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# Falcon Forum

Immaculate Conception Catholic School

## From your PTO Board

PTO has been busy planning this year's Raise Craze. Our biggest fundraiser of the school year will begin on October 16th and end on October 30th. We have some great recommendations for acts of kindness (AOKs) this year along with incentives. We have lined up some local celebrities to give some inspirational speeches. Our theme this year is "Kindness is my Superpower." Get ready to begin committing acts of kindness anywhere and everywhere to positively impact the lives of others. I think it will impact your life as well. If you get caught in the act, send your pics to [geauxhaynes76@gmail.com](mailto:geauxhaynes76@gmail.com) so we can post your AOK to our PTO Facebook page.

Teacher luncheons are going really well. Your response to them has been outstanding. If you don't think this is a big deal, ask a teacher. They will quickly let you know how much it means to them.

Speaking of treats for teachers, PTO will be providing little surprises for teachers throughout the year. Nothing big, but just a little something to say thank you. A big thank you goes out to the Hindman family and Raintight Roofing for making this possible.

Thanks to all y'all do for our school. We couldn't do what we do without you!

—Casey Simon  
PTO President

Today these seats are empty. However, I am overjoyed to say that our 3rd-8th grade students will begin to fill these seats for the first time in months beginning October 2nd. We are excited to be able to attend Mass together once again, even if only one grade at a time will attend in person—the other grades will attend virtually for now. Although it may look different at this time, our hearts are full as we prepare for these next steps. Your child's teacher will let you know the class schedule for Masses. Be on the lookout for a notification from them! Please note that at this time no visitors will be allowed in the church; however we are working to provide a link for you to join us virtually. God is Good!

—Mrs. Schafer



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**Second grade** has been keeping super busy! We have been rocking it out in math, and we just finished a unit on animals in science. We made our very own fossils! We also did an Arkansas History lesson in social studies class—we learned lots about our very own Natural State. We also wrote about which season is our favorite, and have been doing some singing in Spanish with Mrs. Hurtado. We are looking forward to October and all the fun things it will bring!



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In **art**, third grade has been working on some fun scientists; fifth grade has been working really hard on their Victorian architecture; sixth grade drew a reflection of their summer; and every art student created a dot to be a part of a mural based on the book *The Dot* by Peter Reynolds. —Mrs. Callaway





**Kindergarten** is in full motion, and we are excited about learning...AND PIZZA! We recently celebrated Johnny Appleseed's birthday with homemade applesauce, and loved our first pizza Friday. We are excited to continue learning about trees and how they change with the seasons, patterns with fall colors, and all about letters and numbers.

**Fifth grade** is settling into our new routine. We are realizing we get to have fun while learning to be responsible. The novel *Sign of the Beaver* has captured our attention and we should be finishing it up soon. In social studies we have started our unit on Native Americans in North America and it ties in beautifully with our novel. We will begin a "spooktacular" short story unit once our novel is finished. In science, we are learning about all the different body systems and can't wait to start our body system project!!



**First grade** is gearing up for AR Reading and we are super excited. We've also had a great time learning about responsibility, independence, and everything else that goes along with being a **FIRST GRADER!** Stay tuned...



Don't let our "traffic jam" fool you. **Junior high** is rolling with the changes this year as the teachers travel from class to class instead of the students! One thing teachers and students both love is getting the opportunity to stretch our legs during our Fri-YAY extra recess.

In **sixth grade**, the kids have said more than once that they can't believe how fast the weeks are going! So we tell them, "Time flies when you're having fun!" Both classes enjoyed learning a little about their 2nd grade buddies recently. We'll have to be pen pals for now, but we're hopping to meet in person before too long. We also loved sampling some watermelon from the IC garden. It was cut for us and delivered by FarmCorps volunteer Rachel. We are so blessed to have had them with us! Rachel also visited both classes in social studies and made a great presentation about the emergence of agriculture in early civilizations, a topic we'll soon be studying. In science, we are finishing up heredity, and then we move into plant reproduction. Stay tuned for the progress of our bean plants that we'll grow! In math, we are moving into decimal operations. They did really well in their first attempt at balancing equations last month. In reading, both classes are moving along well in our short story unit, making great progress toward our AR goals, and having a little friendly competition with AR teams. We will start our personal narratives in English this week. They always love telling their stories about a significant event in their lives! Happy fall to all!



We have made great strides in **PK3**. At this point we have all learned each other's names, we know where our own chair is at our own table, we know how to walk together to and from the playground, and we know how to "get our toes on the line." See how we are lined up in the classroom? Where are our toes? On the line of the blue carpet! This is where we stand each day to hear the prayer, say the Pledge of Allegiance, and listen to the morning announcements. This is also the place we line up to leave the room, say our prayer before lunch (so we can see our crucifix), and last but not least to get our sticker at the end of the day. As you can see, a lot goes on when our toes are on the line. We have also taken advantage of the cooler temperatures and headed outside for our snack and religion lesson. Along with our religion curriculum, we talk about the church building being "God's house" and we talk about the statues we see. Our parish grounds are such a blessing to us.





Hooray! Fall is here and so is Dr. Tyson! She comes to **PK4** each week and introduces a new instrument to the kiddos. So much fun!!



Everybody's favorite **PE** activity—the parachute!  
—Coach Cam



**Third grade** had watermelon science fun! We have been studying hypotheses and experiments in science, so we waited patiently for a watermelon in the IC garden to ripen to do an experiment. Will it sink or will it float? It floated! Of course, we had to have a taste test afterwards.

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Our outdoor **music** classes are working out well. We can even play recorder by the St. Francis statue like in this picture of 4A. I have never appreciated our campus more!  
—Dr. Tyson



Ladies and gentlemen, boys and girls! I am so excited to announce we *will* be having a book fair in November in the **library**. Like all other activities, this will be a modified book fair and only students will be allowed to come in and shop. Parents are welcome to shop the online book fair to purchase books and continue to support the IC library. Please look for emails explaining all the differences for our Modified Book Fair for November coming soon. Another activity that I am excited to say is still continuing is the AR store. It will be a little different as well, so be sure to ask your student how they spent their AR points at the end of month. The AR store will happen during the week of October 16-21.  
—Mrs. Benites



Our **FarmCorps** members graduated from their AmeriCorps term in September. What a blessing it has been to see them transform our gardens into inspiring learning opportunities. IC students made them beautiful cards they will treasure.



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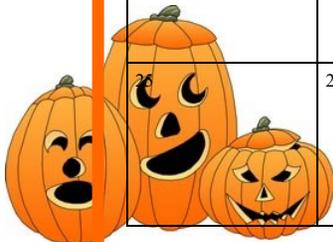
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4	5 Rosary 2:15 pm	6	7 Moe's for Dinner!	8	9 Early Out 2 pm	10
11	12 Rosary 2:15 pm	13	14	15	16 <b>Raise Craze Begins!</b>  Early Out 2 pm	17
18	19 Rosary 2:15 pm	20	21	22 Early Out 2 pm  P/T conferences 2:30-5 pm	23 Early Out 2 pm  P/T conferences 2:30-5 pm	24
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