

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION SCHOOL NEWS- October 22, 2020
BY MR. DUTTWEILER

Dear Parents,

Congratulations to our newly elected Student Council members. President- Amelia Jakubczak; Vice-President-Anna Filipiak; Secretary-Louisa Gascoyne; Treasurer-Abby Kopf. The following students were elected to represent the younger grades: Matthew Mysiak, John Mullane, Cameron Fitch, Anne Viger-Cutting, Novella Keem, Nadia Rodemeyer, Alexis Jaworski, and Luke Penfold.

Please continue to save any paper Box Tops For Education labels. I know the paper ones are being phased out, but if you still have any please send them to school. You can download a Box Top app and scan your grocery store receipt and it will be automatically put into the account for ICS. This year we submitted \$24.00 worth of labels and last year at this time it was \$100.00. If you can get the app, you can start scanning for ICS!

Next week is Red Ribbon Week. It is a week designated to remind the students to avoid doing things that will harm their bodies. For the older students it is a time to "Say No to Drugs". The students will hear about this week on the morning announcements from our Student Council. As a school we will be saying a pledge each day to encourage us to be safe and healthy. Students will be receiving "Smarties" to remind them to be smart and be drug free. "Dummy" suckers will also be given out to remind us only a dummy will use drugs. Since it is Red Ribbon Week, on days when the students wear uniforms they may wear red with it. A red top can replace the uniform top. Uniform pants, skirt, and jumper are still required, but red may be added. Working with the eighth grade, Mr. Colton is going to create one of his creative songs.

As mentioned earlier this week, the Wood Funeral Home is offering free pumpkins in a Drive Thru Pick Up on Tuesday, October 27 from 3 PM -5PM. They need to know by tomorrow how many pumpkins are needed. A form was emailed to you earlier this week and one was given to each student. Another form is being sent with this newsletter. If you want a pumpkin or pumpkins, please return the form to school by tomorrow.

Just a reminder that when your public school district closes for a day, they will not provide transportation for our students. This includes weather related events or conference days. The districts will provide transportation on days when the district is providing fully remote instruction for their students.

Next Wednesday is a full day off for our students because of our Parent Teacher Conference Days.

I hope to see you at the Chicken Dinner Drive Thru on Saturday!

Sincerely,



Joseph Duttweiler
Principal

November 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6 School Pictures	7
8	9	10	11 NO SCHOOL Veteran's Day	12	13 Theme Baskets for Students at Lunch	14
15	16	17	18 Virtual Auction Begins	19	20 9:15 am Mass (Grades 4-8) Picture Retake Day	21
22 Virtual Auction Ends	23	24 9:15 am – Prayer Service (Grades K-3)	25 NO SCHOOL Thanksgiving Break	26 NO SCHOOL Thanksgiving	27 NO SCHOOL Thanksgiving Break	28 11 am – 1 pm: Pick Up Virtual Auction Items
29	30 Santa's Secret Shop Begins					

Join us for Immaculate Conception School's

Annual Pumpkin Event!

Sponsored by The Wood Funeral Home

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2020

3:00 pm – 5:00 pm



11th
ANNUAL



This year the Wood Funeral Home is offering free pumpkins. You must go to the Wood Funeral Home, 784 Main Street, from 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 27.

The Wood Funeral Home needs to know how many pumpkins to order. If you can drive thru on October 27 and pick up your pumpkin, please fill out the bottom portion and return to school by Friday, October 23.

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Please return this portion to the school office by October 23, 2020.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Younger sibling(s) – Name and age: \_\_\_\_\_

# Immaculate Conception School Picture Day

By Terry's Photo Studio www.terrysphotostudio.com 716-208-7132

## Friday, November 6, 2020

RETAKE DAY: Friday, November 20, 2020

\*Proofs will be uploaded by grade on our secure, password protected website for your review and selection. \*All students in that grade will be visible to classmates unless otherwise specified below!\*\*

One password/grade.

**IMPORTANT\*\*PLEASE READ\*\*:**

**ONLINE VIEWING IS NOT MANDATORY!!** You can check the box below\* to receive a paper proof.

**ALSO AVAILABLE THIS YEAR:** If you would like a personal private password, please check the box below\*\* and enter your email address. You will be the only one that can see your student's pictures.

Online viewing information will be sent home shortly after picture day.

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### ICS Background Color Choice Form (Send this half of form with your child on picture day!)

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade and Teacher \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Background Color Choice \_\_\_\_\_  
(samples below)

**\*\*Suggestions/phrases to bring out best smiles!** \_\_\_\_\_

\*  **NOT INTERESTED IN ONLINE VIEWING?** Please check here and you will receive a paper proof within 2 weeks.

