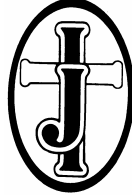


INFANT JESUS SCHOOL



November 3, 2009

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Dear Parents,

The leaves are falling and the crisp season of autumn is in full swing. With the Thanksgiving holiday right around the corner, it is a perfect time to reflect on the many blessings we have in our lives. The Infant Jesus School community is a very special blessing! We have outstanding students, a dedicated staff, and supportive parents! What else can we ask for?

You will be receiving a lot of information and some important reminders in this newsletter. Please be sure that you read everything carefully and keep track of our important dates.

So, take out your calendars, your pencils, and read on...

IJS CROSS COUNTRY NEWS

**Congratulations to the IJS
Cross Country Team** for their

www.ijsschool.org

performances in this year's cross country championships.

Please take a moment to read Mrs. Cusack's Cross Country summary sheet which is included in today's shuttle.

All of our runners did a great job. We're so proud of you!

CONSTITUTION DAY ESSAY CONTEST WINNER

Congratulations to Katie Mahoney (6N) on her selection as the statewide winner in the 2009 Constitution Day essay contest at the middle school (grades 6-8) level!

In 2004, Congress declared that "Constitution Day" should be observed in schools each year on September 17th with programs about the history of the Constitution. The New Hampshire contest, for middle and high school age students, is held annually as part of this observance.

This year, students were asked to consider how the First Amendment right of Free Speech affects students while in a school building. The essay topic was: "In your opinion, when should a school be allowed to ban t-shirts that have

certain kinds of messages and pictures on them?”

Katie acknowledged that some students believe banning certain clothing takes away their freedom. She does not agree, especially if the clothing is inappropriate or disrespectful. She wrote, “Students have to know that with freedom comes responsibility. If children want to protest something, they can do it in a non-harmful way that doesn’t hurt anyone’s feelings and still gets their message out.”

All 12 statewide finalists have been invited to a reception at the Supreme Court in Concord on November 3rd hosted by Chief Justice John T. Broderick, Jr. and the associate justices of the Supreme Court.

As the statewide winner in her age category, Katie will also be reading her essay aloud in the courtroom. How exciting!

We are so proud of Katie!

SCARECROW CONTEST UPDATE

Thank you to everyone that voted for 4L and 4T’s scarecrows! Dr. Todd stopped by Infant Jesus School last Friday to announce that **4L’s scarecrow was the winner of the contest** with 4T’s scarecrow coming in as a very close 2nd! It was a tight race with both classes running neck and neck down to the very last day of voting!

As the winning class, Miss Lavoie’s class has received a **\$250 Staples gift card**, and will

be given an **ice cream party** in the near future. In addition, each 4th grade student received a **\$5 Barnes and Noble gift card** for participating in the contest.

Congratulations to all of our 4th grade students! You did a great job displaying excellent team work! We’re so proud of you!

QSP/READER’S DIGEST UPDATE

We appreciated your support of this important fall fundraiser. We don’t have our final profit yet. We will update you as soon as we do. Thanks to all who participated in this fundraising endeavor!

Our top selling class was **4L, Miss Lavoie’s homeroom**. Congratulations and thank you for a job well done! They have won a **no uniform day** and a surprise treat on **Monday, November 9th**!

The top six sellers were: **Emma Southern (4L), Isabel Roy (4L), Natalie Schalk (1A), Christina Pelletier (6A), Sam Anger (1A), and Bailey Ciardelli (2A)**. They have won a limo ride to lunch, which will be scheduled soon.

The products will be delivered to the school during the week of **November 16th**. We don’t have the exact date yet, but we’ll notify you as soon as we do. **Thank you once again for your support of our school!**

IJS MEMORIAL DONATION PROGRAM

During the month of November, we remember our family and friends who have passed away. This year, we will bring the **IJS Memorial Book** to our Thanksgiving Prayer Service and we will remember our departed loved ones in our prayers.

This seems an appropriate time to remind everyone that there is a **Memorial Donation Program** at Infant Jesus School. This is for families who desire to donate money to Infant Jesus School in memory of a deceased loved one or friend. Money donated to the school through the Memorial Donation Program will be placed in a special Memorial Fund. If the donor prefers to donate money for another cause such as Computer Education, Music, Art, Library, Drama, etc., these requests will also be honored.

