

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION SCHOOL NEWS-January 16, 2020
BY MR. DUTTWEILER

Dear Parents,

While I know it is only January, it is time to begin thinking about September and the next school year. Enclosed in this week's newsletter is a registration form for next year. Please fill it out and return it as soon as you can. Also enclosed is information about the BISON Fund. For those who are currently receiving aid through BISON, you will be contacted about signing up for next year. For those who are not receiving aid, BISON is a program that gives tuition assistance to families who meet a certain income eligibility. Enclosed in this newsletter is information about the BISON Fund. It may be worthwhile to investigate.

Our basketball teams are working and playing very well this season. Many of the games have been exciting, sometimes going into overtime. The players are demonstrating good sportsmanship. Good luck for the rest of the season.

Grade 3 & 4

Olivia Bakowski
Maren Beitz
Daniel Burke
John Friol
Kadi Jones
Adeline Keem
Fiona Loganathan
Liam Miga

Brooke Moore
Eamon Murphy
Waylon Ordon
William Russo
Evan Weyer
Luke Wischman

Boys 5 & 6

Isaac Bennett
Charlie Benzin
Luke Boersma
Charlie Finnerty
Dante Grasso

Dakota Jones
Kyle Rosinski
Joseph Russo
James Smith
Colton Warner

Girls 5 & 6

Emma Bakowski
Sophie Beitz
Lyra Griffis
Sienna Hoffman
Bella Lippert

Samantha Miller
Lilliann O'Connor
Emma Taylor

Girls 7

Ashlyn Bush
Anna Filipiak
Claudia Giallella
Amelia Jakubczak

Abby Kopf
Katie McDonnell
Elise Murphy
Anne Viger Cutting

Girls 8

Janie Accurso
Mariel Hoffman
Katie Regan

Ryan Schmauss
Madelyn Vanderbosch
Cosette Ziolkowski

Boys 7 & 8

Oliver Bennett
Ben Boersma
John Celeste
Evan Courtney

Jameson Dvorak
Travis Keem
Charlie Moffat
Matthew Mysiak

Spirit Squad

Olivia Bakowski
Isabelle Cox
Allison Herman
Sarah Howe
Kadi Jones

Alaura Kawado
Ani Keyes
Amelia Sexton
Madeleine Sexton

Congratulations to eighth grader Mary Hayes who won first place in a poetry contest sponsored by the Aurora Women's Club. Mary's poem is now going to be entered in a state competition. Congratulations to eighth grader Amelia Sexton for placing second in the same competition.

Please return permission slip for ice skating/ Boys and Girls Club and information about Grandparents' Day. More information about Catholic Schools' Week will be coming in next week's newsletter. Again if anyone can serve as a tour guide at our Open House on Sunday, January 26, please let me know.

Sincerely,



Joseph Duttweiler
Principal



Immaculate Conception School

January 16, 2020

Dear Parents,

We hope you are planning to remain part of our school community. Your prompt response to this request will enable us to proceed with plans for next year regarding the enrollment of new students and the ordering of textbooks and supplies.

For every child being **re-enrolled** for the **2020-2021** school year, there is a **\$30.00 non-refundable fee PER CHILD**, which must be paid at the time of re-enrollment. Please enclose a check and the bottom of this form in an envelope and **return it to our school office no later than FRIDAY, JANUARY 24, 2020.**

Sincerely,

Joseph Duttweiler
Principal

Please return this portion of the form and your re-registration check.

**RE-ENROLLMENT FORM
2020-2021 School Year**

Family Name: _____
Please Print

Name(s) of student(s) presently attending ICS:

Present Grade(s):

Please use the back of this form to let us know if you have made any telephone (including cell), address, parish, and/or school district changes that you have not informed us about.

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Dear Parents:

Before we begin accepting applications from new families, we need to handle the enrollment of siblings of our present students and any Immaculate Conception families or those from nearby parishes.

Please enclose a check for \$30 and the bottom of this form in an envelope and return it to our school office no later than Friday, January 24, 2020.

Sincerely,

Joseph Duttweiler
Principal

Please return this portion of the form and your application fee.

**APPLICATION FORM
2020-2021 School Year**

Family Name: _____
Please Print

_____ **Yes, we have a child for Kindergarten for the 2020-2021 school year.**

Child's Full Name

Date of Birth

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CHILDREN'S SCHOLARSHIP FUND

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A private scholarship fund providing tuition assistance for low-income families in the 8 counties of Western New York who want to enroll their children in private schools.

BISON Scholarship Quick Facts:

- Average scholarship of \$1,445 and maximum award of \$2,100.
- Currently BISON has over 1,900 scholars in 81 different private schools in Western New York.
- Each family must contribute toward their child's private education.

Income Eligibility Amounts:

Household Size	Total Income (Based on 2019 household income)
2	\$ 45,657
3	\$ 57,591
4	\$ 69,525
5	\$ 81,459
6	\$ 93,393
7	\$ 105,327
8	\$ 117,261

STEP 1

Complete a **pre-application online at bisonfund.com** between **January 1 and February 28**. If you have any questions, you can call BISON at (716) 854-0869 ext. 1.