\*\*  **PRIVATE PASSWORD?** enter email address \_\_\_\_\_



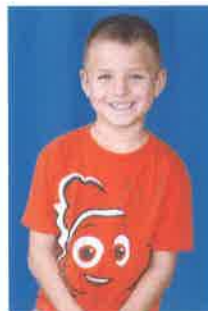
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Red



Grey



Ocean Blue



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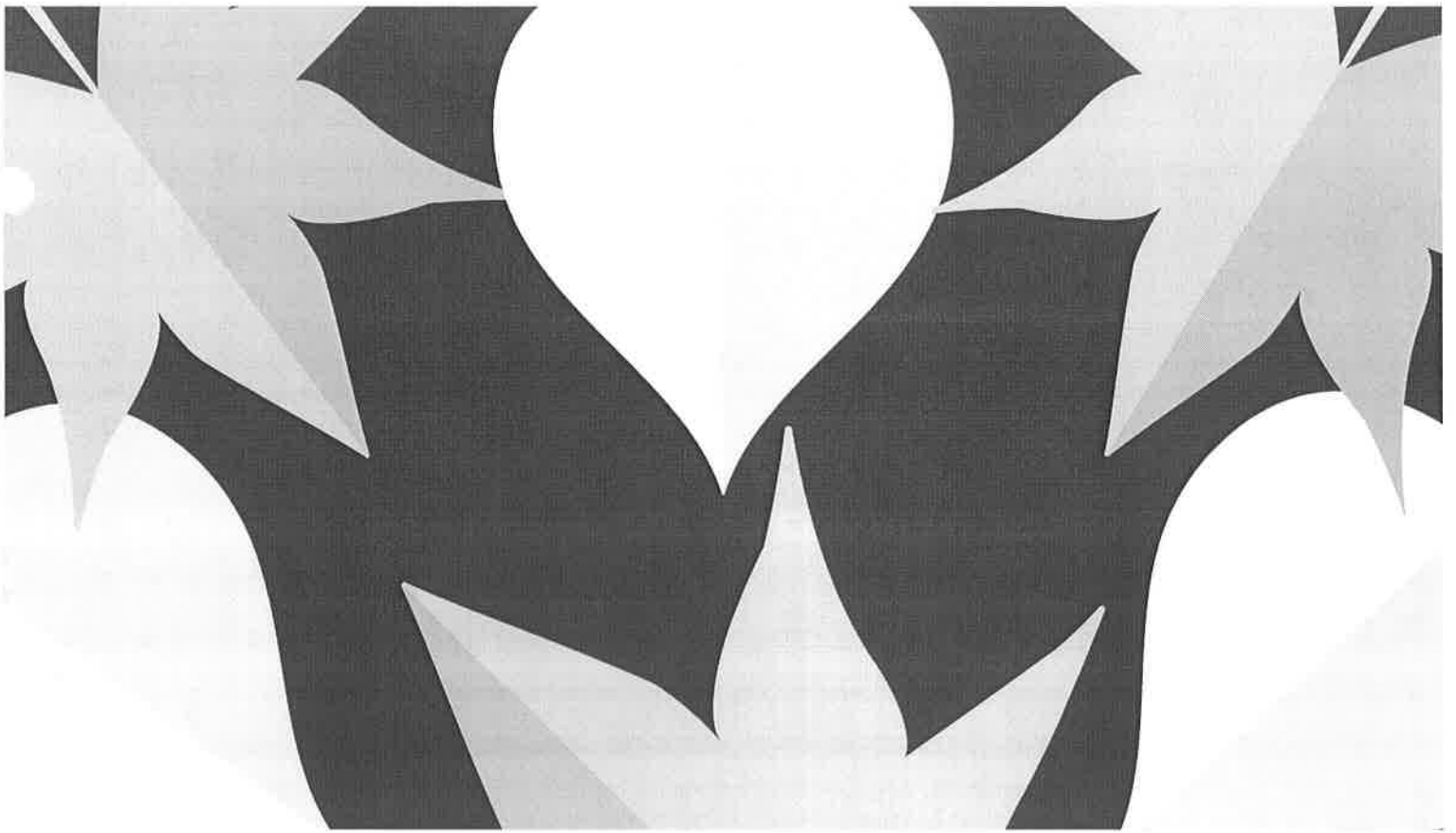
Dark Blue



Wintergreen



Christmas



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION SCHOOL

# VIRTUAL FALL FEST SILENT AUCTION

LINK COMING SOON!!!!



