

Parent Notes - End of Quarter I

DATES AND TIMES TO REMEMBER

- Monday, October 26th -- 2:00 p.m. dismissal for students. Conferences scheduled from 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. and from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, October 27th -- 2:00 p.m. dismissal for students. Conferences scheduled from 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. and from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, October 28th -- Late arrival schedule for students (8:55 a.m.)

KNIGHTS BLUE & WHITE CASH RAFFLE -- MANDATORY FUNDRAISER FOR 2009-2010

- As you are aware, we have a mandatory fundraising fee of \$300 per student or \$350 per family (multiple students).
- During homeroom on Thursday, November 5th, your student will receive an envelope containing raffle tickets, parent instructions and due dates.
- Please ask your student for this envelope. Students will be instructed not to leave the envelopes in their lockers.
- Parents are responsible for buying or selling the raffle tickets and having their student return the stubs and money by Tuesday, December 8th.
- The drawing for the three cash prizes will be in the IC gym on Saturday, December 12th at half-time of the boy's varsity basketball game.

CHECK THE 2009-2010 SCHOOL CALENDAR – Attendance for semester exams is mandatory.

TUITION/FEE POLICY AND SEMESTER EXAMS

- All tuition and fee accounts **must** be current in order for students to receive an exam pass to sit for semester exams in December. No exceptions!!
- August through November payments must be paid and cleared through SMART Tuition by November 30th. Please remember that payments made by check, credit card, or on the web need additional time to be successfully collected and cleared.
- Check the status of your Smart Tuition account now at 1-888-868-8828 or on-line at www.parent.smarttuition.com.
- Raffle fundraising fees and library fines, etc. must be paid.
- Any outstanding fall sports uniforms must also be turned in before semester exams.

IMPORTANT STUDENT DROP - OFF INFORMATION

If you are dropping off your student in front of the school heading NORTH, you must proceed NORTH. Likewise, if you are heading SOUTH, you must proceed SOUTH. In other words, there are absolutely NO U-TURNS allowed on Cottage Hill! Doing so creates a very hazardous situation. Thank you for attention to this very important safety matter.

STUDENT PARKING

Students who weightlift in the AM or PM may only park in the York Street lot. No parking is allowed in the grade school, Church or Chapel areas.

EDLINE AND THE ICHS WEBSITE – www.ichsknights.org

- 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 – you should have received your activation code and instructions earlier this school year.
- Our intention is that Edline becomes the primary resource for tracking your student's progress so our school can continue to move toward a "paperless" system.

2010 GOLDEN APPLE AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING

Parents/guardians and students are invited to nominate outstanding teachers currently teaching in grades 9 through 12 full-time at a public or non-public school. A teacher only needs one nomination. Nomination forms are available online at www.goldenapple.org and in the main office. The nomination submission deadline is December 31, 2009.

PARENT GUARDIAN TRANSPORTATION REIMBURSEMENT PROGRAM UPDATE

Our school received a memorandum from the Illinois State Board of Education Division of Funding and Distribution Services which stated:

“This memorandum is being sent as formal notification that a fiscal 2010 appropriation was not awarded for the parent Guardian Transportation Reimbursement Program authorized under Section 29-5.2 of the Illinois School Code.

The lack of FY 2010 funding will prevent the State Board from paying any Parent Guardian Transportation claims filed for the 2008-2009 school year. These payments are normally made in December of each year. In the event that funds are restored this fiscal year we will promptly pay the 2008-09 claims that were submitted.”

The school will keep you posted if there are any further developments.

CATHOLICS COME HOME INITIATIVE

Catholics Come Home is an exciting new initiative to invite inactive Catholics to return to the practice of the faith. A series of TV commercials will begin airing in Advent starting December 16, 2009. If you have any questions regarding this initiative, please contact Immaculate Conception Parish or your home parish.

PARENTS, YOUTH AND FAITH: THE GREAT DANCE

OK, so maybe trying to get that little toddler dressed and ready for church really wasn't so tough after all. At least you got them to church. Now that little toddler is an adolescent and it seems like you have no idea what to do anymore! You want to make sure you pass on your Catholic faith to your child, but how? Join other parents like yourself for an evening of practical approaches to enhance faith development among young people. Presenter Bob McCarty, Executive Director of the National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry, will identify critical characteristics of adolescent faith and then provide strategies for enabling parents to successfully and willingly take on the role of fostering faith in their teen.

Saturday, Nov 7, 2009 10 am — 12 noon
Immaculate Conception Church
134 Arthur St., Elmhurst

IC MOVIE NIGHT: LIFE ENRICHING FOR ADULTS AND TEENS

Please join us for any or all of the following Movie Nights which will take place at 7:00 p.m. in Costello Hall on the lower level of the high school building. Free admission. Refreshments will be available. This film series is sponsored by the IC Respect Life Ministry.

Friday, October 30 th	“Bella”
Friday, December 4 th	“Fireproof”
Friday, January 8 th	“Demographic Winter”
Friday, February 19 th	“Come What May”
Friday, April 9 th	“The Jeweler’s Shop”
Friday, May 21 st	TBA