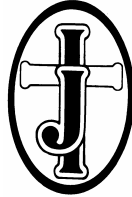


INFANT JESUS SCHOOL



October 6, 2009

Important Dates:

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Cross Country members
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Booklets due (pg. 3)

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Wed. Nov. 25th – Thanksgiving
Prayer Service

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Dear Parents,

Happy autumn! Our school year is off to a fast and promising start. The trees have begun their colorful transformation and there is a chill in the air. Have you had a chance to go apple picking or visit the pumpkin patch? This is such a beautiful time of year in New England! I hope that you’ll be able to take some time to enjoy the beauty of this wonderful autumn season with your families.

Now, it’s time to get out your calendar, sit down, relax, and read about everything that’s happening at Infant Jesus School!

MRS. COUCHMAN

We have some wonderful news to share about our art teacher, Mrs. Couchman. A painting by Mrs. Couchman is being featured in the annual fundraising calendar for Families First Health and

Support Center of Portsmouth, NH. Mrs. Couchman’s painting was one of thirteen selected from a field of 103 artworks which were shown at the Discover Portsmouth Center during the “Artists of the Seacoast” exhibit this past spring. The chosen works have now been published in calendar format and are available in stores in Portsmouth and vicinity. Additionally, they can be viewed and purchased online at:

www.FamiliesFirstSeacoast.org/artists.html

The proceeds from the sale of these calendars go entirely to support the non-profit Families First Health and Support Center.

Mrs. Couchman’s watercolor painting that was selected is entitled “Releasing the Butterfly”. It is a visual meditation on the important and beautiful work of parents who cultivate their children’s love and appreciation for the natural world.

Mrs. Couchman has been helping students here at IJS develop their skills in the visual arts for over 14 years! She is also the art and environmental science teacher at Maple Dene School in Pepperell, MA and a

summer teacher at Beaver Brook Association in Hollis.

*****EMAIL ALERT*****

Infant Jesus School is going green! In an effort to reduce our paper usage, we'll be phasing into using email as our primary means of communication between school and home. We will continue to use our monthly shuttle envelopes; however we'll start using email more and more throughout the school year.

Our first email message was sent out on Monday, September 21st. If you did not receive this email, please check your spam filter and make sure it will accept messages from the user ID: Infant Jesus School.

Stay tuned for more information as we transition our school to electronic communication!

PREPAID MILK NEWS

The cafeteria staff would like to remind those families who are participating in the Prepaid Milk Program that milk/juice will be available for your children on early release days!

**MEDICATION FORMS:
PLEASE HELP US!**

Cold and flu season is upon us! The Diocese of Manchester has set forth guidelines for the administration of medication to students during the school year. This policy is important for the

mutual benefit of both the student and the school.

This policy covers all prescription and all non-prescription medications, including all over the counter medication!

Medication forms are available in the office if you are in need of one. **We will not be able to administer any medication without a doctor's note!**

Thank you in advance for your help in this matter!

CAN YOU HELP US?

We are already planning for the beautiful Christmas season and **we are in need of a crèche** which would be able to fit nativity pieces that are 10 to 12 inches high. If you are able to help, please contact the school office. Thank you so much!

IJS FUNDRAISING

Does it seem like we talk about fundraising all the time? It is an important part of our school's budgeting process. We understand how tight everyone's budgets are especially during these difficult economic times. Like you, IJS must be fiscally responsible with our funds.

In order to help you understand our fundraising programs, we've included a **green fundraising information sheet** in today's shuttle. We hope this is a helpful resource for you.

As always, if you have any questions please feel free to call the school office.

**NASHUA DIOCESAN
SCHOOLS
FUNDRAISING UPDATE**

Thank you! Thank you! You did a great job selling the calendar raffles! **Our top selling homeroom was: Miss Powell's class (2A).** Congratulations! We appreciate everyone's hard work!

Each student in 2A will receive a Ball in the House t-shirt which says: "Homeroom Winner". The students may wear their t-shirts to the family concert on October 17th. After the family concert, the homeroom teacher will choose a **No Uniform day. The students will be able to wear their t-shirts AND they will have an ice cream party on that same day!**

Don't forget, you can visit: **www.nashuadiocesanschools.org** to check the calendar raffle daily winners.

Just a reminder: on **October 17th**, the three schools are coordinating a family concert that will be held at Bishop Guertin High School. **The doors will open at 4:00 pm.** This concert will feature a nationally known a cappella group, **Ball in the House.** You can hear their music on their website: **www.ballinthehouse.com.** All of the music, including the

“instrumentals” is done with their voices.

As an extra special treat *a combined Infant Jesus, St. Christopher & Nashua Catholic chorus will be the opening act of the evening!*

In addition, Mrs. LaFleur will be at the concert and will have NO UNIFORM DAY coupons. Any student who finds Mrs. LaFleur at the concert will receive this coupon. The date of the NO UNIFORM DAY will be printed on the coupon.

