



Newsletter
September 22nd, 2017

"Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever"
Chronicles 16:34



Terry Fox Run



Our annual Terry Fox Run went off very smoothly thanks to the many parents (and some grandparents) who came to help out. Events such as this would not be a success without your support. We have raised \$923.00.

Staff Meet and Greet



It was wonderful to see so many of our families, new and seasoned, at our Tuesday Perogy night.

Safe Environment Training



All parents who wish to volunteer in classrooms or assist on field trips must have completed the Safe Environment training. If you missed the one on September 12th there will be another session held at the school on Friday, September 28th at 1:30 pm.

Please read the policy before you come. It is available from the Safe Environment Office webpage: www.nelsondiocese.org.

Please RSVP to the school office 250 763-3371 if you are planning to attend. In the meantime please apply for a Criminal Record Check (see same website). This process can take some time; however online applications are processed more quickly.

Parking Lot



The new tarmac is already making a big difference to parking. **Please be cautious** when crossing with your children to your parked vehicle. The lines will be painted soon but until then vehicle movement may be unpredictable. Please be careful.

Drive-Thru Lane: The moving drop off and pick up zone is improving traffic flow. Please pull ahead when entering the zone and **please do not leave your vehicle.**

Staff Prayer



Our staff gathers for prayer every morning at 8:05 am. If you have an emergency, please see the staff members on supervision outside. Thank you for respecting the importance of our staff prayer.

School office



The school office hours are 8:30 am – 3:30 pm Monday – Friday.

Mrs. Thiessen's accounting hours are 9:00 am - 1:30 pm Monday – Thursday.

Uniforms



Please ensure that ALL uniform pieces are clearly marked with your child's name. We are still finding that many students do not have their names in their uniforms. Thank you.

Dogs



School property is not a place for you to bring the family dog, particularly at pick up/drop off time. Even the best behaved animal can respond differently when crowded by excited kids. Your child's safety is always our first concern.

Class Fees



Just a reminder that your child's class fees are now overdue. These fees offset additional costs of student supplies and specialized field trips throughout the year. Please see attached fee schedule for amounts. If you have not done so already, please submit them to your teacher as soon as possible.

Parent/Teacher Interviews



These are scheduled for October 3rd and 4th. This is a great opportunity to connect with your child's teachers and to share pertinent information. Please complete the form and return it to the school on **Monday, September 25th**.

Reminder: There will be **no** school **Monday, October 6th** as a day in lieu of interviews.

Japanese Cultural Exchange

On October 4th our school is hosting a group of Japanese students. They will give a short presentation in the gym at about 12:45 pm and then small groups will work with individual classes during the remainder of the afternoon.

Thanksgiving Mass



Our next mass is for Thanksgiving and will be at 9:15 am on October 5th. We encourage students to bring a non-perishable food item for the food bank.

There will be **no** school Monday, October 9th.

Picture Day is coming!



Friday, October 13th is set for our individual school pictures. We need two parents to help on this day. This is a great way to use some of your volunteer hours! Please call the office ASAP if you can help.

St. Joseph Cards for Kids



Look for the Cards for Kids team selling shopping cards weekly Tuesdays in the school parking area during afternoon pick-up. We happily accept debit.

Cards for Kids offers a variety of prepaid cards for groceries, coffee shops, fuel, Cactus Club, Moxie's, Cineplex, Indigo, Winners/HomeSense/Marshalls and Car Craft Automotive. Your purchases help raise funds for our school's operating costs. Thank you!!

Please check out the attachment.



Family Portrait Session Opportunity

Immaculata Fine Arts will be offering "Family Portrait Sessions" for families of our schools communities. These portraits will be taken by senior photography students, under the guidance of local photography, Michael Breakey, at the Casorso farm on **Sunday, October 15th**. Please see poster for information/times.

Rooted in Faith

The group that gathers to pray for our school community has a long history of doing so. For more than 25 years "Parents who Care with Prayer" (as it was called then) prayed for our students, staff, buildings and community every week. Some of the members started out when their children were attending school and continued for many years after they had graduated. The torch has been passed to a new generation of parents and the group has been renamed "Rooted in Faith" and hopes to continue with the legacy of care and intercession from our past members. We have been meeting for one year as *Rooted in Faith*, and it is our hope that this new school year you will join us when you can. There is great power and blessing in praying together as a community for a common goal. Our children, staff and families benefit so much from our intercession, but a little-known bonus is that we, as individuals, benefit from this meeting with like-minded people. We are not by any means super prayer warriors; we are simple believers who do our best to keep a date with God to ask him to care for our families. We are so blessed to have a community where we can freely pray for our schools. Join us and see!

Check out the attached schedule for the specific date when your child's class will be prayed for (each child will be prayed for by name). Please feel free to come as often as you can!

With love, Rooted in Faith Group

Attachments

- Class fee schedule
- Cards for Kids
- Rooted in Faith – information & schedule
- Immaculata Fine Arts Fundraiser – Family Portrait sessions information poster

Our mission is to foster the development of the total child in spirit, mind and body. Through Jesus, we encourage the pursuit of excellence in a community of love and respect.