

**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION SCHOOL NEWS-March 5, 2020**  
**BY MR. DUTTWEILER**

Dear Parents,

Students received their report cards today. Please keep the report card and return the signed envelope to school. Honor Roll certificates will be presented at our Recognition Assembly on March 16 at 9:15. Participation in basketball, school band, and geography bee will be recognized at this time as well.

Our New York State ELA testing is scheduled for Wednesday, March 25 and Thursday, March 26. If you do not want your child to take this test, please notify us in writing as soon as you can.

Enclosed please find a letter from Brian Russ, the Superintendent of the East Aurora Schools. It concerns the Coronavirus. Immaculate Conception School is following the same guidelines and procedures as the East Aurora Public Schools. Our maintenance staff is receiving additional cleaning materials and instructions from our supply vendor. In addition, Mrs. Baritot, our school nurse, will be visiting the classrooms to talk about washing hands thoroughly and other simple precautions to avoid sickness.

Also in this newsletter, please find a request to send a message to our law makers in Albany to include funding for our Catholic schools. Catholic schools do receive some money from the state for textbooks, library books, computer hardware and software. We want this to continue.

Sincerely,

  
Joseph Duttweiler  
Principal

# EAST AURORA UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT

Brian D. Russ  
Superintendent

March 4, 2020

Dear Parent/Guardian:

The East Aurora Union Free School District is aware of concerns in the community about the issues related to the COVID-19 virus.

The district is closely monitoring this fluid situation and following guidance from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control (CDC), the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH), Erie County Department of Health and the New York State Education Department.

If the district becomes aware that a student or staff member is diagnosed with COVID-19, it will immediately notify staff and parents/guardians. If a student or staff member shows respiratory symptoms, we will follow our best practices for handling respiratory illnesses, subject to any additional guidance forthcoming.

The district has infectious disease protocols in place and has been taking steps, such as cleaning and disinfecting throughout its schools, to minimize the spread of viruses and a variety of other illnesses.

There are a number of steps that students, staff and community members can take to minimize the spread of all respiratory illnesses, including COVID-19, according to the state Department of Health:

- Wash hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer. Heavily soiled hands should be washed.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Stay home when you are sick.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.

If you or a family member begin showing symptoms of a respiratory disease and suspect it may be COVID-19, contact your healthcare provider and follow their advice.

Local health departments will contact schools if a suspected or known COVID-19 case emerges. The district is prepared to work with any affected families.

Families are also encouraged to follow the CDC's information for travel, available at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/index.html>. For more information, consider consulting these additional resources:

- Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19)  
<https://www.health.ny.gov/diseases/communicable/coronavirus/>
- Travel: Frequently Asked Questions and Answers  
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/faqs.html>
- COVID-19: What is Stigma and What Causes It?  
[https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/faq.html?CDC\\_AA\\_refVal=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.cdc.gov%2Fcoronavirus%2F2019-ncov%2Fstigma-faq.html](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/faq.html?CDC_AA_refVal=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.cdc.gov%2Fcoronavirus%2F2019-ncov%2Fstigma-faq.html)
- Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) - Frequently Asked Questions - Prevention  
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/faq.html#prevention>
- Prevention, Treatment of Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19)  
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/about/prevention-treatment.html>

In addition, New York has established a Novel Coronavirus Hotline, which can provide additional information. Call 1-888-364-3065 with questions or concerns about travel and symptoms.

The district will continue to share information as it becomes available.

Please know that, as always, the health and safety of our students and staff is our highest priority, and we will remain vigilant in our efforts to help prevent the spread of this illness.

Sincerely,



Brian D. Russ  
Superintendent of Schools

# Tips for Preventing the Spread of Germs

## Everyday Prevention Steps

- Avoid close contact with anyone who is sick.
- Stay home when you are sick.
- Cover your mouth & nose with a tissue when coughing or sneezing.
- Wash your hands.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth.
- Practice good health habits.
  - Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces at home, work or school, especially when someone is ill.
  - Get plenty of sleep, be physically active, manage your stress, drink plenty of fluids, and eat nutritious food.



## Encourage Everyday Preventative Actions to Stop the Spread of Germs

- Teach students and staff to cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue or the bend of an arm.
- Teach that tissues are for single use only and must be discarded after use.
- Provide classrooms with adequate supplies, including tissues and lined trash cans.
- Teach students to refrain from touching their faces, particularly their eyes, nose and mouth.

