

Parent Notes September 2009

PARENT SURVEY

This year, the Diocese of Joliet is engaged in a strategic planning process for its schools. A diocese-wide survey of parishioners, parents, students, and staff is underway. Information from this survey will also help our high school in its accreditation renewal process. Therefore, we are asking parents who have been affiliated with our school for more than one semester to provide their input through this online survey. The survey takes approximately 10-15 minutes to complete. Your survey access number and instructions are enclosed in this mailing. The deadline for completing the survey is September 25, 2009. If you do not have internet access, please contact the main office for a paper version of the survey. <http://www.cdop.org> We thank you in advance for your participation!

EDLINE AND THE ICHS WEBSITE

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 last week.

The Guidance Department Newsletter will be available on-line each month. 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 Parent Notes!

PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES – (watch for details of new appointment scheduling process!)

Monday, October 26th

2:00 p.m. dismissal for students.

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

Tuesday, October 27th

Late arrival schedule for students (8:55 a.m. – 2:50 p.m.) (Note that there is no early dismissal!)

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

Wednesday, October 28th

Late arrival schedule for students (8:55 a.m. – 2:50 p.m.)

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

PARENTS, YOUTH and FAITH

Join us in November for a special presentation for an evening of practical approaches to enhance faith development among young people. Presenter Bob McCarthy, 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. There are two sessions to choose from: Friday, November 6th from 7 p.m. – 9 p.m. at St. Michael Church, 315 W. Illinois St., Wheaton or Saturday, November 7th from 10 a.m. – 12 noon at Immaculate Conception Church, 134 Arthur St., Elmhurst.

REQUIRED NOTIFICATION

Please be advised that the Asbestos Management Plan for Immaculate Conception High School required by 40CFR 763.93 is available for inspection during normal business hours by representatives of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the State of Illinois, the public, including teachers, other school personnel, and their representatives, and parents at the following location:

Immaculate Conception Parish Facilities Office

134 Arthur Street, Elmhurst, IL 60126

within five working days after receipt of a request for inspection. The school may charge the reasonable cost of making any copies requested.

PARENTS CLUB

Please note that the September 10th Parents Club meeting time has been changed to 6:00 p.m. It is our hope that ICHS parents will attend both the Parents Club meeting and the forum hosted by the Elmhurst Police (see the enclosed letter) on the evening of September 10th.

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.

ATTENTION SENIOR STUDENTS AND PARENTS

On Thursday, September 24, 2009 there will be an admission and financial aid seminar for college bound seniors and their parents entitled “**Getting In.**”. The program will begin at 7:00 p.m. in the Media Center. Presented by The Princeton Review, this seminar reveals secrets to the application process at America’s best schools. Learn what it takes to land a spot at the best school, how financial aid really works, and how to crack the ACT and SAT. Don’t miss it.

ATTENTION FRESHMAN PARENTS

As your son or daughter makes his or her way through this critical transition of entering high school, we want to assist you in helping them learn how to plan effectively, establish goals and strive toward a successful future. Immaculate Conception High School invites you to attend the nationally acclaimed **Making High School Count** presentation being held at our school on Tuesday, September 22nd at 7:55 a.m. in the Marian Room located in the Parish Administrative Center. Please park in the student parking lots on York Road.

This dynamic, 45-minute, assembly-style presentation has received praise from parents across the nation. These parents have found it to be helpful in assisting their students recognize their potential for success.

Making High School Count offers advice on topics that are key to optimizing the high school experience such as:

- Making an effective transition into high school
- Realizing the importance of grades in achieving future goals
- Developing effective time management and organizational skills
- Building skills through meaningful involvement in extracurricular activities
- Developing more effective study skills and test-taking strategies

The Making It Count in-school presentation programs are offered at no cost thanks to the program’s corporate partners such as My College Options, Shell, Axia, College of University of Phoenix, Colleges and Careers, Tutor.com and Monster.

If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Field at (630) 530-3472. If you would like to learn more about the program, you may also visit the Making It Count website at www.makingitcount.com. We look forward to seeing you at the Making High School Count presentation on Tuesday, September 22nd.