STEP 3

If selected, complete the full application online. Enroll your child(ren) in the school of their choice and ask the school to complete the school commitment form.

STEP 2

Watch for notification after the **BISON Lottery** is held on **March 2**. Lottery winners will receive an email with a link directing them to complete a full application to receive the scholarship. If you're not chosen, you will automatically be placed on the BISON waitlist.

STEP 4

Once all the steps are completed, BISON will notify you of your scholarship amount. Watch for email notices to annually renew your BISON Scholarship in February of each year.



BISON Contact Information:

Cindy McDonald, Program Director (program questions)
Amy Popadick, Executive Director (fundraising questions)
Jean Lorigo, Administrative Coordinator

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(716) 854-0869 ext. 2 | apopadick@bisonfund.com
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FAQ FOR FAMILIES

More detailed information can be found on our website at www.bisonfund.com

Who qualifies for a BISON scholarship?

Residents of the 8 counties of WNY with children entering K-8th grade with a total family income within the income eligibility scale. You may only apply for your biological or legal guardian children.



How do new families apply?

New families must complete a pre-application form electronically (online) on our website at bisonfund.com. **The new family deadline is February 28, 2020.** Preference is NOT given to early applications; however you must apply by 2/28 to be considered for the lottery. Families applying after the February 28th deadline will be placed on our waitlist.

How are BISON scholarship recipients chosen?

Scholarships are awarded using a lottery from all submitted pre-application forms in **March 2020**. Lottery winners will receive an email with a link directing them to complete a full application in order to receive the scholarship.

How do I know if I won the lottery?

All applicants will be notified of lottery results by email in **March 2020**. If you're not chosen in the lottery you can always reapply for the next school year.

I received a scholarship award email ... now what?

In your award email, there will be a link that will take you where you need to go to complete your full application. Click on the link and follow the application steps. **The deadline to complete the application is April 30, 2020.** Please be sure to include all your income sources including your FEDERAL 1040 tax return, child support, business income, public assistance, food stamps, Social Security income, unemployment insurance, worker's compensation and financial assistance from family & friends.

Select your school (a complete list can be found on our website) and contact the school to complete the school commitment form. After receipt of all the required documents, your scholarship will be calculated based on your household size and income, as well as tuition amount. You must renew annually to continue with BISON.

I received an email that I'm on a waitlist ... now what?

Unfortunately, there are always more applicants than available funding. We keep waitlist names for the academic year hopeful that additional funding becomes available. If you are not taken off the waitlist, you will need to resubmit a pre-application next year to be considered.

Why do families have to pay part of the tuition?

One key component of educational success is parental involvement. Making a financial sacrifice is a strong incentive to becoming and remaining, involved. BISON scholarships are a hand-up, not a handout. BISON families are required to pay a minimum of \$500 each year.

What if I am not satisfied with my child's school?

You are free to transfer your student to another private school. Your scholarship will transfer with you unless you are delinquent with tuition payments or a child is asked to leave. Contact the BISON Fund office if you decide to transfer and we will walk you through the next steps.

Can the scholarship be used for Pre-K or High School?

The scholarship can't be used for Pre-K. Students must be at least 5 years old by 12/31/20 and entering kindergarten. Our BISON 8th graders will have the opportunity to be entered into the high school lottery for a chance at a high school scholarship.



Elementary Spanish enrichment continues at Immaculate Conception School!



Capture the opportunity in your child's development!

SPANISH FOR THE ELEMENTARY YEARS is an educationally oriented fun and interactive program designed specifically for the K-5 elementary student. The unique six-week curriculum features foundation vocabulary introduced through games, singing and hands-on activities. Students are able to compound words and begin forming simple sentences. Classes are never a repeat! Three different sessions are offered during the school year. **New vocabulary and activities are introduced with each 6-week session!** Returning students can continue expanding their vocabulary base and new students can begin building their vocabulary base. Formerly known as CultureKids, our program uses a 5-year rotation of lesson plans! New and returning students can join. Research studies have indicated the benefits of introducing foreign language skills at an early age! Join the fun!

Enroll your child for this amazing educational experience!

Classes are held after-school at Immaculate Conception on WEDNESDAYS from 3:05p.m. - 3:45p.m.

The class fee is \$60. Classes meet 2/12 - 3/25 (no class 2/19).

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: FRIDAY, JANUARY 24th

(Registration will close sooner if class is full)

PLEASE NOTE: All students must be signed out at 3:45p.m. from the library. Students attending the aftercare program will be escorted to their program after Spanish.

Child's Name: _____ Grade: _____ Teacher: _____

Phone #(cell & home) _____ E-Mail : _____

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

Allergies/Special Needs: _____ Emergency Contact/Phone #: _____

I give permission for _____ to participate in the Spanish For The Elementary Years program. I assume all responsibility to include legal and financial for any and all liability issues, safety issues, accident related issues, etc. I will hold LearnIts, Inc., d.b.a. The Enrichment Company, any and all related instructors and/or Immaculate Conception harmless for any and all liability as a result of this program.