Please come and support our Nashua Diocesan Schools. It will be a fun night for the entire family!

And...don't forget...**this is the night when the winner of the \$2,500 raffle will be drawn!**

You may purchase tickets for this \$2,500 cash prize raffle right up until the drawing on the night of the family concert! The tickets are \$10 each and can be purchased through our school office.

QSP/READER'S DIGEST FUNDRAISER

As mentioned in the last newsletter, Infant Jesus School will be participating in the **QSP/Reader's Digest Fundraiser** once again this year. We held a special assembly for our students this afternoon to kick off this fundraiser.

Two informational flyers and product catalogs are included in today's shuttle. **Please take some time to review the flyers and the packet carefully and mark all the important dates on your calendars.**

Also, please have the children collect the money when the orders are taken. All checks should be made payable to Infant Jesus School. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call the school office.

We're looking forward to running a successful program again this year. **Last year, you helped us achieve over \$6,000 in profits!**

We'd appreciate your help in making this fundraiser even more successful this year!

***** NEW *** HANNAFORD GIFT CARD PROGRAM**

Do you shop at Hannaford Supermarkets? Well, we have a deal for you! Hannaford is now offering a bulk gift card incentive program for schools! IJS is pleased to announce that we will be participating in this program.

Please see the enclosed information sheet and order form which are included in today's shuttle. Help raise funds for our school while you do your grocery shopping!

SCARECROW CONTEST REMINDER

Both of our fourth grade classes are participating in a scarecrow contest sponsored by a local orthodontist, Dr. Todd in Hudson. **The contest runs for the month of October.**

The classes finished their scarecrows and they look great! The scarecrows are now on display outside the orthodontist's office and **4L and 4T need your help!** It's the public who determines the winner of the contest! **Anyone can vote (once a day) by stopping in at Dr. Todd's office and filling out a slip of paper with the name of the scarecrow you wish to vote for.**

The winning class will receive a special prize. **The students in 4L and 4T would appreciate your votes! Thank you!**

SCHOOL PHOTOS

We are pleased to announce that Lifetouch will provide school photos for our students again this year. The Lifetouch photographers will be at Infant Jesus School on **Thursday, October 8th and Friday, October 9th.**

Thursday: KA, 2A, 2R, 4L, 4T, 5A, 5B, 6A, & 6N

Friday: 1A, 1C, 3A, & 3C

Order forms are included in today's shuttle. Please note that the students do not have to

wear their uniforms on their scheduled photo day.

IJS CROSS COUNTRY TEAM

The Infant Jesus School Cross Country Team has been practicing since September in preparation for several special events.

Our **6th grade runners** will participate in the Nashua Middle School Championship Race on **Thursday, October 8th** at Nashua High School South at **4:00 pm**.

On **Saturday, October 17th** the IJS team will participate in the City of Nashua Elementary School 2K & 3K races at Nashua High School North. The **2K** (grades 2 & 3) begins at **8:00 am**. The **3K** (grades 4 & 5) begins at **9:45 am**.

Our Cross Country Team will also participate in the annual Catholic Elementary School Race at Presentation of Mary Academy in Hudson on **Thursday, October 22nd** at **3:15 pm**.

*Best of luck to all the runners!
You are welcome to come and cheer for our team.*

COLUMBUS DAY

There will be no school on **Monday, October 12th** in observance of this holiday.

DESTINATION IMAGINATION NEWS

It's time to kick off the Infant Jesus School DI Program for the 2009-2010 school year! As you know our school has a wonderful tradition of successful participation in this creative, problem-solving program. We have sent several teams to the State and Global Championships.

This year's organizational meeting will be held in the cafeteria on Thursday, October 15th at 7:00 pm. All students interested in participating in DI must have a parent present at this meeting. This includes students who were on a team last year.

For those of you who aren't familiar with the program: Destination Imagination is a kid centered program that features kid-powered challenges to teach the building blocks of innovation: creativity, teamwork and problem solving! DI is the World's largest creative problem solving program. Teams of up to seven students in similar ages learn to apply what they learn in and outside of school to challenges that have numerous disciplines.

If you have any questions, **please contact either Mrs. Noyes or Mrs. Tselios.** Thank you.

IT'S POPCORN TIME AGAIN!

Once again this year, the 6th grade classes will be selling

popcorn to raise money for our Christian outreach project. **The popcorn will be distributed every other Friday beginning on Friday, October 16th.** The cost will be **\$.25 a bag** and the money should be turned into each homeroom teacher by Thursday. ***The homeroom teachers will decide when the popcorn will be distributed during the day.***

The list of ingredients for the products we'll be using is available from your child's homeroom teacher.

