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Dear Parents and Guardians:

I hope you are enjoying your summer. It seems unreal that we are less than 4 weeks of returning back to school. Below is important information for you to know as we begin the new school year.

We want to welcome back all our faculty and staff. We will have double grades in gr. 2, 5 and 8. Teachers in the previous grade have met and have placed your child in the class they feel your child will do well in. Teachers will be notifying their students during August of who is in their class.

PK 3 YEAR OLD MORNING PROGRAM WILL STILL TAKE PLACE AT THE CHURCH. THE AFTERNOON PK KIDS CLUB PROGRAM WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE SCHOOL IN THE KINDERGARTEN ROOM. PK 3 TEACHERS WILL WALK THE CHILDREN OVER TO THE SCHOOL WHO WILL ATTEND THE AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAM. As of this time, PK 3 year old students should bring a lunch to school. Mrs. Mercuri will fill parents in about special pizza days for the PK3 students.

The school day will begin at 7:45 a.m. with prayer prayed over the microphone system by our grade 5 students for grades PK4-Grade 8. Class instruction will begin promptly at 7:55 a.m.

School will begin for grades 1-8 on Tuesday, August 28. This will be a half day of school. Dismissal will be at 11:30 a.m. **There are no p.m. busses during the first week of school (August 28, 29 and August 30) so please make arrangements for students to be picked up at 11:30 A.M.** We will also be offering Kids Club this week from 11:30-5 p.m.

Friday, August 31 and Monday, September 3 the school will be closed for Labor Day. **Full sessions will begin for the entire school on Tuesday, September 5.** Please see the enclosed Tentative Calendar for more information. **PLEASE NOTE THAT LOWELL PUBLIC SCHOOLS DO NOT HAVE SCHOOL ON TUESDAY DUE TO ELECTION DAY. ICS WILL HAVE SCHOOL FOR GRADES pk 4-GRADE 8) ON TUESDAY, BUT THERE WILL BE NO BUSSES. Since the PK3 area is used for voting PK3 will start full day on Wednesday, Sept. 5.**

There will be a mandatory parent meeting on Tuesday, August 21 at 6:00 p.m. in the school cafeteria. Each family will receive a packet that evening which will include all emergency forms, calendar and a hot lunch menu and paperwork needed for the first day of school, August 28 for grades 1-8 and Sept. 4 or 5 for PK and K. **Hot Lunch will start on the day after Labor Day, Tuesday, Sept. 4.**

Please use the monthly calendars as your planner rather than your tentative calendar. The information will be more current. The tentative calendar is good for planning vacation time and holidays.

LUNCHES: The children really enjoyed the “First Class Catering” Lunch Program and therefore, we will continue to offer hot lunch through this company. Please make sure that if you plan to order hot lunch that order forms must be in on time. **THERE IS NO REFUND FOR PRE-ORDERED FOOD. IF A CHILD IS ABSENT FROM SCHOOL ON A DAY THEY ORDERED FOOD, THERE IS NO REFUND. REFUNDS WILL BE GIVEN ON SNOW DAYS ONLY. TEACHERS HAVE BEEN ASKED TO ALERT PARENTS NOT TO ORDER FOOD ON FIELD TRIP DAYS.** Please pay by check or money order. Please make checks payable to **FIRST CLASS CATERING. NO LATE ORDERS CAN BE ACCEPTED.** Students in grades 4-8 may also have a special privilege on Friday to purchase a soda for \$1 with their pizza. This will be sold separately.

Open House for PK and K students:

Pre-K (age 3, 8:00-8:45) and Pre-K (age 4, 8:00-8:45) will hold an Open House on Wednesday, August 29. Kindergarten will also have an Open House on Wednesday, August 29 (9:00-10:00). Children may attend with their parents. YOU MAY WANT TO PARK IN THE HOSPITAL GARAGE OR DOWN BY THE CHURCH SO YOU CAN EASILY GET OUT WHEN YOUR SESSION IS COMPLETED.

TUITION

Please note that all families in K-8 should have put down the \$200 deposit fee and then a balance of \$370 per month. For Pre-kindergarten families a deposit fee of \$350 should have been received, this will then leave a balance of \$135 per week(35 weeks) for the school year. For K-8 families there is a 10-month payment (July-April). Most families have already submitted their July and August payments. If you have not done so, please submit this now.