Families often make memorial donations to IJS in lieu of sending flowers to family and friends. Memorial donations may be made for any amount of money.

The names will be inscribed in the school’s **Memorial Book** which is kept in Sr. Claudette’s classroom and placed in a special prayer corner. The book will also be brought to every school liturgy and prayer service. The children pray daily for those whose names are inscribed in our Memorial Book.

In addition, beginning this month, all the names of the deceased will be posted on a special **Memorial Page** on the Infant Jesus School website. All of the names currently listed in our Memorial Book will also be added to the web site Memorial Page.

IJS Memorial Cards are available through the school office. For more information, please call the school at 889-2649.

PRE-REGISTRATION

For the past few years, we've implemented a pre-registration process. It's proved to be very helpful for planning/budgeting purposes, so we'll be using this process again this year.

Please be sure to carefully read the enclosed **pre-registration form for the 2010-2011 school year**, complete, and return it to school office by **Tuesday, November 10th**.

CENTENNIAL SPIRIT-WEAR SALE

As you know, Infant Jesus School turned 100 years old in 2009! We are planning several wonderful events to commemorate this special milestone in our history. To help us celebrate in fashion, Educational Outfitters is offering some great Centennial Spirit-Wear. There are hoodies, sweatpants, t-shirts, flannel pants, fleece vests & jackets,

tote bags, blankets, and baseball caps. Each one of these items has a logo which celebrates our 100th year. Also, looking ahead, we'll be having a school spirit day on Friday, April 23, 2010. Students will be able to show their IJS pride by wearing school spirit-wear!

Wouldn't these items make great Christmas gifts? Just think you could get a head start on your Christmas shopping this year! Check out the Educational Outfitters Centennial Spirit-Wear flyer which is enclosed in today's shuttle envelope. **Please note that all orders are due to the school office by November 20th**.

We'll be sending home an informational letter in the near future outlining all of the exciting events that we're planning to help celebrate Infant Jesus School's 100th anniversary. Stay tuned!

RELIGIOUS CALENDARS

We have enclosed our yearly religious calendar for the 2010 New Year in this shuttle envelope. ***This is another opportunity to raise funds for our school.*** These funds are a way to help to offset the operating expenses of the school.

We are sending home one calendar per household and ask that you purchase it for \$10.00. We think that this is a great price for such a beautiful calendar! These calendars

would make a great Christmas gift or are perfect for your own use at home or work! It is both inspirational and beautiful. Of course, we do have extras in the office for those zealous individuals who want to sell or buy more.

Please enclose the form and your payment in an envelope with your child's name and send it to the school office. Checks should be made payable to Infant Jesus School.

We would appreciate all money be returned to the school by **Wednesday, November 25th**. Thank you so much!

PANERA BREAD CERTIFICATES

We still have some \$5 Panera Bread gift certificates available for purchase. They are a great gift idea that can be inserted in Christmas cards and used as stocking stuffers. ***They also make great gifts for teachers or coaches.***

IJS makes a profit for every certificate we sell. We hope that this will be helpful to you and profitable for us. There is an **order form** enclosed in today's shuttle for your convenience. **The gift certificates are for food purchases only.**

In our area, there is a Panera Bread in Nashua on Spit Brook Road directly in back of Barnes and Noble and on Amherst Street in the Target plaza.

Other valid locations in New Hampshire include: Bedford, Concord, Keene, Manchester, Portsmouth, and West Lebanon.

Valid Massachusetts locations include: Framingham, North Andover, Shrewsbury, Chelmsford, Leominster, Woburn, West Springfield, East Longmeadow, Hadley, Marlborough, and Beverly.

These certificates are also valid at these Maine locations: Augusta, Biddeford, South Portland, and Westbrook.

Thank you for considering this fundraiser!

HOLIDAY GROCERIES

Do you shop at Hannaford supermarkets? Why not purchase some gift cards through the **IJS Hannaford Gift Card program** to help with your Thanksgiving grocery shopping? Did you misplace the forms we sent home in the previous shuttle? No problem! Just call the school office to request new forms or if you have any questions.