The 6th grade students will be responsible for counting money and bagging the popcorn. **All the proceeds will be donated to the Anne Marie house in Hudson, NH** (Greater Nashua Interfaith Hospitality Network Inc - www.gnihn.org)

Thank you in advance for your support!

JUNIOR BIDDY/BIDDY BASKETBALL INFO

2009 Junior Biddy (7-10 year old girls/boys) and Biddy (10-13 year old girls/boys) basketball applications are available in the school office. Applications must be turned in or mailed to the Nashua Park-Recreation Department Office **NO LATER than Friday, October 16th.**

Please call or send a note to the school office if you would like to request one of these applications.

STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY

On Friday, October 23rd, our teachers will be taking part in a Staff Development Day. **There is no school for our students on this day.**

WARM WEATHER UNIFORM

According to the Parent/Student handbook, the last day for wearing the warm weather uniform (shorts) is **Friday, October 30th**.

The students will be allowed to wear their warm weather uniforms again after the spring recess.

SPIRIT DAY

Friday, October 30th, will be a **No Uniform day** for our students. The theme for the day will be **Black/Orange Day**.

The students are asked to wear their black and orange clothing. As always we ask that the clothing be appropriate school attire.

IJS FALL BOOK FAIR

The IJS library sponsors an annual Fall Book Fair to raise money for new books and DVDs. The **Fall Book Fair** is scheduled for **the week of November 2nd**. The class schedules as well as information on the "One for Books"

program are included in today's shuttle.

AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

Our parish community has scheduled a blood drive for **Saturday, November 7th from 9 am to 2 pm** in our school cafeteria. Please call the Red Cross at 1-800-262-2660 with any questions about eligibility and/or information.

NASHUA CATHOLIC BOYS WRESTLING CLINIC

On **Saturday, November 7th from 8:00 am to 10:30 am**, Nashua Catholic will be hosting a Wrestling Clinic for 5th and 6th grade boys who are thinking about joining the Nashua Catholic team this year. This is strictly an informational day. Come learn more about middle school wrestling. This is not what you see on TV! The boys should bring clothing to participate in, ie sneakers, shorts and tee shirt. Knee pads and head gear are optional at this time.

If you have questions or would like additional information, please contact Mr. Bob Boissonneault at Nashua Catholic, either by phone, 603-882-7011 or email at rbsnlt@ncrjhs.org.

VETERANS' DAY

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

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.

Representatives from Nashua Catholic will also be visiting IJS on Wednesday, October 28th to talk to our 6th grade students and to distribute application packets.

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

THANKSGIVING PRAYER SERVICE

Please mark your calendars on **Wednesday, November 25th** for our annual Thanksgiving prayer service.

****** ATTENTION **** 2009-2010 SCHOOL CALENDAR CHANGE**

The dates for Catholic Schools Week are incorrect on our

2009-2010 School Calendar.
The correct dates are: **January 31st – February 6th**. Please mark your calendars.

HANNAFORD HELPS SCHOOLS

A special thank you to everyone who has already sent in their “**School Dollars**” from **Hannaford**. Please continue to send them in as soon as you receive them. **This program runs until December 6th**.

STOP & SHOP A+ BONUSBUCKS PROGRAM

If you do any shopping at Stop & Shop, please take a moment to register your card to benefit Infant Jesus School. Starting **October 9th through March 25th**, IJS will have the opportunity to earn cash through this program!

CURRENT FUNDRAISERS

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

Nashua Diocesan School \$2,500 Cash Raffle (ends Oct. 17th)

QSP Gift Collection & Otis Spunkmeyer Cookie Dough (orders due: Oct. 16th)

Hannaford Helps Schools (ends Dec. 6th)

Stop and Shop Bonus Bucks (ends March 25th)

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...

There was quite a bit of information contained in this month’s shuttle! We appreciate you staying informed about all the events happening here at Infant Jesus School.

Thank you for all you do!

Your support is very important to our school and we deeply appreciate your participation in the many fundraisers that IJS sponsors.

We’d like to leave you with a prayer for autumn.

A Prayer for Autumn Days

God of autumn, the trees are saying goodbye to their green, letting go of what has been. We, too, have our moments of surrender, with all their insecurity and risk. Help us to let go when we need to do so.

God of fallen leaves lying in colored patterns on the ground, our lives have their own patterns. As we see the patterns of our own growth, may we learn from them.

God of harvest wagons and fields of ripened grain, many gifts lie within the season of our surrender. We must wait for harvest in faith and hope. Grant us patience when we do not see the blessings.

God of geese going south for another season, your wisdom enables us to know what needs to be left behind and what needs to be carried into the future. We yearn for insight and vision.

God of flowers touched with frost and windows wearing white designs, may your love keep our hearts from growing cold in the empty seasons.

By Joyce Rupp, in “May I Have this Dance?”

God Bless,

Estelle S. LaFleur