JUST A REMINDER: No student can return to ICS unless all tuition is paid in full from the previous year. Pam (our bookkeeper) has been in contact all summer with families who may have outstanding tuition. **We are a tuition-based school and all expenses for staff and faculty are maintained by these projected funds.**

PLEASE NOTE: TUITION MUST BE PAID WEEKLY BY PRE-K FAMILIES UNLESS OTHER ARRANGEMENTS WERE MADE. Families of K-8 students must be monthly (July-April) or in full-payment. PLEASE BE AWARE THAT THE FIRST OF EVERY MONTH IS THE DUE DATE THAT TUITION PAYMENTS ARE DUE. We do not send out monthly statements unless requested.

HANDBOOK

We ask each family to read the 2018-2019 Handbook which is located on our website...www.icslowell.com. If you do not have access to a computer, please let the school office know and we will run off a hard copy for you. All parents must sign a form stating they have read the handbook and will agree to follow the policies and procedures of the school. If you do not sign this form, your child cannot attend our school.

SPECIAL CLASSES

Teachers will be notifying you of special class days such as Music, Gym, Computer, Spanish, and Art classes. On gym days students may wear their gym uniform.

ICSPA

You will be receiving a volunteer form to help with events that we do in the school. **We ask each family to donate their time to 1 activity.** Many hands make light work and if we all pitch in we will be able to make our school even better. Everyone's time is precious so that is why we ask each family to volunteer to help for 1 activity. If we don't hear from you, we will be calling you.

BUSSING—If you have not signed your child up for bussing, please call the Lowell Public Schools to register them and tell them they will be attending our school. All Lowell resident students ages 5 and over may take a bus. Our students are always on time when they take the bus in the morning and parents have expressed happiness about the afternoon change of having the bus children dismissed at 1:45 p.m. and arriving home within 45 minutes. PLEASE NOTE THAT ON MOST HALF DAYS THERE IS NO 11:30 BUSSING. There may be a few exceptions when we take half days on a Wednesday when the public schools also have this day a half day. We will not take all the Public School half days....please watch calendar for dates.

SPORTS

Thank you to Mrs. Shemchuk for stepping up to help with the paperwork for the sports program. Information was sent home with the students at the end of the school year so they could register in August for fall sports. Please email Mrs. Shemchuk (mshemchukics@comcast.net) if you have any questions.

If your child is in grades 5-8 and would like to participate in sports, please have them complete the Concussion Video required by the EAA League. All students and parents of students must watch this video in order for a child to participate in

sports. After child and parent have watched the video separately you must print out separate certificates which state your name and submit it online. No handwritten names can be on the certificates. This would help a great deal if all athletes did this in August. **THE WEBSITE FOR THE VIDEO IS** [www.cdc.gov/concussion/HeadsUp/online training.html](http://www.cdc.gov/concussion/HeadsUp/online_training.html).

Coaches:-----We are seeking coaches for the following sports that students have shown interest in: Track and Field, Soccer, Baseball and Softball. If you are interested, please email Mrs. Shemchuk.

UPDATED CALENDAR Enclosed is an updated school calendar as of July 2018.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH PICNIC-SAVE THE DATE

IC Parish is having their yearly picnic on Saturday, September 15 from 12-4 p.m. Raindate will be Sunday, September 16 from 1-5 p.m. More information will be coming. **WE ARE SEEKING PARENT VOLUNTEERS TO HELP SET UP, CLEAN UP AND RUN SOME GAMES AND ACTIVITIES.** More information will be coming.

SUMMER READING AND MATH PACKETS

Just a reminder all students in grades K-8 should be working on their reading and math packets. If your child lost or did not receive this packet, please email the school office (icslowell@hotmail.com) or call and leave a message. We will be glad to mail out another copy or you can pick one up in the office. Also, each student in grades PK-8 has a supply list. If you did not receive it, please check the website icslowell.com.

FINANCIAL AID

If you applied for financial aid, you will be notified by mail if you received any money. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us.

If you have need for further assistance, please feel free to call the school office. During August summer hours will be Monday-Thursday from 9:00-1:00 p.m. if you need anything. Enjoy the rest of your summer! God bless you all! Looking forward to seeing everyone soon!

Sincerely,

Catherine Fiorino, Principal