**STARTS - NOVEMBER 18, 2020 | 6:00 PM**

**ENDS - NOVEMBER 22, 2020 | 6:00 PM**

Join us for our very first Virtual Fall Fest!

All proceeds benefit the students of Immaculate Conception School

# Immaculate Conception School

## Pot o' Gold Fundraiser



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You received four Pot O' Gold tickets in this week's folder as part of your tuition agreement in support of this major school fundraiser.

**Please sell/purchase these tickets by 2/1/2021 and return your payment to Phyllis Harmon.**

### Grand Prize Drawing: Saturday, March 13, 2021

GRAND PRIZE: \$10,000

FOUR: \$1,000 Prizes

FIVE: \$200 Prizes

EIGHTY: \$100 Prizes

Please refer to tickets for prize specifics.

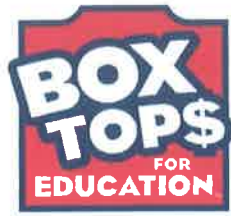
### Early Bird Drawing: Wednesday, December 16, 2020

Tickets must be submitted by 12/1/2020 to be eligible for Early Bird Drawing

TEN \$100 Prizes!!!

## Thank you for your support!

Call/text Melissa Murphy at 716-912-6365 or email at [missymurphy12@gmail.com](mailto:missymurphy12@gmail.com) with questions or to request extra tickets.



Dear Families,

The Box Tops for Education program is changing the way we can earn cash for our school!

Over the summer, participating brands have begun to change their packaging from the traditional Box Tops clip to the new Box Tops label.



SEE THIS...  
**CLIP IT**



SEE THIS...  
**SCAN  
YOUR RECEIPT**

Going forward, instead of clipping from packages and checking expiration dates, all Box Tops will be earned digitally by scanning your receipt. The Box Tops for Education team has worked hard to build a NEW-and-improved, user-friendly Box Tops mobile app, available now.

The new app features state-of-the-art technology that allows you to scan your store receipt, find participating products and instantly add Box Tops to our school's earnings online.

**BE SURE TO DOWNLOAD THE NEW APP  
OR UPDATE YOUR EXISTING APP:**



If you still have traditional Box Tops clips at home, make sure to send them to school. We will still earn cash for all clipped Box Tops until they expire. Better yet, you can “double dip” during the packaging transition by clipping traditional Box Tops AND scanning your store receipt containing participating products.

Thanks for helping our school get what it needs!

**LEARN MORE ABOUT THESE CHANGES AT**

**BTFE.COM**





# Halloween should be spooky, not scary!

## Governor Cuomo asks for your help to make sure everyone has a healthy and safe Halloween.

Halloween celebrations and activities, including trick-or-treating, can be filled with fun, but must be done in a safe way to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

The best way to celebrate Halloween this year is to have fun with the people who live in your household. Decorating your house or apartment, decorating and carving pumpkins, playing Halloween-themed games, watching spooky movies, and trick-or-treating through your house or in a backyard scavenger hunt are all fun and healthy ways to celebrate during this time.

### Creative ways to celebrate more safely:

- Organize a virtual Halloween costume party with costumes and games.
- Have a neighborhood car parade or vehicle caravan where families show off their costumes while staying socially distanced and remaining in their cars.
- In cities or apartment buildings, communities can come together to trick-or-treat around the block or other outdoor spaces so kids and families aren't tempted to trick-or-treat inside – building residents & businesses can contribute treats that are individually wrapped and placed on a table(s) outside of the front door of the building, or in the other outdoor space for grab and go trick-or-treating.
- Make this year even more special and consider non-candy Halloween treats that your trick-or-treaters will love, such as spooky or glittery stickers, magnets, temporary tattoos, pencils/erasers, bookmarks, glow sticks, or mini notepads.
- Create a home or neighborhood scavenger hunt where parents or guardians give their kids candy when they find each "clue."
- Go all out to decorate your house this year – have a neighborhood contest for the best decorated house.
- Carve and decorate pumpkins at home – try some new creative ideas and have a family contest.
- Play Halloween-themed games with members of your household.
- Watch spooky movies.
- Trick-or-treat room to room in your home.



