



Est. 2001 Principal's Message - September 2018 - #3

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## From Mr. Stone's Desk

Greetings Immaculate Conception School Community,

Many of us say the Lord's Prayer daily. At home, here at school, religion class perhaps, etc. It is also a standard part of mass. When we say the Our Father, what are we saying? It is available to pray anytime whether we're in a group setting or having an individual chat with God, but what does it mean for us?

Whether you're an old school back in the day Baltimore Catechism/CCD individual or a more modern Catechism of the Catholic Church/PREP person hopefully the Lord's Prayer represents more than rote memory and compliance at mass.

The Lord's Prayer is "the summary of the whole Gospel." (CCC #2761) It represents the key beliefs and principles of our Catholic faith.

**Lord's Prayer/Our Father:** DNA of Christian Prayer

**Our** = In union/communion with all who belong to the Body of Christ

**Father** = Personal relationship with God the Father

**Who Art In Heaven**

= Our destiny; God is already in perfect bliss

**Hallowed Be Thy Name**

= Honoring the sacred name of God

**Thy Kingdom Come** = Kingdom of David

**Thy Will Be Done On Earth As It Is In Heaven**

= Spiritual warfare

**Give Us This Day Our Daily Bread**

= Petitionary; Eucharist fulfills all our needs

**And Forgive Us Our Trespasses As We**

**Forgive Those Who Trespass Against Us**

= If you don't forgive you will not be forgiven

**And Lead Us Not Into Temptation**

**But Deliver Us From Evil**, Amen = God never leads us into evil, though conflict/temptation exist

## Catechism of the Catholic Church:

**2761** The Lord's Prayer "is truly the summary of the whole gospel." "Since the Lord . . . after handing over the practice of prayer, said elsewhere, 'Ask and you will receive,' and since everyone has petitions which are peculiar to his circumstances, the regular and appropriate prayer [the Lord's Prayer] is said first, as the foundation of further desires."

**2765** The traditional expression "the Lord's Prayer" - *oratio Dominica* - means that the prayer to our Father is taught and given to us by the Lord Jesus. The prayer that comes to us from Jesus is truly unique: it is "of the Lord." On the one hand, in the words of this prayer the only Son gives us the words the Father gave him: he is the master of our prayer. On the other, as Word incarnate, he knows in his human heart the needs of his human brothers and sisters and reveals them to us: he is the model of our prayer.

**2766** But Jesus does not give us a formula to repeat mechanically. As in every vocal prayer, it is through the Word of God that the Holy Spirit teaches the children of God to pray to their Father. Jesus not only gives us the words of our filial prayer; at the same time he gives us the Spirit by whom these words become in us "spirit and life." Even more, the proof and possibility of our filial prayer is that the Father "sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, 'Abba! Father!'" Since our prayer sets forth our desires before God, it is again the Father, "he who searches the hearts of men," who "knows what is the mind of the Spirit, as the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God."

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The Gospel of Matthew first shows us how we are to pray...The Lord's Prayer ([Matthew 6:9-13](#))

Each of us may experience times of uncertainty, situations which may challenge us. During such time we never need to be uncertain as to how we might approach God. He gave us the Lord's Prayer.

Thank you for all that you do. Serviam, David

## *What's going on downstairs, in the elementary building? – 1<sup>st</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> Grade*

The children have been modeled and are practicing the elements of Responsive Classroom, particularly the morning meeting. Each class is working hard to identify our Hopes and Dreams for the year. Each class is striving to establish a classroom set of Rules and Logical Consequences, specifically crafted to foster spiritual growth, academic excellence, and moral integrity. And, of course, in all of our classrooms, we begin each day with prayers.

The first weeks of school have been spent getting to know each other socially, through activities and games; and, academically, through benchmark assessments and formative inventories. Most classes are almost, if not already ready to buckle down into a routine in the next week or so! As we roll-out this new year, up and down the hallways, one can hear the excited voices of our students, sharing some of the sensational learning going on in their classrooms.

*In first grade*, one may overhear about the Symbols of America's Pride that we are learning about in social studies, or the butterflies that have burst out of chrysalides, ready to begin their amazing migration.

*In second grade*, one may notice voices chattering about the small moment stories students are writing during Writer's Workshop, or the animal habitats that the students are learning about in science.