GIFT CARDS FOR CHRISTMAS

Are you having a difficult time deciding what to get everyone on your Christmas list? **Let our IJS Gift Card Program help you out!** We have gift cards for almost anyone on your list.

There are restaurant, department store, and grocery store options. What about bookstore, movie,

or iTunes gift cards for the teens on your lists? We're sure the men on your list could always find something to buy at Sports Authority, Golfsmith, Home Depot, Lowes, Staples, or Best Buy! The women on your list might enjoy Bath and Body Works, JC Penney, or Kohls. We also have American Express and Visa Gift cards for those hard-to-buy-for people.

Get a head start on your shopping and start placing your orders today! You'll be helping raise funds for our school and Christmas shopping at the same time!

WARM WEATHER UNIFORMS

Just as a reminder, **Friday October 30th** was the last day for wearing "warm weather uniforms". All students should now be wearing their regular school uniforms. **The students should also be wearing their long gym pants as well.**

PENNY PICKERS REMINDER

Once again this year **the 5th grade students are penny picking here at IJS for the entire month of November.** Penny picking is an important fundraiser for the Nashua Pastoral Care Center, our Christian outreach partner.

The Nashua Pastoral Care Center is dedicated to serving individuals and families through crisis times in their lives so that they can become self sufficient.

They provide many invaluable services for the families in their program such as: transitional housing, access to education, and a food pantry.

We are excited about being a part of this fundraiser and would love your support! **You can help us by sending in the pennies or loose change collecting around your house.** 5th grade students will be visiting homerooms each morning during November to collect the pennies sent in from home.

Thanks so much for your assistance with this worth-while outreach project. It is another way in which we can help less fortunate families in our area.

FALL BOOK FAIR

The Fall Book Fair will be held in the library **beginning on Wednesday, November 4th and run through Saturday, November 7th.** The children will be going to the book fair as per the schedule that was sent home earlier in last month's shuttle.

The Book Fair will be open **Wednesday through Friday before school from 8:20 am to 8:40 am and after school from 3:15 pm to 3:35 pm.** **The Book Fair will also be open on Saturday, November 7th from 9:00 am to 11:00 am.**

Don't forget our One For Books program. If you are in need of another sheet, please call the school office.

BALL IN THE HOUSE NO
UNIFORM DAY

Friday, November 6th will be a **no uniform** day for those students who received a NO UNIFORM DAY coupon at the Ball in the House concert.

Anyone out of uniform on that day must turn in their coupon on that Friday.

VETERANS' DAY

There will be no school on **Wednesday, November 11th** in observance of this holiday.

IJS RESTAURANT EVENTS

Throughout the year, we will be scheduling Infant Jesus fundraising events at different restaurants. Our first event will be at **Chuck E. Cheese's** on **Wednesday, November 11th from 3:00 pm to 9:00 pm.** Please see the flyer enclosed in today's shuttle.

Our next event will be held at **Valentino's Restaurant in Hudson on Tuesday, December 8th.** The profits from this event will go to the Parent Group to help support the many enrichment activities that they sponsor.

Stay tuned for more information on upcoming restaurant events.

LIFETOUCH PHOTO RETAKES

The Lifetouch photographers will be at Infant Jesus School on **Thursday, November 12th** to do photo retakes. **Only students having their photo retaken are allowed to be out of uniform. Thank you.**

NASHUA CATHOLIC
OPEN HOUSE

Nashua Catholic Regional Junior High School, 6 Bartlett Avenue, Nashua will be holding an **OPEN HOUSE** on **Thursday, November 12th from 6:30 – 8:00 pm** in their school gymnasium.

This Open House is for families interested in NCRJHS for the **2010-2011 school year.**

If you have any questions or for further information, please call Nashua Catholic at 882-7011.

EARLY RELEASE: NOVEMBER
19th

Thursday, November 19th is an **early release** day due to Parent/Teacher conferences.

The students will be dismissed as follows:

11:30 a.m.	Half Day Kindergarten
12:15 p.m.	Full Day Kindergarten
12:30 p.m.	Grades 1-6

Hot lunch will not be served.