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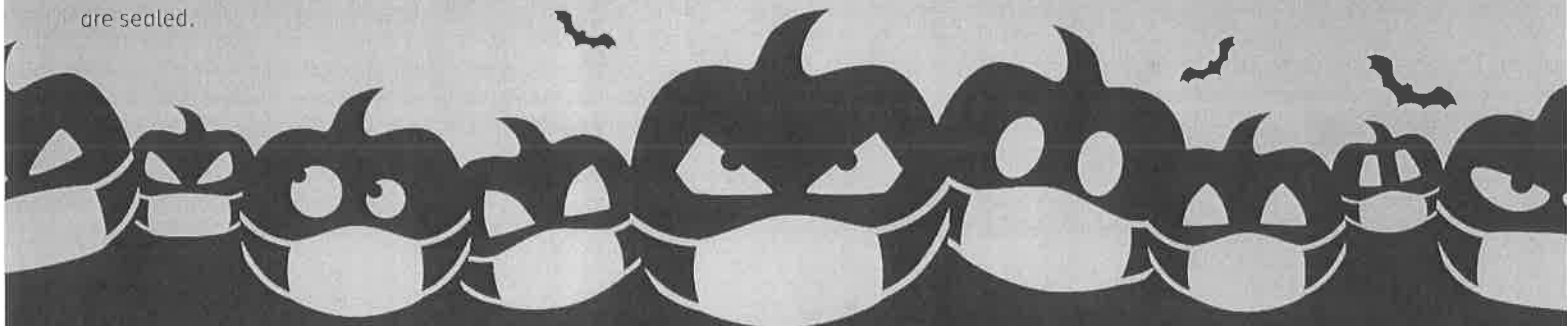
**If you feel your family can't wait until next year for the more traditional Halloween activities, and you are planning to celebrate outside your home this year, make sure you follow these simple Do's and Don'ts to help keep your family and your community safe and healthy.**

### **Do:**

- Enjoy virtual celebrations or socially distanced activities that are outdoors as much as possible.
- If there are a high number of cases in your area, it is important to skip any in-person celebrations or activities altogether.
- You can check the number of cases in your area on the **New York State Department of Health COVID-19 Tracker**.
- Trick-or-treat only with your household family group. Consider a family costume theme!
- Always stay socially distanced from those who are not living in your household. (You don't want to get too close to a witch, a ghost, or especially a virus!)
- For those choosing to give out treats, avoid direct contact with trick-or-treaters.
- Give treats outdoors. Set up a station with individually bagged or packaged treats for kids to take. Participate in one-way trick-or-treating where individually wrapped goodie bags are lined up for families to grab and go while continuing to social distance (such as at the end of a driveway or at the edge of a yard).
- It is best to take candy only if it is individually wrapped in a sealed wrapper or baggy, and is available to grab and go placed separately from other candies, so kids can easily pick up their treats without touching candy another child will take (e.g., no bowls).
- If setting a grab and go station, set it six feet from your front door, which will allow trick or treaters to feel comfortable to approach, knowing they will not be in close contact with anyone at the location.
- All individuals over age two and able to medically tolerate a face covering must wear face coverings or cloth masks. Most Halloween masks won't be sufficient to meet Department of Health guidance, so ensure you wear a face covering that provides adequate protection.
- See if you can incorporate your face covering into a costume, but remember, a face covering must always be made of two or more layers of breathable fabric that covers the mouth and nose and doesn't leave gaps around the face.
- Wash your hands with soap and water or hand sanitizer before, during and after any Halloween activities.
- Consider carrying Halloween-themed or decorated hand sanitizer or leaving some out for your treat-or-treaters to use.
- Only give out, or pick up, commercially wrapped treats that are sealed.

### **Don't:**

- Trick-or-treat or leave out candy if you are sick, live with someone who is sick, have been exposed to someone known to have COVID-19 in the last 14 days, are under isolation or quarantine, or have traveled internationally or to a state affected by the **NYS Travel Advisory** in the last 14 days.
- Participate in traditional trick-or-treating where treats are handed out at the door and where you cannot stay socially distanced.
- Pick out candy from a bowl or receive candy directly from someone's hands.
- If there is crowding in front of a home, or if treats are directly taken from a bowl or directly handed out from someone's hands, skip that house and find a safer option.
- Trick-or-treat in crowded streets or neighborhoods where social distance cannot be maintained.
- Trick-or-treat indoors, unless you are at your own house with family members.
- You should especially avoid any crowding in elevators, hallways or stairwells.
- **Trick-or-treat in large groups.**
- Take candy from someone else's candy bag.
- **Host or attend a party or any type of gathering or event, whether it is indoors or outdoors over the mass gathering limits set for your area.**
- Events lasting several hours or that have people who have traveled from other areas where transmission is higher put your family most at risk of COVID-19 transmission.
- If you do go to an event and see a large crowd, or if there are others there who are not wearing face coverings or staying socially distanced, you should leave and find another way to celebrate Halloween.
- Wear a Halloween mask instead of a face covering, unless the Halloween mask meets the face covering guidance.
- Wear a Halloween costume mask **OVER** a cloth face mask; it can make it difficult to breathe.
- Instead, skip the costume mask this year and choose a cloth face mask that compliments your costume or is Halloween-themed.