## When to Wash Hands

- Teach students when to wash their hands:
  - Before, during and after preparing food
  - Before eating food
  - After using the restroom
  - Before and after caring for someone who is ill
  - Before and after attending to someone who is bleeding and/or covering a wound
  - After changing diapers or assisting a child using the restroom
  - After blowing your nose, coughing or sneezing
  - After handling a pet/animal or animal food, treats, or waste
  - After handling garbage
- Washing hands with soap and water is the best way to reduce the number of germs on your hands.
- If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol based hand sanitizer containing 60% alcohol. Note: Hand sanitizers only reduce the number of germs on hands, they do not eliminate all types of germs.
- If hands are visibly dirty or greasy, wash them with soap and water.



# Fight for Catholic School Funding

Lawmakers are poised to finalize a state budget on March 31, which is expected to include hundreds of millions more in funding for public education. It's crucial that we add our voice to ensure that the state's Catholic schools receive their fair share of funding for critical programs that support our students and teachers. Take action now to send a message to your elected representatives.

Click the link below to log in and send your message:

<https://www.votervoice.net/BroadcastLinks/dPP3LVNeTnePzbX3zBFGxQ>

# March 2020

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3 Grade 7 Parent/Student Night of Reflection with Sister Judy	4 Grades 4 & 5 Field Trip to SPCA	5 Grade 7 Parent/ Student Night of Reflection with Sister Judy 2 <sup>nd</sup> Trimester Report Cards	6 Hot Lunch Dress Down Day	7
8	9	10 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Field Trip to Wilcox Mansion and Chefs	11 Grade 6 & 7 Field Trip to Theatre of Youth	12 Grade 5 Field Trip to Birchfield Penney Art Center	13	14 7:00 pm - Pot O' Gold
15	16 9:15 am - Grades 3 - 8 Recognition Assembly	17 9:15 am - School Mass	18	19	20 <b>NO SCHOOL</b> Superintendent's Conference Day Faculty Retreat	21 12:00 - First Reconciliation 6:30 - 9:30 pm - Father/ Daughter Dance
22	23 1:00 - Penance Service (Grades 3-5)	24 Faith Fest	25 NYS ELA (Grades 3-8) Grade 2 Field Trip to Birchfield Penney Art Center Grade 1 Field Trip to Botanical Gardens	26 NYS ELA (Grades 3-8)	27 NYS ELA (Grades 3-8) Make Up Grades K & 2 Field Trip to Buffalo Zoo	28 Faith Fest
29	30	31 STREAM Academy #3				



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- DUNKIN DONUTS
- PANERA
- STARBUCKS
- SUBWAY
- TIM HORTON'S

## SCRIP Cards Available

___ AMAZON	\$25	___ OLIVE GARDEN/LONGHORNS	\$25
___ AMERICAN EAGLE	\$25	___ OUTBACK/CARABA'S/ BONEFISH	\$25
___ APPLEBEE'S	\$25	___ PANERA BREAD	\$10
___ BARNES & NOBLE	\$10	___ PETSMARTS	\$25
___ BATH & BODY WORKS	\$10	___ RED LOBSTER	\$25
___ CABELA'S	\$25	___ RED ROBIN	\$25
___ CVS	\$25	___ REGAL THEATERS	\$25
___ DICK'S/GOLF GALAXY	\$25	___ RITE AID	\$25
___ DUNKIN DONUTS	\$10	___ SPEEDWAY GAS	\$25
___ FEDERAL MEATS	\$20	___ STARBUCKS	\$10
___ GAP/OLD NAVY/BANANA		___ SUBWAY	\$10
___ REPUBLIC/ATHLETA	\$25	___ SUNOCO GAS	\$50
___ HOME DEPOT	\$25	___ TARGET	\$25
___ ITUNES/APPLE	\$15	___ TIM HORTON'S	\$10
___ JOANN FABRIC	\$25	___ TJ MAXX/MARSHALL'S/HOME GOODS	\$25
___ KOHLS	\$25	___ TOPS	\$25/\$50/\$100
___ LOWE'S	\$25	___ WALMART	\$25
___ MOBIL GAS	\$50	NAME _____ PH _____	CASH/CHECK _____