***** IMPORTANT *****
We would like to make you aware of **an error with our November lunch order forms.**

The November hot lunch menu stated that there was no hot lunch available on November 19th; however, the lunch order form had hot lunch listed as available. **If you ordered hot lunch for your child(ren) for this day, you will be receiving a credit in the December shuttle.** We apologize for any inconvenience!

If you choose, please send a **cold lunch** with your child. The children will have an opportunity to eat before they leave for home. **Milk and juice will be available.**

After School care will be available for those families who will need to take advantage of this program. Please **send a note to your child's teacher** if your child will be attending the After School program on this day. **If you have more than one child attending After School, one note is sufficient.** This note is then sent to the office and they will inform the other homeroom teacher(s) and the After School staff.

SPIRIT DAY

Friday, November 20th is **Patriotic Pride Day** and will be a **no uniform** day for our students. They will be asked to wear their **red, white, and blue.** As always, we ask that the clothing be appropriate school attire.

MOVIE/PIZZA NIGHT AT IJS

As of November 20th, there will be 34 shopping days 'till Christmas! Wouldn't it be great to drop off the kids in a safe, familiar, fun place and get away to shop (or eat, or just have fun) for a few hours?

On **Friday, November 20th**, the IJS cafeteria will be open for 100 students to watch a movie, have some popcorn and pizza, and have some fun! From 6-9 pm, Mrs. Toohey, Mrs. Noyes, Mrs. Phillips, and Miss Powell will be in the cafeteria (along with other volunteers) supervising the activities.

If you want to be part of the fun, please see the sheet enclosed in today's shuttle for more details.

LEGO LEAGUE COMPETITION

The Lego League competition will be held in the **Eaton Richmond Center at Daniel Webster College in Nashua on Saturday, November 21st from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm.**

“Warning” and “Fragile: This Side Up” the **FIRST** Lego League teams at Infant Jesus School, will be competing with sixteen other teams. First Lego League or “FLL” is a competition for 9-14 year olds who share an interest in technology. The students have about eight weeks to build and program a robot to compete in a series of tasks. They also have to create a presentation on the year's theme. **This year's**

theme is: “Smart Move”. The robots will be challenged to perform "missions" such as avoid warning beacons, avoid or impact sensor walls, test vehicle impact, restrain a single passenger, and gain access to places.

Come and see what the teams have created at the Daniel Webster College auditorium. **Join us as we cheer on our teams!**

NO PHYSICAL EDUCATION CLASSES

There will be no Physical Education classes on **Tuesday, November 24th and Wednesday, November 25th.**

The children should wear their regular uniforms on these days not their gym uniforms. Thank you!

THANKSGIVING PRAYER SERVICE

Please join us on **Wednesday, November 25th, at 9:30 am** for our prayer service. **Miss Lavoie's and Mrs. Toohey's 4th grade classes will prepare the service for us.**

As a gesture of Thanksgiving and in the spirit of giving, the children are being asked to bring in canned goods or non-perishable items. This year, Infant Jesus School is celebrating its 100th year, so we thought it would be nice for each class to collect 100 canned goods to “kick off” our

100th year celebration. Each homeroom will be keeping track of how many canned goods they collect, with the goal being 100!

These donations will be going to The Corpus Christi food pantry in Nashua. They would appreciate donations of any kind of **breakfast cereal, peanut butter, canned meat** such as tuna, corned beef, deviled ham, stew, Spam, canned chicken, canned roasted beef, canned turkey etc. They have also asked us for **stuffing, canned gravy, chicken noodle soup, spaghetti sauce, toilet paper, and dish soap.** As always, they are more than willing to accept any type of donation.

If you would like to make a donation for the purchase of turkeys, please place your donation (cash or checks payable to Infant Jesus School) in an envelope marked for turkey donation and send it to the office.

This is a wonderful opportunity for our school community to help those less fortunate during the holiday season.

EARLY RELEASE NOVEMBER 25th

This is an **early release day** for our students.

*** Please note that the **After School** program **will not** be available. ***

The students will be dismissed as follows:

11:30 a.m.	Half Day Kindergarten
12:15 p.m.	Full Day Kindergarten
12:30 p.m.	Grades 1-6

THANKSGIVING RECESS

There will be **no school** on **Thursday, November 26th** and **Friday, November 27th** for the Thanksgiving holiday.

