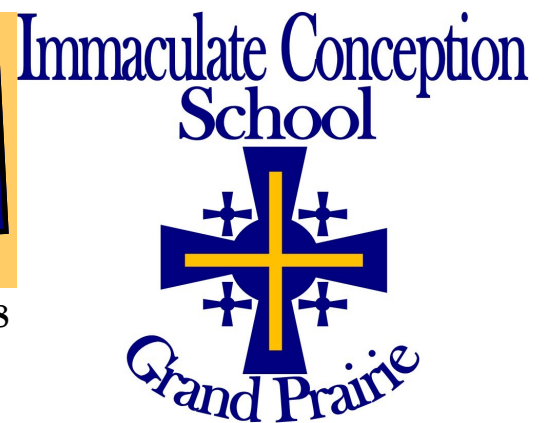


Keepin' up with Crusader Spirit!

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CRUSADER SPIRIT

Our Virtue for the month of September was Fortitude, and we focused on *St. Michael the Archangel*. The above students were recognized as going "Above and Beyond" in having and showing this virtue.



CONGRATULATIONS!

Our Virtue for the month of October was Responsibility, and we focused on *St. Elizabeth of Hungary*. The above students were recognized as going "Above and Beyond" in having and showing this virtue.

did you know?

That in 1952, our church was named "St. Cecilia", but because the year 1953-54 was proclaimed the Marian year, when the **school** was opened, the name was decided to be Immaculate Conception.

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Español



¡Hola! During the last 3 months, Students have completed different units and activities in our Spanish Book. Students in First Grade are doing a wonderful job learning and reviewing activities such as Spanish greetings, numbers 0-10, colors, classroom objects and prayer. This month students will continue to sing "Diez niñitos", "Los colores" to reinforce our Spanish Vocabulary, as well as learn "Los Dias de la Semana". Second and Third Grade are doing a fantastic job learning and reviewing numbers 20-40, colors, prayers, writing and reciting Spanish expressions, identifying the appropriate use of "tù and usted" and Days of the Week in Spanish. Students will continue to sing and to study the Days of the Week and months in Spanish as well as to explore Hispanic culture that includes Vocabulary, traditions, music and videos. So far, It has been a great start!
Muchas Gracias y ¡ Feliz Dia!

Pre-K 3 & 4

All Saints and Souls day. Death is a hard discussion to have, especially when they are 3 & 4 years old. Not for these little ones. We have been learning about "All Saints Day and All Souls day" this month.

They have worked really hard on their sugar skulls and marigolds. We have made an ofrenda in our classroom and students have brought in pictures of loved ones who have passed, and they are getting ready to celebrate on Nov 1 and 2nd. They have learned that this is not a sad day, but a day of celebration and feasting.



From the mouths of babes...
Mrs. Susy: Where does our food come from?
Student: "THE FRIDGE!"



KINDERGARTEN

The Kinder class has been working hard on numbers, letters, letter sounds, blends, syllables, patterns, positional words, prayers, praying the rosary, and practicing reading, writing, and spelling 3 letter words. We also made Guardian Angels, and 'pull beads'- with our 7th grade Buddies.



First Grade is off to a wonderful start this school year! October is the month of the rosary and we have learned more about Mary as we have been saying the rosary here at school and hopefully you enjoyed the rosary we made. Wednesdays are fun as our Jesuit helper Mr. Ryan joins us for math games and learning. We are continuing on the path to becoming more independent learners in our reading, writing and math!



Second grade



We have been learning about salvation history, the Ten Commandments, and our need for a Savior. In October, we did the readings at a school Mass, the first of five opportunities to do this during this school year, which includes our First Holy Communion Mass. Animal reports, math reasoning, and map and globe study are just a few of our many learning activities.

Third grade

The 3rd graders are having a great time reading chapter books by Beverly Cleary and Judy Blume. They are starting cursive writing. The class just lead the Rosary for the school on October 30 and did a fantastic job!



Fourth grade



The first quarter in the fourth grade has been filled with listening and learning. The students have learned the rules of the classroom and are responsible students. We received our new math books after the start of the year and have adjusted quickly to the change and challenge. In religion we have been learning about All Saints Day, All Souls Day and the Old Testament. In science we learned about the Systems of the Body. We filled the library with our Family Projects. We enjoy our interactive board! It keeps us focused and up to date on technology. We enjoy DEAR TIME at the end of the day. Let's see what second quarter brings.

Fifth Grade

My Fifth graders have been reading their first novel, "The Last of the Really Great Whangdoodles." The characters have just begun their adventures in Whangdoodleland. In Religion, we have been studying the Old Testament, and how the events recorded in it are preparations for what

God would do through His Son. We are also beginning our study of the 13 colonies, and preparing to learn about the French and Indian War.



My Fourth graders are almost finished with their first novel, "Stuart Little."

We are also learning about Stephen Austin's colony in Texas. Students helped Mr. Austin decide who would be good members of the colony by studying the types of requests he received to join.

6th - 8th with Mrs. Maher: Science & Math

We have been making mountains, faults, & transverse Faults. We have also baked bread to see what yeast does. We have mixed various liquids to determine relative density.



6th - 8th with Mrs. Daugherty: S.S. & English

Sixth grade is completing their Ancient Egyptian unit and will start with Ancient Greece next week! They are enjoying working on simulations about being a citizen of Ancient Egypt and reviewing in the computer lab with competitive games. In ELAR, students are reading self-selected books and logging their reviews online. Sixth grade will create a book of Haiku poetry as a class and just published their first edition of the *Crusader Times*!



Seventh grade just finished the Texas Revolution and are learning about the Republic of Texas. They watched the movie of the Alamo recently and the heroism of the Alamo defenders really affected the class! In ELAR, students just finished small group book projects and are working on their own individual book reports. Seventh grade is working on creating a class book of conspiracy theories and has published 3 editions of the *Crusader Times*.

Eighth grade is working towards the Civil War in Social Studies. They have learned about Manifest Destiny and explored a simulation of the Oregon Trail. In ELAR, students are working on individual book reports and are creating a story together for a class book. Eighth grade has also published 3 editions of the *Crusader Times*.

MUSIC! with Mrs. Stobb

Hello all ICS Fans!! We have had a great start to our school year so far!



Our 4th – 8th grade musicians were blessed with an opportunity to sing the Opening Mass for the Dallas Ministry Conference this year! We sang at the Irving Convention Center and celebrated Mass with Father Bierschenk, Pastor of the Cathedral in Dallas! What an honor to help do the music ministry for this wonderful celebration!

The very next day our 4th – 7th grade singers hopped onto a bus and spent the day at St. Thomas Church in Dallas for the 4th Annual Diocesan Choral Festival. After singing even more music (4 choral pieces and 2 more with a group of 7 other schools) we were worn out! We came home with a trophy and a lot of wonderful music and memories! Our singers did an EXCELLENT Job!!

Our music classes took a break this past week to make Rosaries since October is the Month of the Holy Rosary. Our 7th graders are buddies to our Kindergartners and so the 7th grade helped the Kindergartners make their rosaries!