*While in third grade*, you may hear about Flat Stanley, who is the star of Reader's Workshop. A thrilling tidbit you may not know is that they are integrating this literacy moment with their study of Communities: Rural, Suburban, and Urban. Where will Stanley turn up next?

*In fourth grade*, the talk is all about personal stories! In Reader's Workshop the students are reading **Tales of a 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Nothing**, an exploration of realistic fiction, and from that, students are developing personal narrative stories in Writer's Workshop.

And this is only the beginning! Can you imagine what is yet to come? Clearly, it's shaping up to be an electric year on the first floor!

**Great start to the new school year 1<sup>st</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> grade!**

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### **School Arrival – Tardy Bell**

### **Parent Sign-In – Class Start – Etc.**

The multi-purpose room is open and available to students starting at 7:15a.m. Students should not be dropped off at school before 7:15a.m.



At 7:45a.m. the teachers make their way to the MPR to pick-up their respective classes/grades. The 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> students depart first, heading upstairs, with the 1<sup>st</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> grade departing afterward, heading down their hallway.

The tardy bell rings at 7:55a.m. Students who arrive after classes have departed the MPR, but before the 7:55a.m. tardy bell rings, should simply go to their classroom. A faculty/staff member in the main entrance area will help inform students if they have arrived prior to or after the ringing of the tardy bell.

Students who are not in their classrooms by the time the tardy bell rings – 7:55a.m. – need to obtain a late pass from the school office. Per our Parent-Student Handbook (Pg. 11) – Students arriving after 7:55a.m. (8:15a.m. for Preschool) are considered late for school and must report to the school office for a **late slip**. **Parents must sign children in at the school office. A parent conference with the principal will be required for excessive student absence (8 per Quarter) and lateness (10 tardies per Quarter = Letter to Family, 15<sup>th</sup> tardy in a Quarter = conference with principal).** Thank you for your attention to and recognition of these school expectations.

# REMINDER

09/18 – Back-To-School Night – Grades 5-8  
09/19 – Back-To-School Night – Preschool-4/Specials  
09/20 – Adoration – 9:30a.m.-2:00p.m.  
09/21 – International Day of Peace  
09/21 – Test of School Communication System  
09/29 – Wine and Beer Tasting Event   
10/04 – First Thursday – Mass at 9:00a.m. – All Are Welcome – Early Dismissal at 12:15p.m.  
10/08 – No School – Columbus Day & Staff PD Day

## Prayer for Immaculate Conception School:

Dear Lord, bless our Catholic school. Help us to continue to be a humble source of wisdom, always yearning to learn more about your tremendous love for us. May all who enter Immaculate Conception School be filled with the gift of your Holy Spirit, coming to know you in a more meaningful way. Guide us as a community that respects and welcomes everyone. May Catholic education continue to grow so that your good news can be taught to children throughout the world. Amen.

## **What was that John F. Kennedy Message?**

**Ask not...Ask what you can do for ICS!**

Check out 'Sign-Up Genius' on our website for available volunteer opportunities, including these...

**1. Morning Care Duty** - 7:15a.m.-7:40a.m. 'ish – Gym

**2. Traffic Guard/Safety Monitor** – 7:30a.m.-8:00a.m.

We are still looking for help with Monday-Wednesday. Assistance would be appreciated.

**3. Yearbook Coordinator** – Danielle Peluso

**Yearbook Parent Assistance – Help Wanted!** ☺

We are still looking for a few volunteers to assist in taking pictures, coordinating students on the yearbook committee after school, and helping with the design, review, and completion of the yearbook. It's fun, and we produce a treasured keepsake for students! For any questions please contact Danielle Peluso at (908) 399-2003 or [dc1872@aol.com](mailto:dc1872@aol.com). Thank you.



## WINE & BEER FALL FESTIVAL

**Saturday September 29, 2018**

Immaculate Conception School invites everyone to have a taste of the

## Red, White, & Brew!

Please join us Saturday, September 29<sup>th</sup>  
7:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.

Sponsored by Perryville Wine & Spirits  
Music Provided by "78 West"

Enjoy sampling over 100 wines and dozens of beer at  
Hunterdon County's LARGEST wine and beer tasting event!  
Many local restaurants will provide food.  
Plus, a 50/50 raffle too!

Admission is \$45. Pay in advance or at the door.