Parent Signature

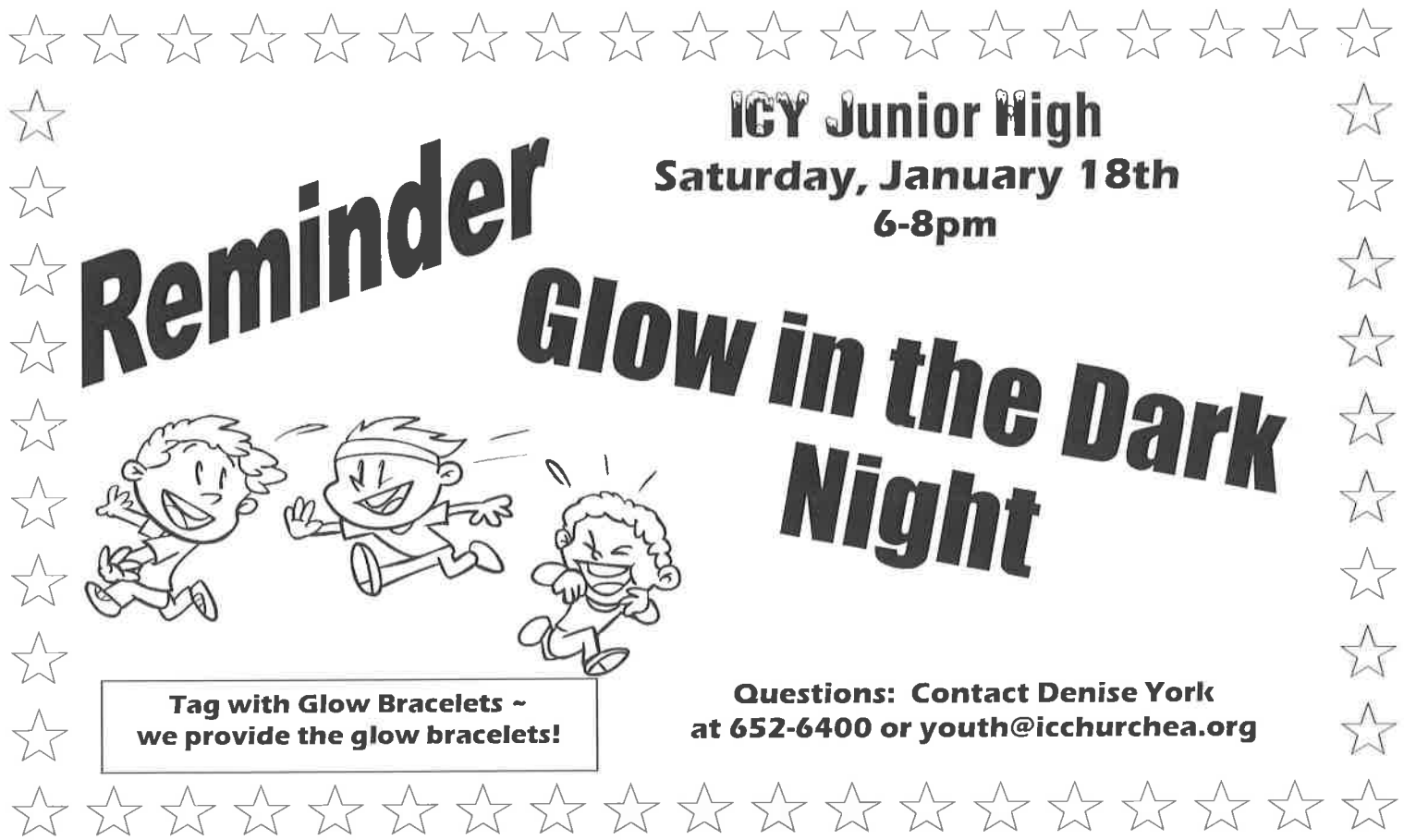
Date

•My child will be (circle one): getting picked up after Spanish class OR going to After School Program @Immaculate Conception

•In the unforeseen event that there is a last minute emergency cancellation of Spanish class, please indicate how your child should get home from school at dismissal. (We will make every effort to contact you at the above numbers if this should happen).

This is how my child should go home if Spanish is canceled: _____

Register on-line at www.TheEnrichmentCompany.com or mail registration form with enclosed check for full payment (\$60) directly to The Enrichment Company, 6700 Chesley Ct., East Amherst, N.Y. 14051. Checks are made payable to The Enrichment Company. Please record the start dates. Please do NOT submit form to the school as it will delay your registration. For more information contact The Enrichment Company at 1.833.436.7424.



IGY Junior High
Saturday, January 18th
6-8pm

Reminder

Glow in the Dark
Night



**Tag with Glow Bracelets ~
we provide the glow bracelets!**

**Questions: Contact Denise York
at 652-6400 or youth@icchurchea.org**