# HALLOWEEN WEEK

## Registration Events for Girl Scouts of Western New York

Visit [bit.ly/gswnysignupevents](http://bit.ly/gswnysignupevents) for updated event information



**Monday, October 19 • 6-7 PM** | Your girl in grades K-5 is invited to our FREE Virtual Halloween Party!

RSVP Here: [bit.ly/gswnyhalloweenparty](http://bit.ly/gswnyhalloweenparty)

## DISCOVER GIRL SCOUTS

You're invited to watch our Virtual Open Houses through Facebook Live on October 20 from 12 to 1 p.m. and 7 to 8 p.m., and October 27 from 12 to 1 p.m., and find out what Girl Scouts is all about! You'll learn more about Girl Scouts, how to join, meet our awesome staff, and sign up same day!



**Friday, October 23 • 7-8 PM** | This FREE virtual event features a LIVE DJ! Girls in WNY in grades K-6 are invited to be a part of our Glow Dance Party. Girls who join GSWNY as a brand new Girl Scout from this event will receive free—mailed to their home: glow party box, event patch, GSWNY Membership Certificate.

RSVP Here: [bit.ly/gswnyglow10-23](http://bit.ly/gswnyglow10-23)



Registration is required. Event safety information is listed below.

RSVP Here: [bit.ly/gswnytrunkortreat](http://bit.ly/gswnytrunkortreat)

### Our Buffalo Girl Scout Service Center

4433 Genesee Street, Suite 101

Buffalo, NY, 14225

Thank you for your interest in participating in GSWNY's Trunk or Treat event. At Girl Scouts, your health and safety are always our top priority! Given the current COVID-19 pandemic, we continue to follow CDC and NY State safety guidelines in preparing for and holding all Council-sponsored events. Please be aware that the CDC has listed Trunk or Treat-type events as "high risk" for COVID-19. GSWNY's event is following all CDC and NY state safety guidelines to limit the risk factors found in other events of this type. Some of our safety measures for this event include: Masks are required for all participants including attendees and staff. All attendees must stay in your vehicle at all times. Additionally, all items including candy and give-a-ways will be distributed in a pre-packaged bag. While we will do everything possible to ensure your safety during this event, we ask you also take appropriate precautions as necessary to protect yourself and other participants. As the COVID-19 pandemic is ever-evolving, kindly be aware that this event may be restricted, limited or cancelled with short notice prior to the event. Thank you again for your support and for being part of our Girl Scout family!

# **RATED #1** After-School Program by Parents Magazine

Girl Scouts at Home

**All girls who join Girl Scouts during  
Halloween Week will receive this  
FREE Halloween patch!**

**All adults who join during Halloween Week are entered to  
win one of two (2) gift cards!**

Halloween Week runs from Monday, October 19, to Monday,  
October 26, which is National Pumpkin Day!



## **Connect TO A NEW Girl Scouts Virtual Troop**

What's the benefit of a virtual troop? Make new friends from all over Western New York! Troops are a group of girls who have fun together, learn important life skills like money management and team work, and keep the creativity flowing!

**Daisy Girl Scout** (girls in  
Kindergarten or 1st grade)

- Troop 63455-VS | Tuesdays  
4-5pm | Starting Oct. 13
- Troop 60655-VS | Tuesdays  
6-7pm | Starting Oct. 20

**Brownie Girl Scout** (girls going  
into 2nd or 3rd grade)

- Troop 60521-VS | Thursdays  
4-5pm | Starting Oct. 15
- Troop 34475-VS | Thursdays  
6-7pm | Starting Oct. 22

**Junior Girl Scout** (girls going  
into 4th or 5th grade)

- Troop 31342-VS | Mondays  
4-5pm | Starting Oct. 26
- Troop 30558-VS | Mondays  
6-7pm | Starting Oct. 19

To register, join Girl Scouts today! When you get to the troop screen, use the troop numbers listed above with the right level.

### **Join Girl Scouts | Step-by-Step**

1. Go to [www.gswny.org](http://www.gswny.org) and click JOIN TODAY
2. Select Girl or Adult Registration
3. Enter your contact information
4. Enter "Troop #" in the troop number field OR enter zip code and look for troops in your area
5. Fully complete the process, including payment, to secure your spot!
6. Can't find the troop? You can select "Unsure" or contact Customer Care at: 1-888-837-6410 or [customer care@gswny.org](mailto:customer care@gswny.org)

Questions? Call 1-888-837-6410 or email [Join.Us@gswny.org](mailto:Join.Us@gswny.org)