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## Back-to-School Night Information

### **Tuesday, Sept. 18<sup>th</sup> – Grades 5-8**

General Meeting – ICS MPR – 6:45p.m.-7:15p.m.

Classroom Visits – 7:20p.m.-8:35p.m.

### **Wednesday, Sept. 19<sup>th</sup> – Preschool-Grade 4 -and- Specials Teachers**

Preschool-Grade 1:

Classroom Visits – 5:45p.m.-6:45p.m.

Preschool-Grade 4 General Meeting:  
ICS Multi-Purpose Room – 7:00p.m.

Grades 2-4 – Classroom Visits – 7:30p.m.-8:30p.m.

## PROMISE TO PROTECT



Next Virtus/Protecting God's Children Session:  
Thursday, Sept. 27<sup>th</sup>, 7:00p.m. IC Parish Center  
Before attending the class all are required  
to register online at [www.virtus.org](http://www.virtus.org).

### Immaculate Conception School Song

From a hill in Hunterdon,  
Blessed with beauty by God's hands.  
Shines a light for everyone,  
Here our alma mater stands.  
Jesus shepherd bless our days,  
As we grow in wisdom and grace.  
Jesus teacher, Jesus friend,  
Help us know the Father's plan.

**Refrain:**

Immaculate Conception School,  
Friends are true and journeys bright.

Immaculate Conception School,  
Hail our blue and hail our white.

Children of the light are we,  
Sons and daughters of the day.

Patron Mother Mary,  
Guards our lessons and our play.  
Here we learn to serve and share,  
Marching on in courage and prayer.  
Living hope and charity,  
Faith will serve to light our way.

**Refrain:**



### Counselor's Corner – Mrs. Kate Severson

Last Wednesday I had the wonderful opportunity to accompany the 8<sup>th</sup> grade class on their trip to Camp Bernie. The class was broken down into small groups where they were asked to work together to complete various tasks. Throughout the day, I witnessed students rise to the occasion and become leaders, I saw students supporting each other, cheering, and perhaps most importantly refusing to give up. I was extremely proud of our students and humbled by their ability to work together.

Next week I will be starting Counselor in the Classroom for grades 1-5. I will be focusing on developing a feeling vocabulary. The students will be creating their own book of feelings to help them identify and correlate different emotions through the use of similes. I will also be discussing the power of words and how they impact our days. Please join me in reminding your children that kindness begins with them. I will be working with grades 6-8 beginning in October.

I am very much looking forward to meeting parents at both Back to School nights. I will be available for anyone who may want to chat and share any concerns.

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### ICS Personnel Update #2:

Yes, we have just very recently hired a new middle school math teacher, Mrs. Kimberly Intrabartalo. Mrs. Intrabartalo ("Mrs. I") is a certified teacher, of course, and comes to us with six years of previous experience. Please help welcome her to ICS. She will start this Thursday, Sept. 20<sup>th</sup>. Mrs. Benson will work with her through Monday, Sept. 24<sup>th</sup>.

Thank you very much to Mrs. Benson for so capably and willingly helping out ICS by filling our math teacher opening these past few weeks. We appreciate your time and efforts Mrs. Benson!

### **ICS High School Information Night**

Thursday, October 4, 2018

7:00p.m.-8:30pm at ICS

17 High Schools will be here!

5th-8th grade teachers will give parents a handout with additional information during the classroom visit period of the Back-to-School Night

All are welcome! Questions?

Coordinator: ICS Parent Maureen Smart  
[10smarts@embarqmail.com](mailto:10smarts@embarqmail.com)

### **ICS Personnel Update #1:**

Yes, we just very recently hired Mrs. Shayna Pothast to be our new Technology Teacher. A certified teacher, Mrs. Pothast will be starting the week of Oct. 01<sup>st</sup>. Thank you very much to Mrs. Jeanne Dunham for overseeing this schedule these past few weeks. Mrs. Dunham will continue as our school librarian, of course. Much appreciated Jeanne!



# Socktember

warm feet



warm hearts

Let's warm the people at  
Hunterdon County Social Services  
by collecting new socks for the needy!

Early Ed Building: children's socks

First Floor: women's socks

Second Floor: men's socks

Due by October 1, 2018

Drop your sock donations off in the box in  
the entryway labeled "Socktember".

Thank you for your generosity!