**ICY Junior High  
Movie Night  
Sat., Mar. 7<sup>th</sup>  
6-11pm**

**Bring a pillow/blanket for  
comfortable sitting.**

**For more information contact**

**Denise York @**

**youth@icchurchea.org or**

**(716) 652-6400**

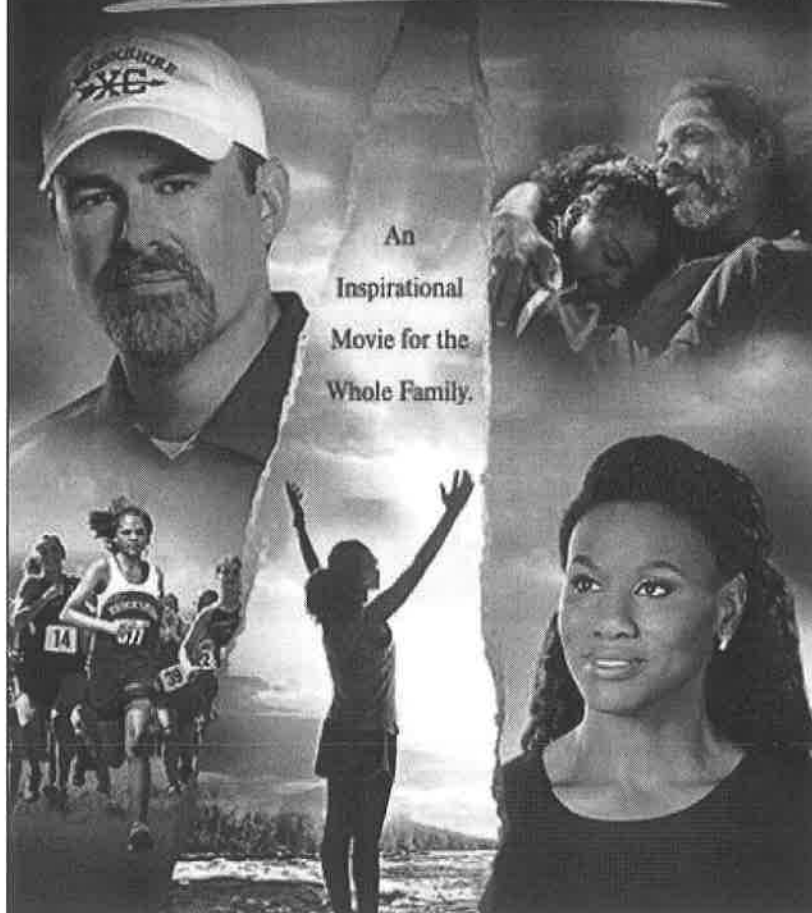
# Free Movie Night All are Welcome!

FROM THE KENDRICK BROTHERS



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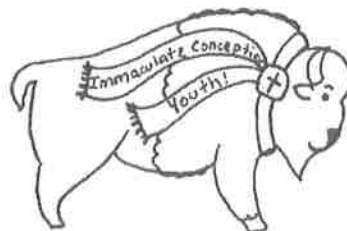
## OVERCOMER



**Sunday,  
March 8  
at 6:30pm  
Aurora  
Theater  
673 Main St.  
East Aurora**

*This story of a  
cross country  
runner and a  
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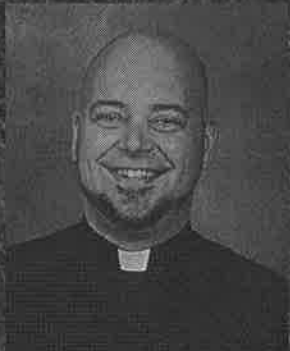
# *You're Invited to 3 R's Soup Suppers*

**Wed. Nights  
Mar. 4, 11 & 18  
6:00-7:30pm  
Talks are from 7-7:30pm**



## *3 R's of Lent*

**Mar. 4th ~ Repentance  
with Fr. Bryan Zielenieski**



**Mar. 11 – Reflection  
with Fr. Peter Santandreu**



**Mar. 18 – Reconciliation  
with Fr. David Richards**



**Free  
Babysitting  
is Available  
During  
the Talk**



*March 8th is the shortest day of the year.*

*With only 23 hours in the day, its even more important to make each one count.*

*This #Daylightsavings, make the most of your day with a free workout.*

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