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Dear Parents and Guardians:

I hope you are enjoying your summer. 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. So far, we will have double grades in gr. 1, 2, 3 and 6.

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. 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 27. 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 27, 28 and August 29) 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 30 and Monday, September 2 the school will be closed for Labor Day. **Full sessions will begin for the entire school on Tuesday, September 3.** Please see the enclosed Tentative Calendar for more information.

**There will be a mandatory parent meeting on Tuesday, August 20 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 27 for grades 1-8 and Sept. 3 for PK and K. **Hot Lunch will start on the day after Labor Day, Tuesday, Sept. 3 for grades PK4 through grade 8.**

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) in classroom at IC Church and Pre-K (age 4, 8:00-8:45) in classroom at the school will hold an Open House on Wednesday, August 28. Kindergarten will also have an Open House in their classroom at school on Wednesday, August 28 (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-All families must sign up for a FACT Tuition Account. This is mandatory by the Archdiocese of Boston. There is a link on the [icslowell.com](http://icslowell.com) website where it will direct you to the site. Parents can choose method of payments using a debit card, credit card or bank account. Payment options are pay in full, twice a year, or 10 months. You may choose the 1<sup>st</sup> or 15<sup>th</sup> of the month for the direct withdrawal.**

Families that applied for financial aid will be notified sometime in July when we receive approval. Please note that you should plan on paying the first full payment since financial aid scholarship will be entered in July sometime. Your account will be credited and then your monthly payment will be lowered.

**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, faculty and building are maintained by these projected funds.**

**HANDBOOK**

We ask each family to read the 2019-2020 Handbook which is located on our website...[www.icslowell.com](http://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**

**We are seeking a president or co-president for our Parent Organization to lead social events and oversee fundraisers for the school. If you are interested, please call me.**

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 HALF DAYS THERE IS NO 11:30 BUSSING. We will not take all the Public School half days....please watch calendar for dates. A BUS FORM HAS BEEN ENCLOSED FOR YOU TO SIGN AND DROP OFF AT THE FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER IF YOU WANT BUSSING.

### **SPORTS**

Thank you to Mrs. Shemchuk and Mrs. Galvagni for stepping up to help with the paperwork for the sports program. Information was told to 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](mailto:mshemchukics@comcast.net)) or Mrs. Galvagni ([sports@icslowell.com](mailto:sports@icslowell.com)) if you have any questions. Information will be uploaded on our website as well.

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](http://www.cdc.gov/concussion/HeadsUp/online_training.html) training.html.

**Coaches: If you are interested in coaching a sport, please let us know.**

**UPDATED CALENDAR** Enclosed is an updated school calendar as of July 2019.

**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH PICNIC-POSSIBLE SAVE THE DATE**

**IC Parish is having their yearly picnic on Saturday, September 14 from 12-4 p.m. Rain date will be Sunday, September 15 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 2-8 should be working on their reading and on line math. Grades K and 1 have a packet for both reading and math. If your child lost or did not receive this packet, please email the school office. ([icslowell@hotmail.com](mailto: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](http://icslowell.com).**

**FINANCIAL AID**

If you applied for financial aid, you will be notified by mail if you received any money. Financial aid will be applied to the FACTS tuition site in July for the first round of funds. 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 July we will be checking phone messages. During August hours will be Monday-Friday from 9:00-1:00 p.m.

Enjoy the rest of your summer! God bless you all! Looking forward to seeing everyone soon!

Sincerely,

Catherine Fiorino, Principal