We wish you all a very happy Thanksgiving. We hope that you have the opportunity to spend some special time with your family and friends.

DRAMA CLUB AND CHORUS/BAND UPDATE

Please join us in the IJS cafeteria for our Drama Club Christmas production “**On Christmas Day in the Morning**”. Performances will be held on **Friday, December 4th at 7:30 pm** and **Saturday, December 5th at 1:00 pm**.

The IJS Chorus and Band will also be participating in both of these performances. This will take the place of their December concert. The Band will perform as the opening act and the Chorus will perform with the Drama Club singers during the production. ***Please mark your calendars and join us for a great performance!***

The doors will open one half hour before each performance,

and tickets (\$3.00 per person) will be sold at that time. Orders for videos (\$10.00) will also be available at that time.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION LITURGY

We will be celebrating the **Feast of the Immaculate Conception on Tuesday, December 8th at 9:30 am**. Please mark your calendars and join us.

DECEMBER SHUTTLE DATE CHANGE

Please note that we are changing the date of our December shuttle envelope. It will be sent home on **Tuesday, December 8th**, rather than December 1st. Thank you!

WINTER MONTHS

Please be sure that the children are dressed warmly for the cold winter months. The students **do go out for recess** so it is important that they have a warm coat, hat, mittens, etc. We also strongly recommend that you mark **all** of your children’s clothing with their names.

Your child may wear boots to school. Low shoe-boots may be worn all day. If storm boots are worn, your child must change into shoes for the school day. Thank you for your cooperation.

SCHOOL CANCELLATION/ 90 MINUTE DELAY

As we prepare for the winter season, we have some information on school cancellations and 90-minute delays.

Please watch **WMUR-TV News 9** starting at **6:00 am**. The information will appear at the bottom of the television screen listed in alphabetical order.

The information will also be available on the **WMUR website:**

www.wmur.com.

Infant Jesus School will follow the **NASHUA SCHOOL DISTRICT** for delays and cancellations. If Nashua is delayed or cancelled, so is Infant Jesus.

In the event of a 90-minute delay, the **Half-Day Kindergarten** session will automatically be cancelled. **The Full Day Kindergarten** session normally starts at 8:30 am, so with a 90 minute delay, they would start at **10:00 am**.

Grades 1-6 normally start school at 9:00 am, so if we have a 90-minute delay that means those classes would begin at **10:30 am**.

There is no one in the office to answer the phone until **9:30 am**.

Please watch WMUR-TV News 9, and help us reduce the number of phone calls we receive when there is a delayed opening. **Please** do not call the school, rectory, or convent. Thank you.

Please refer to the ½ sheet **bright orange Delay Schedule handout** that is enclosed in today's shuttle envelope.

If you prefer to listen to the radio for information, tune into 95.7 FM WZID starting at 6:00 am for delay and cancellation information. Cancellations and delays will also be posted on their websites this year:

**www.wzid.com,
www.965themill.com or
www.wfea1370.com**

CURRENT FUNDRAISERS

This is a list of the fundraisers which are currently underway at IJS.

Religious Calendar (ends Nov. 25th)

Panera Bread (until we run out of certificates!)

Hannaford Helps Schools (ends Dec. 6th)

Stop and Shop Bonus Bucks (ends March 25th)

Hannaford Gift Card Program (all year)

IJS Gift Card Program (all year)

Target Take Charge of Education (all year)

Cartridge World ink cartridge recycling (all year)

Paper Recycling (all year)

IN CLOSING...

As we prepare for the Feast of Thanksgiving, we would like to take this opportunity to say *thank you* for all you do for Infant Jesus School. You never tire of supporting us, volunteering your time to be with the children, and participating in our many programs and fundraisers.

We are blessed to have such a caring, generous, and committed school community.

A Prayer of Thanksgiving

Dear Lord:

We give thanks for our many blessings as we pray for those in need.

We give thanks for our family and friends as we pray for those who are lonely.

We give thanks for our freedoms as we pray for those who are oppressed.

We give thanks for our comforts as we share our blessings with others.

This Thanksgiving, may the love of God enfold us, the peace of God dwell within us and the joy of God uplift us.

Amen

www.catholicdoors.com/prayers

God Bless,
Estelle S. LaFleur

