

May 10, 2012

**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CATHOLIC SCHOOL**

# Spotlight

**C**aring community. **H**ome for the active mind. **R**espectful, responsible citizens for a global society. **I**ndividual love for life-long learning. **S**trong value-based curriculum. **T**rust in the Word of God.

## A Mother's Prayer

Create in each one a clean heart, O God,  
And renew a steadfast spirit within them.

**HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY, IC MOMS!!** – Every day your dedication and faith are an inspiration to all of us. May the blessings that you receive this Mother's Day give you the grace to enjoy every good day and to help your children work through the occasional difficult days. Thank you, too, for all that you do for IC!

**SUMMER SKILLS BUILDING PROGRAMS** – Some great programs are available to parents and students to help keep skills sharp over the summer. Three that we can recommend are listed below. The 15-30 minute a day time commitment is fun and has been shown to boost skills in many areas.

**1 - GRASP** – Grand Rapids Academic Summer Programs offer both a week by week packet program in Math and in Reading, geared to grades K – 8, where each week's lessons are scored and returned to the student. There is also an on-line program for grades 4 - 8. Pricing is \$37 per student for one subject and \$61 for both subjects with further information available at <http://grasp.grpublicschools.org>

**2 – SUMMER SKILLS BUILDER** offers a Summer Math Skills Sharpener for all grades, Pre-K through Advanced Algebra, a Summer Language Arts Review for all grades, Pre-K through High School Prep and a Study Skills Sharpener in a single level for Grade 7 and up. Pricing is \$20 and [www.summerskills.com](http://www.summerskills.com) for more information

**3- THINK-STRETCH** offers a single book per grade that includes math, writing and reading pages and occasional fun “bonus activities”. This program costs \$15 and cannot be ordered directly by individuals, however, we would place an order for families that are interested with a \$15 check per book made out to IC and turned in next week. More information at [www.thinkstretch.com](http://www.thinkstretch.com)

**\*\*\* TO ALL 2012 – 2013 VOLUNTEER SERVICE CREDIT PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS – ONE REMINDER – PLEASE DO NOT MISS THE DEADLINE OF THIS COMING TUESDAY, MAY 15<sup>TH</sup> TO TURN IN YOUR APPLICATION TO THE PARISH OFFICE. THE HOURS: MON. 1:00 – 7:00, TUESDAY-THURSDAY 9:00 - 4:00 AND FRIDAY 9:00 – 3:00.**

**FESTIVAL CHAIRPERSON NEEDED** – If you are looking for a stewardship opportunity or need to fulfill your Service Credits, you may want to consider becoming a chairperson at festival. Please call Mrs. Bonnie Slater at 586-675-5178 for more information.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS...**

5/12	Track Meet – Go Cougars!		
5/15	Final turn in date – Volunteer Service Credit forms due		
	SAC		6:30
5/16	No AB Transportation		
5/16-18	Eighth Grade Northern Michigan Trip		
5/19	Track Meet		
5/23 & 24	“Cinderella”	AB Auditorium	7:00
5/24	Cougar Cubs Last Day		
5/25	No AB Transportation		
5/28	No School – Memorial Day		
5/30	Preschool at Stoney Creek Nature Center		
	Athletic Banquet	MPR	6:30
5/31	Last Day for Eighth Grade		
6/1	Preschool 4 Year Olds Last Day		
	Field Day		
6/4	Eighth Grade Graduation		
6/6	Kindergarten Graduation		
6/8	Last Day of School		
6/18-22	Vacation Bible School		

**AND IN THE “MOTHER’S WORK IS NEVER DONE” CATEGORY** – From our preschoolers... Kudos to the mothers of:

- Anthony**, who is really good at taking out the trash
- Sarah**, who is really good at cooking macaroni and cheese
- Thomas**, who is really good at hearing
- Colin**, whose job is to get money
- Jake**, who is really good at building me little train tracks
- Jackson**, whose favorite thing to do is to run
- Kazimiera**, who is happy when she makes her pictures
- Rebecca**, who is happy when she plays together with my sister and brother
- Breanna**, who’s favorite color is red
- Luke**, whose favorite thing to do is rest or take naps
- Joshua**, whose job is to help dad clean up the toys
- Sam**, who is happy when I just sit and be really good, and
- Jack**, whose favorite thing to do is water the garden,

We hope you all have plenty of time this Mother’s Day to do your favorite things!