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Wednesday, October 26

*Late arrival schedule for students

By scheduling both evening and afternoon conference times, we are trying to accommodate different parent schedules. Please watch for additional information regarding scheduling appointments.

PICK A TIME CONFERENCE SCHEDULER

This year we will once again use "Pick A Time" as our online appointment scheduling system for conferences. Parents will receive a letter by mail with detailed instructions on how to begin scheduling appointments. Links will be posted on our website and on Edline.

*Please check www.ichsknights.org for changes or updates to the calendar